



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase
held virtually on
Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Rod Crowe
Councillor Alison (Ali) Lauzon
Councillor Ali Maki
Councillor Fred Torbohm

Regrets: Councillor Steve Scott

In Attendance: Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer
Joanne Molnar, Chief Financial Officer

Public Participants: 11

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the April 20, 2021 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

#2021/04/27_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held April 13, 2021

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the minutes of the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

#2021/04/27_002

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Crowe

- April 14 – Attended a meeting with Rhonda Eden, the project lead of the Thompson Region Division of Family Practice, regarding establishment of a Chase local health table involving may local organizations.
- April 14 – Attended a meeting with Federal MP Mel Arnold to provide him with a wish list of items we would like put forward to the federal government such as more financial

support for organizations involved in keeping invasive species out of BC waters. Also enquired about Federal Infrastructure funds to assist in areas that impact Chase around the Hwy #1 project

- April 15 – Attended Mayors Vaccine Roundtable with Interior Health
- April 20 - Attended a Special meeting of Council with the Chamber of Commerce
- April 22 – Attended Mayors Vaccine Roundtable with Interior Health
- April 22 – Attended the TNRD Regular Board Meeting. The Board voted in favour of requesting the Provincial Government to restrict large truck traffic on Hwy #5A to local deliveries only; all other trucks to use Hwy #1 or Hwy #5
- April 23 – Attended the TNRD Committee of the Whole meeting

Councillor Lauzon

- April 14 – Attended a virtual meeting with Federal MP Mel Arnold to discuss concerns for Chase and address issues
- April 20 – Attended a Special meeting of Council with the Chamber of Commerce, followed by an In Camera Meeting

Councillor Maki

- April 20 - Attended a Special meeting of Council with the Chamber of Commerce, followed by an In Camera Meeting

Councillor Torbohm

- April 14 – Attended a meeting with MP Mel Arnold
- April 16 – Attended a meeting with the Shuswap Trail Alliance Group
- April 20 - Attended a Special meeting of Council with the Chamber of Commerce
- Review emails and respond when required
- Review agenda
- Take local complaints and consult with staff when required

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Financial Plan Bylaw 2021-2025

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the 2021 to 2025 Financial Plan Bylaw No 899-2021 be given third reading.”

CARRIED

#2021/04/27_003

8.2 Art Holding Memorial Arena – Partnering Agreement

Letter from the Chase & District Recreation Society requesting amendments to the Arena Partnering Agreement. By consensus Council agreed to the following:

- Recreation Society requested removal of Clause 3.6; Council will **NOT** be removing because there needs to be collaboration for grants that the Village is ineligible. Clause 3.6 states “work with the Village of Chase to seek external sources of funding for operations and maintenance other than those funds provided by the Village of Chase”
- Add to Clause 4.3 that “The Village of Chase will provide snow removal services to the paved area of the parking lot at the Arena.”

Administration committed to providing Council the August 11, 2020 resolution as it relates to the additional \$50,000 that the Chase & District Recreation Society is requesting.

No Motion

8.3 Fire Department Regulations Bylaw Amendment 903-2021

< Councillor Lauzon left the meeting at 4:30 pm after declaring a conflict of interest as Councillor Lauzon, her spouse and her daughter are all members of the Chase Fire Rescue Department. >

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Maki

"THAT the Village of Chase Volunteer Fire Department Establishment and Regulation Amendment Bylaw No 903-2021 be given first reading."

CARRIED
#2021/04/27_004

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Mayor Crowe

"THAT the Village of Chase Volunteer Fire Department Establishment and Regulation Amendment Bylaw No 903-2021 be given second reading."

CARRIED
#2021/04/27_005

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Maki

"THAT the Village of Chase Volunteer Fire Department Establishment and Regulation Amendment Bylaw No 903-2021 be given third reading."

CARRIED
#2021/04/27_006

< Councillor Lauzon returned to the meeting at 4:31 pm. >

8.4 Notice of Motion – Expanded Sidewalk Use for Businesses

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Mayor Crowe

"THAT Council authorize a pilot project to allow downtown restaurants to expand their seating onto the sidewalk area, not impacting more than one respective parking stall, and conditional on compliance with Village bylaws and policies."

CARRIED
#2021/04/27_007

8.5 COVID19 Restart Funds

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Maki

"THAT, with reference to the COVID-19 restart funding applications received from community support groups, Council:

- **defers the allocation of funding for the Royal Canadian Legion and the Chase Heat Junior Hockey team until the Chief Financial Officer brings information on eligibility requirements for funding back to Council**
- **refers the application from the Chase and Area Young Learners Society to the Grant-in-Aid application process."**

CARRIED
#2021/04/27_008

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT Council proceed with allocating the remaining COVID-19 Community Support Groups funding applications.”

CARRIED

#2021/04/27_009

Moved by Councillor Lauzon
Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT, with reference to the COVID-19 restart funding applications received from community support groups, Council:

defers the request from the Chase Fire Fighters Association until other applications are considered first; AND,

approves the following funding:

- **Chase Lions Club \$8,500**
- **Chase and District Museum and Archives Society \$6,500**
- **Team Chase \$500**
- **Chase Rotary Club \$4,000**
- **Legion Ladies Auxiliary \$1,000”**

CARRIED

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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 2021 Tax Rate Bylaw 900-2021

Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the Village of Chase 2021 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 900-2021 be given first reading.

CARRIED

#2021/04/27_011

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the Village of Chase 2021 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 900-2021 be given second reading.

CARRIED

#2021/04/27_012

Moved by Councillor Lauzon
Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT the Village of Chase 2021 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 900-2021 be given third reading.

CARRIED

#2021/04/27_013

9.2 Public Piano Program

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT Council accept the generous donation of a used piano from the Chase Evangelical Free Church and that Administration work with Public Works to identify a public location, when it is safe to do so with regards to COVID-19.”

CARRIED

#2021/04/27_014

9.3 Development Approvals Procedure – Grant Application

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT Administration be authorized to apply for UBCM’s 2021 Local Government Approvals Program.”

CARRIED

#2021/04/27_015

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Ali Ferguson, of 514 Alymer Road, regarding the telecommunications towers, enquired why the Village is allowing the applications to install the towers to proceed.

The Mayor responded that it was Council’s decision that to make an informed decision on whether the residents are in favour of cell towers within village boundaries, to proceed with a public process.

Sheryl Gien, of 107–455 VLA Road, is concerned with the negative effects she believes are associated with cell towers and wants them located outside of Village boundaries.

Jillian Folk, of 1029 First Avenue, believes there are health issues related to 5G cell towers and requested Council delay the installation until 2025 to determine the effect of the towers on biological life. She believes fibre optic cable should be installed instead of cell towers.

Ali Ferguson, of 514 Alymer Road, requested the opportunity to review the correspondence regarding the Village’s attempts to secure fibre optics.

The Corporate Officer confirmed he will provide Ms. Ferguson with a comprehensive history on the Village’s efforts in securing better internet services within Chase.

The Corporate Officer, in response to Council’s direction following the previous Rogers Communications Ltd. application for installation of a telecommunications tower on Aylmer Road, will provide a status report at an upcoming Regular Council meeting.

12. IN CAMERA

None

13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

The following resolutions have been released from in-camera:

Resolution #2021/01/18_IC002, awarding the Chase Curling Club up to \$15,000 from the Village’s COVID-19 relief funds.

Resolution #2021/01/18_IC003, awarding the Chase Creekside Seniors Centre up to \$20,000 from the Village’s COVID-19 relief funds.

Resolution #2021/04/06_IC003, allowing overtime compensation for the CFO and Corporate Officer.

Resolution #2021/01/26_IC006, regarding the hiring of Randy Diehl for an amount up to \$3150 for facilitating a Council workshop.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Lauzon


Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

"THAT the April 27, 2021 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned."

CARRIED

#2021/04/27_016

The meeting concluded at 6:01 p.m.



Rod Crowe, Mayor



Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer