



## MINUTES

of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase  
held in the Council Chamber at the Village office at 826 Okanagan Avenue, and via Zoom  
on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Lepsoe  
Councillor Colin Connett  
Councillor Ron Harder  
Councillor Jane Herman  
Councillor Fred Torbohm

**In Attendance:** Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer  
Sean O’Flaherty, Director of Corporate Operations  
Debi Lovin, Chief Financial Officer

**Regrets:** Mike McLean, Deputy Corporate Officer

Public Participants: 16 in-person, 0 via Zoom

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lepsoe called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Mayor Lepsoe proclaimed June 18, 2023 as the *Longest Day of Smiles* in Chase, BC to recognize the global medical charity providing free, life-changing surgeries and medical care to children born with cleft conditions around the world.

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Harder

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the agenda of the June 13, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED  
#2023/06/13\_001

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the May 23, 2023 Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT the minutes of the May 23, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED  
#2023/06/13\_002

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

### 5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Corporate Office stated that this part of the meeting allows the public to provide input on current agenda items found under Unfinished Business and New Business. The allotted total time for this public input is 15 minutes. The function of Council is to only listen to the views and input of the public.

Anne Grube of 5848 VLA Road in relation to Item 9.3 thanked Council for forming the Climate Action Committee and looks forward to the work the committee can accomplish.

Carolyn Parks-Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue in relation to Item 8.6, she does not recall that foreign businesses were going to be precluded from coming to Chase.

Amit Goel owner of 830 Thompson Avenue in relation to Item 8.6, stated he does not agree with the PNP EIRP program being suspended. Salmon Arm and Barriere both participate in the program and why should Chase be any different if we want Chase to grow and be successful.

Carolyn Parks-Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue in relation to Item 8.6, stated the PNP EIRP committee members have realized that some core functioning of the existing business community needs to be improved before we can focus on bringing business operators in from other countries.

## 6. DELEGATIONS

### 6.1 Kevin Skrepnek, Manager of Community and Emergency Services, and Mike Knauff, Emergency Program Coordinator, TNRD regarding Emergency Program Services

Kevin introduced himself and Mike Knauff, noting that the TNRD Emergency Program services are not sufficiently staffed, and providing services to the 7 member municipalities enrolled in the service as well as the Electoral Areas can be challenging when there are a lot of emergency issues occurring.

He added that the Emergency Program Act is being revised and should be available in the fall of 2023. He also noted that this wildfire season is expected to be a very busy one.

Mike Knauff added that the Village uses Voyent Alert! and everyone should sign up for it – messages will be delivered even if a person has a simple land line phone.

Mayor Lepsoe allowed for questions to the presenters from Council and the public.

Jeanette Galley of 230 Brooke Drive noted that some elderly people do not have telephones so how do they get notified of emergencies?

Lyle Patterson of 232 Brooke Drive stated that in the past there used to be a flyer with phone numbers on it to tell people who they could contact if they needed information. He stated that things were so organized back then and things are totally out of control now.

Peter van Hoof of 239 Willow Street stated that a 'wind tunnel' should be put up so in the event of a train spill, people know what direction the wind is blowing so they leave in the opposite direction to avoid bad chemicals.

Mike Knauff added that Environment Canada does plume modelling and in the event of a rail spill in Chase, the Village, TNRD, Emergency Management and Climate Readiness BC as well as CP Rail and Environment Canada will be on the

phone discussing the chemicals involved in spill and everyone will be informed. He said that sometimes a plume will go out in a directions and the best thing for all the residents is to 'shelter in place'.

6.2 Kym Behrns of 845 Thompson Avenue regarding municipal sanitary service

Mr. Behrns stated that he and his wife purchased the old United Church and have renovated it into their home. He noted that the property is not connected to sewer which is an objective of the Village to have all properties hooked to the municipal sanitary sewer system.

He is appealing to Council to extend the sewer service to his property so he can hook into the system.

Councillor Harder asked what the problem is with Mr. Behrns getting connected to the sewer system. Mr. Behrns noted that in most cases developers are required to extend services to their properties and hook up, but said he is not a developer.

Councillor Harder then stated why we would not want to put in the service for Mr. Behrns – in his mind it makes sense to do it.

## 7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Lepsoe

May 25 – Met with Sgt. Kenney. As Mayor I signed a form that states the Chase RCMP will be focussing on property crime, more visability and prolific offenders.

May 26 – 4 community meetitng. Dr. Clarke gave a talk of trauma

May 29 – Met with representatives of the Chase Heat

May 30 – Attended the Blue Jonson memorial

May 31 – Attended Festival society meeting

June 1 – TNRD regular meeting. Highlights are on-line. The Mayor of Barriere was concerned about the fire stiatuion as they had sent a truck and crew to Fort St. John and he was worried about being left short handed.

June 6 – special council meeting

June 6 – Fam tour hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. I presented the last event at Memorial Park. Gave presentation of the history of the area.

June 8 – Met a resident regarding the Hysop Road lake right of way

June 9 – Haldane June Jamboree. Volunteered for the dunk tank.

June 9 – Discussed possible preliminary Council, staff, strategy planning meeting in

Councillor Connett

May 23 – Regular Council meeting

May 26 – 3 band and Village meeting

June 6 – Special Council meeting

Councillor Herman

May 23 – Regular Council meeting

May 26 – Attended 3 Bands and Village meeting at Quaaout Lodge

May 27 – Attndened the IG walk for Alzheimer's at Memorial Beach

May 29 – Attended the Go By Bike BC Ribbon Cutting to start the week off

May 31 – Attended PNP Meeting at the Village office

June 6 – Enjoyed the FAM tour presented by the Chamber

June 6 – Attended a Special Meeting of Council  
June 10 – Met with Heather Strack of the Sunshine Committee to discuss upcoming Meet and Greet announcement

Councillor Harder

May 23 – Council meeting  
June 6 – Special Council meeting  
Was sick from June 23 to June 4  
Will be away for 6 weeks for my wife’s treatment – can zoom in to meetings

Councillor Torbohm

May 23 – Council meeting  
May 26 – 3 band and Village meeting  
June 6 – Special Council meeting  
Review agendas  
Monitored emails  
Handled phone calls  
Met with staff as required

Mayor Lepsoe asked several question of the Corporate Officer:

- Whitfield Landing is planning for Phase 3 of their development on Aylmer
- The wading pool will be open July 1 and staff requires certain certification for operating the pool
- \$5000 was budgeted by Council in this years’ budget to create a design for the Mill park boat launch upgrades
- Transport Canada has informed the Village that the two buoys that they placed near the Mill park boat launch are now owned by the Village and will require maintenance

The CAO provided a verbal report regarding her activities over the last month.

Moved by Councillor Torbohm  
Seconded by Councillor Harder

**“THAT the reports from Council members and staff be received for information.”**

**CARRIED  
#2023/06/13\_003**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 Development Variance Permit - 303 Pine Street

Moved by Councillor Herman  
Seconded by Councillor Harder

**“THAT Development Variance Permit DVP #2-2023 be issued.”**

**CARRIED  
#2023/06/13\_004**

8.2 Demand Notice – 229B Brooke Drive

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Harder

**“THAT Council not provide an extension to the property owner of 229B**

**Brooke Drive; AND**

**THAT the Village take remedial action to bring the property into compliance.”**

Councillor Harder stated that the Village must clean up the property at this point because the Village has bylaws and they must be followed.

The vote was taken on the motion and it was

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/13\_005**

8.3 Cellular Telephone Service in Chase - Cell Tower

Councillor Connett noted that he brought this up originally because of the person that died in the creek – Councillor Connett was told by a member of the RCMP that the rescue group and the family could not be contacted as the cell service was so poor.

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Harder

**“THAT the item regarding a cellular tower be deferred to Council’s proposed strategic planning meeting.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/13\_006**

8.4 Chase & District Museum & Archives

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Harder

**“THAT the letter dated June 2, 2023 from the Chase & District Museum & Archives regarding the replacement of the deck on the property using Village grant-in-aid funds be received as information.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/13\_007**

8.5 Council Members’ Health Benefits

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Harder

**“THAT Council continue with members’ extended health benefits until the end of the current Council’s term of office.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/13\_008**

Councillor Connett and Torbohm opposed

8.6 PNP Program – Change in Mandate and Focus

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**“THAT the Village’s participation in the PNP EIRP program be suspended until July 31, 2024.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/13\_009**

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Harder

**“THAT the name and mandate of the PNP Committee be modified to assist the Chamber of Commerce and local area businesses to reinvigorate the Chase**

**business community creating a more inviting environment for both local and future foreign business ventures.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/13\_010**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1 Tractor Replacement**

Moved by Councillor Torbohm  
Seconded by Councillor Connett

**“THAT Administration be authorized to purchase a new Kubota L6060 tractor from Douglas Lake Equipment for an amount not exceeding \$120,000.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/13\_011**

Moved by Councillor Torbohm  
Seconded by Councillor Harder

**“THAT Council approves the disposition of Public Works Unit #15, a 2009 Kubota Mower, VIN 10182, by the best means possible as determined by Administration.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/13\_012**

**9.2 Assistance to CALYS in form of Flow-through for grant funding**

Moved by Councillor Herman  
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“THAT the Village of Chase agree to be the recipient of grant funds for operational costs of a future Family Resource Centre in Chase, and the received funds be disbursed to the Chase and Area Young Learners Society.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/13\_013**

**9.3 Appointment of Members to the Climate Action Committee**

Moved by Councillor Torbohm  
Seconded by Councillor Harder

**“THAT Angelika McLaren and Anne Grube (of the Chase Environmental Action Society), Joey Nash, Kristen From, James Mintz, Geo Horton and Paris Michel be appointed as members of the Village’s *Climate Action Committee* for an initial 2 year term.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/13\_014**

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**11. IN CAMERA**

None

**12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS**

None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

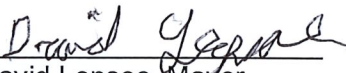
Moved by Councillor Harder


Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**"THAT the June 13, 2023 Regular Meeting be adjourned."**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/13\_015**

The meeting concluded at 5:40 p.m.

  
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David Lepsoe, Mayor

  
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Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer