



## 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 27, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Lepsoe  
Councillor Colin Connett  
Councillor Ron Harder (via Zoom)  
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

Public Participants: 15 in-person, 2 via Zoom

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lepsoe called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Mayor Lepsoe thanked the Chase Lions Club for their generous donation of \$15,000 for the Chase Summer Recreation Program.

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Connett

**“THAT the agenda of the June 27, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/27\_001**

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 3.1 Minutes of the June 6, 2023 Special Meeting

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Connett

**“THAT the minutes of the June 6, 2023 Special Meeting be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/27\_002**

#### 3.2 Minutes of the June 13, 2023 Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

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

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/27\_003**

### 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.

Carolyn Parks-Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue queried whether larger municipalities receive more funding from Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) than smaller municipalities for the Road Rescue Service.

Bev Iglesias of 621 Third Avenue referred to item 9.4 on the agenda and explained that she has all the necessary health and safety permits in place for the event, and is asking Council to consider donating \$488 to cover those various costs.

## 6. DELEGATIONS

None.

## 7. REPORTS

### a) Mayor and Council Reports

#### Mayor Lepsoe

**June 14** – Shuswap Watershed Council meeting. Before the meeting I met with CSRD Area F and G Directors. I also met with Erik Kok from Interfor (Adams Lake Division).

During the Watershed meeting we discussed the voting procedure and the overall procedure for the continuance of this committee as the current contract ends at the end of this year. We also went on a field trip to two of the projects the Council had funded. One area was 700 meters of river bank stabilization work on Eagle River. The other was reclaimed wetland near Gardom Lake.

**June 15** – TNRD Regular Board meeting. We were shown a flood mapping map. Chase creek is on this map. The CAO gave us a report on FireSmart we will be getting a presentation at our next meeting.

The strategic plan for 2023 – 2026 was approved.

**June 16** – 9:00 a.m. Committee of the Whole (TNRD) meeting. We had a presentation from the Library. They have upgraded the access at the back and are looking at a better grade for the front entrance.

1:30 p.m. TNRD regular Board meeting.

**June 19** – At 10:00 I met with a resident who had concerns about taxation. At 1 p.m. I met with Senior Staff.

**June 21** – Attended Indigenous Day activities at Adams Lake Indian Band and took 1,000 Saskatoon berries as a gift.

**June 22** – Briefly attended the Extreme Heat Plan familiarization presentation.

Reviewed the June 27, 2023 agenda with the CAO

**June 24** – Did my Annual Historic Tour of Chase in conjunction with the Museum's annual Strawberry Tea.

**June 27** – The Shuswap Tribal Alliance announced they were successful in obtaining \$72,000 towards the Chase Falls project.

#### Councillor Connett

**June 13** – Council meeting

**June 13** – Chase and District Health Services Foundation

**June 22** – Extreme Heat Plan Familiarization workshop

Councillor Herman

**June 13** – Attended Regular Meeting of Council

**June 14** – Met with CAO regarding clarification on some issues

**June 15** – Attended Rotary Meeting as guest speaker for the Village of Chase regarding some possible upcoming Rotary projects

**June 16** – Attended the Chase Secondary School 2023 Graduation ceremony, bringing congratulations and greetings on behalf of the Village of Chase Mayor and Council

**June 17** – volunteered with the Chase Rotary at Chase Fun Soccer Tournament

**June 21** – Attended a PNP/Choose Chase meeting at the Village office

**June 21** – Attended Indigenous Day Celebrations at Adams Lake Indian Band and enjoyed the various activities including the slow pitch, comedy and drumming

**June 22** – Attended the Village led Extreme Heat Plant Familiarization workshop  
Council Herman announced that Andy Phillips has been hired by the Chase Chamber to assist with the Visitor Information Services.

She also announced that the Sunshine Club will be hosting a meet and greet at the Work BC Office on Wednesday June 28, 2023 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Councillor Harder

**June 13** – Attended Regular Meeting of Council

Responded to emails and phone calls

Councillor Torbohm

June 13 – Council meeting

June 16 – Shuswap Trail Alliance Trails Working Group meeting

June 17 – FireSmart Workshop at Chase Fire Hall

June 24 – Mayor Lepsoe's Historical Tour

Reviewed agendas, responded to emails and phone calls, met with staff as required

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

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

**CARRIED**

**#2023/06/27\_004**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8.1 838 Shuswap Avenue – Land Disposition**

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Harder

**“THAT Council accept the Appraisal Report from Cosh Property Appraisals, and dispose of approximately 127m<sup>2</sup> of unused and undeveloped Village property to the owners of 828 Shuswap Avenue for the appraised value of \$22,912 plus GST.”**

Councillor Connett stated that the valuation of the land seems high.

Comments included:

- The owner did not have time to get a second appraisal
- Can the owners be given more time to get another appraisal?
- An appraiser could be hired by the Village at the property owners' expense
- The owner stated she would appreciate more time

The vote was called on the motion and it was

**DEFEATED**  
Councillor Harder in Favour  
**#2023/06/27\_005**

Moved by Councillor Torbohm  
Seconded by Councillor Herman

**“THAT the decision on the value of the land sale to the owner at 828 Shuswap Avenue be deferred until the owner gets another appraisal and/or more information regarding the value of the land and contacts Village staff to bring the issue back to Council.**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/27\_006**

8.2 Chase Lions Club – Proposal for Public Washrooms

Moved by Mayor Lepsoe  
Seconded by Councillor Harder

**“THAT the matter of the Chase Lions Club proposal for public washrooms in Willson Park and/or in the downtown area be referred to Council’s strategic planning discussions.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/27\_007**

8.3 Select Committee – PNP to “Choose Chase”

Moved by Councillor Torbohm  
Seconded by Councillor Connett

**“THAT the PNP-EIRP Select Committee be now known as the Choose Chase Committee.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/27\_008**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 UBCM Resolution – Highway Rescue Funding

Moved by Councillor Herman  
Seconded by Councillor Harder

**“THAT Council submit the attached resolution to UBCM urging the Province of BC to seriously commit to the development and implementation of a comprehensive funding model for Highway Rescue Services such that small community taxpayers are not subsidizing a Provincial service.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/27\_009**

9.2 Shepherd Road – Watermain Looping Contract Award

Moved by Councillor Connett  
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“THAT Council authorize a budget amendment by increasing the “Capital Expenditures – water” by \$10,000 and by increasing the “Transfer from Reserves – Gas Tax Reserve” by \$10,000; AND**

**THAT Council award the 2023 Shepherd Road Watermain Expansion project to Extreme Excavating Ltd. In the amount of \$94,384.50.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2023/06/27\_010**

9.3 Grant-in-Aid Request – Working Together Traditional Powwow

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**“THAT the Village of Chase provide a \$250 grant-in-aid to the Working Together Traditional Powwow for their 2023 events.”**

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Connett opposed**

**#2023/06/27\_011**

9.4 Grant-in-Aid Request – Bev Iglesias – Parkside Bus Fundraiser

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Connett

**“THAT Council waive the \$50 fee associated with the applicant’s mobile vendor license.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2023/06/27\_012**

9.5 2022 Statement of Financial Information

The Chief Financial Officer explained what the Statement of Financial Information is and why it is required. She added that it provides a good summary to the public regarding the annual expenditures of the municipality.

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“THAT the 2022 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) be adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2023/06/27\_013**

9.6 Art Holding Memorial Arena – Facility Manager Proposals Process

<Councillor Herman recused herself from the meeting at 4:51 p.m.>

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“THAT Councillor Jane Herman be appointed to the Arena Management contract selection sub-committee.”**

**CARRIED**

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<Councillor Herman returned to the meeting at 4:52 p.m.>

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None.

**11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS**

Jeanette Galley of 230 Brooke Drive spoke to the issue of the Order to Clean Up at 229B Brooke Drive and wondered why the work had not yet been done. She also added that there was supposed to be a Notice on Title registered on the property title and it has not been done.

Bev Iglesias of 621 Third Avenue asked what we are doing about our downtown. She stated that it is dusty and needs to be swept – shop keepers do not seem to take pride like they used to.

Don McDonald of 229A Brooke Drive stated that while the Corporate Officer had recommended a 2 week extension to the owner of 229B Brooke Drive at Council's last meeting, nothing has been done about the mess at 229B Brooke Drive in the last two weeks other than one load was taken away last evening. He also stated that he thought the Village was going to hire someone to clean up the property. He also asked who the Bylaw officer reports to, and suggested that when a new bylaw officer is being hired that it be someone from outside the community so there is not favouritism.

**12. IN CAMERA**

None.

**13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS**

None.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**"THAT the June 27, 2023 Regular Meeting be adjourned."**

**CARRIED  
#2023/06/27\_015**

The meeting concluded at 5:01 p.m.

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David Lepsoe, Mayor

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Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer