



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, July 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Lepsoe
Councillor Colin Connett
Councillor Ron Harder (virtual)
Councillor Jane Herman
Councillor Fred Torbohm

In Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Debi Lovin, Chief Financial Officer
Mike McLean, Deputy Corporate Officer (virtual)

Regrets: Sean O'Flaherty, Director of Corporate Operations

Public Participants: 24 in person, 2 via Zoom (including Councillor Harder)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Lepsoe marked the passing of Richard Waugh, the Village's bylaw enforcement officer. He noted that Richard was a very kind person, was very dedicated to his family and the community, and that he will be missed. He added that a service for Richard is being held on July 24, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Adams Lake Indian Band gymnasium.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

"THAT the agenda of the July 18, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."
CARRIED
#2023/07/18_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the June 27, 2023 Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Harder

"THAT the minutes of the June 27, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."
CARRIED
#2023/07/18_002

3.1 Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Public Hearing

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

"THAT the minutes of the May 9, 2023 Public Hearing be adopted as presented."
CARRIED
#2023/07/18_003

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Kim Behrns of 845 Thompson Avenue spoke regarding his request for the Village to install a sewer main to his property, and noted his disappointment with the staff report. He referred to various sections of the Village's Building regulations bylaw and noted that the bylaw states that in order to get a building permit he would be required to connect to sewer. He was in past granted a building permit to do renovations to the building but did not have sewer connection and believes the Village is negligent in granting him a building permit and should therefore be required to provide the sewer service to his property. He added that the quote provided to Village staff for the sewer extension is approximately \$60,000 and as recently as today Mr. Behrns received a quote that was between \$8,000 and \$10,000 for the works.

Joan Anderson of 641 Hysop Road spoke in favour of the Visitor Information Centre remaining at its current location for various reasons including internal space already available for visitors, ample parking, electric vehicle charging stations are nearby and the main entrance to Chase via Brooke Drive once the highway improvements are completed will provide direct access to the Visitor Information Centre. She also added that Councillor Torbohm should recuse himself from the meeting when the item about the location is being considered as his wife is the president of the Museum Society.

Kelly Esslinger of 806 Hysop Road stated that there should be no changes made to the Hysop Road lake access – recently there have been issues relating to the boat moorage associated with 724 Hysop, but people moved into the area knowing that the lake access and associated activities existed.

Christina Lutterman of 44-1250 Hillside Avenue spoke in favour of the Visitor Information Services remaining at its current location and asked that Councillor Torbohm recuse himself from the meeting where that item will be discussed as his wife is the president of the Museum society.

Sandra Welton, of 6377 VLA Road stated that she agrees with both Christina Lutterman and Joan Anderson in their points relating to the Visitor Information Services location and that the discussion about moving the location has been a complete waste of time.

Bill MacPherson of 802 Hysop Road raised a point of order relating to the Hysop Road Lake Access stating that the Council in 2022 passed resolutions to restrict vehicle boat launching and parking on most of the public area and that Council is bound by those resolutions.

Al Pombert of 7200 Little Shuswap Road stated that he hopes the boat moorage at 724 Hysop remains as he only has boat access to his property on the north side of Little Shuswap Lake and until the Village of Chase opens a marina, the service at 724 Hysop is the only place to moor a boat.

Patty Jantzi of 7200 Little Shuswap Road also supported the boat moorage at 724 Hysop because of her boat in only property on the north side of Little Shuswap Lake. She stated she and other property owners are able to support the community (groceries etc) because of the moorage available.

6. DELEGATIONS

Dave Underwood, P. Eng. TRUE Consulting

South Thompson/Little Shuswap Lake Flood Plain Mapping Report

Dave Underwood provide an overview of the project and how the South Thompson/Little Shuswap flood mapping has been integrated with the Chase Creek flood mapping to provide a comprehensive document for the Village which shows what critical infrastructure will be at risk during high flood situations.

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Lepsoe

June 28 – Festival Society meeting

June 29 – Attended the Rotary installation of officers

June 30 – Spoke on behalf of the Village at the Neskonlith Powwow

July 1 – Helped Kukpi7 Irvin Wai (Chief) of Neskonlith Indian Band cook breakfast at the Neskonlith Powwow

July 1 – Pariticipate in the Canada Day parade

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July 7 – CAO and me attended a meeting at Skwalx

July 10 – Met the new Manager of the Health Centre

July 13 – Regular TNRD Board meeting – we had a presentation by BC Wildfire

Service – topics included initial attack which is a priority, protecting critci infrastructure, 175 pieces of equipment signed up, contact the Fire Centre, there is a mobil app – it uploads photos and has a GIS reference as well

Councillor Connett

July 11 – Pariticipated in a Climate Action committee meeting.

Councillor Herman

June 27 – Attended regular meeting of Council

June 28 – Attended the meet and greet of the newly formed Sunshine Club at WorkBC

June 28 – Attended the Festival Society meeting

June 29 – Attended the Chase Rotary installation of officers at the Royal Canadian Legion

June 30 – Took part in Arena facility contractor interviews

July 1 – Assisted with the Canada Day parade and festivities at Memorial Park

July 4 – Arena Contractor interview

July 4 – Attended music on the Lake

July 11 – Attended a Village Climate Action committee meeting

July 12 – Attneded a Choose Chase (economic development) committee meeting

Councillor Harder

June 27 – Participated in the Council meeting via Zoom.

Councillor Torbohm

No report

Staff reports were also considered and the CAO provided a verbal report on her activities since the last Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Connett
“THAT the reports from Council members and staff be received for information.”

CARRIED
#2023/07/18_004

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Hysop Lake Access

Moved by Councillor Connett
Seconded by Councillor Harder

“THAT Council direct staff to reconnect with the Ministry of Forests regarding the illegal moorage of boats at 724 Hysop Road in an effort to have enforcement on the illegal activity.”

CARRIED
#2023/07/18_005

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT Administration send letters to the residents along Hysop Road explaining no-posts will be installed on the right of way access as a temporary measure.”

Councillor Torbohm stated that this issue has come up a number of times and it is time that Council make a decision to deal with the situation – the property owners on either side of the access should not be permitted to access their back yards from the public access – they should access their back yards from their front yards like everyone else does.

Councillor Herman stated that contacting the Province to enforce the moorage situation is a first step – we are starting over and taking one step at a time.

The vote was called on the motion and it was

DEFEATED
Councillor Torbohm IN FAVOUR
#2023/07/18_006

8.2 Forest Garden

Moved by Councillor Connett
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT Council approve the use of 123’ x 38’ of space at Willson Park located between the existing community garden and Wilson Street for the Chase and Area Young Learners Society’s ‘Forest Garden’.”

CARRIED
#2023/07/18_007

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Harder

“THAT Council defer funding the “Installation of Water service to Willson Park” project until the spring of 2024, when the estimated cost can be attributed.”

CARRIED
#2023/07/18_008

8.3 845 Thompson – Request of Village to pay for sewer main extension

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Harder

“THAT Council defer the decision regarding the property owner’s request for the Village to pay for the sewer main extension to 845 Thompson Avenue until the next Regular Meeting to obtain further information.”

**CARRIED
#2023/07/18_009**

8.4 Visitor Information Services – Location

Moved by Councillor Harder

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the provision of Visitor Information Services for the Village of Chase remains at its current location at 400 Shuswap Avenue.”

<Councillor Torbohm left the meeting at 5:22 p.m. so as not to be present for the vote on the matter.>

**CARRIED
Councillor Connett OPPOSED
#2023/07/18_010**

<Councillor Torbohm returned to the meeting at 5:23>

8.5 Climate Action Committee – Terms of Reference

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT the Terms of Reference for the Village of Chase’s Climate Action Committee be adopted.”

**CARRIED
#2023/07/18_011**

8.6 Water and Sewer Rates – Defer increases to allow for public notification

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT in order to provide for public notification, the Fees and Charges bylaw be amended to include the following modifications effective October 1, 2023:

- **Water fixed charge increase by a minimum of 8%**
- **Water consumption rate increase to \$0.98 per m³ with a minimum usage charge of 60m³/quarter, and**
- **Sewer consumption rate stays at \$0.875 per m³ and add a minimum charge of \$61.26/quarter.”**

**CARRIED
#2023/07/18_012**

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 2022 Annual Report

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Harder

“THAT Council receive the 2022 Annual Report for information.” **CARRIED**

#2023/07/18_013

9.2 Letter of Support for Shuswap Economic Development Society

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm
“THAT the Village of Chase provide a letter of support for the Shuswap Economic Development Society’s application to the Connecting Communities Grant.”

CARRIED
#2023/07/18_014

9.3 Interfor - Adams Lake Division – Proposed Fire Protection

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Herman
“THAT the Village’s Fire Department provide fire protection to Interfor – Adams Lake Division as long as a duty crew and fire apparatus is available with the main Village boundaries with costs being reimbursed on a standard rate basis.”

CARRIED
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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Bill MacPherson of 802 Hysop Road stated that the activite of the moorage at 724 Hysop is illegal and the Village had jurisdiction to stop the activity as it is occurring on a residentially zoned lot. He added that the propoal to restrict morotized boat launching at the public water access is to ensure the area is safe for famililes. He also stated that the resolutions passed by the Council in late 2022 are binding and need to be upheld.

Carolyn Parks-Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue stated that working with the Provincial government requires perserverence and getting assistance from the MLA is helpful.

Jack Esslinger of 340 Juniper Street noted that both boat launches in Chase are inadequate – Memorial Park is usually closed early in the summer due to low water and the Mill Park launch is unsafe due to the river current and debris at bottom of the lake/river area near the launch. Hysop Road lake access area is safe and easy for motorized boats to be launched. The Village needs a better launching area to solve the problem of the usage of the Hysop Road lake access.

Chris Jackson of 718 Hysop Road stated that the boat moorage and motorized boat launching at the Hysop Road lake access is unsafe for children who have every right ot swim in the lake at the access area. She has observed three boats hitting the dock at different times and one was observed getting stuck – not a safe environment for swimmers especially children.

Kelly Esslinger of 806 Hysop Road sees good and bad activities at the lake access area and is of the opinion that the dock/moorage issue needs to be addressed to reduce the negative activity at the access area.

12. IN CAMERA

None

13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Harder

Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT the July 18, 2023 Regular Meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED
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The meeting concluded at 5:43 p.m.

David Lepsoe, Mayor

Sean O’Flaherty, Corporate Officer