



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase
held at the Chase Community Hall, 547 Shuswap Avenue on
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Rod Crowe
Councillor Alison (Ali) Lauzon (*electronic participation*)
Councillor Ali Maki (*electronic participation*)
Councillor Steve Scott
Councillor Fred Torbohm

In Attendance: Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer
Joanne Molnar, Chief Financial Officer
Cindy Kennedy, Interim Clerk

Public Participants: 19

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the July 13, 2021 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

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3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held June 22, 2021

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

"THAT the minutes of the June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

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4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Jeanne Talbot, of 303-743 Okanagan Avenue, regarding item 8.4. Jeanne is a member of the Lions Club and with the proposed lease with the Hamper Society in the community hall, Room A will no longer be available, the Soup Kitchen has Rooms A, B and the kitchen every Tuesday and Wednesday, and seasonally the Hamper Society will also have Room C. The Lions will not even have space to hold their meetings as a group, the Lions need to have the hall available to them also.

Karen Bassett, of 564 Lakeshore Drive, regarding item 8.4. She is President of the Lions Club and her and another Lions member recently met with a Hamper Society member to discuss the Lion's showcases that were taken down in January for the hall basement renovations. The showcases were damaged during the flood in February and now the Lions are waiting to see if the damage is covered by insurance or if they have to replace them.

The Lions understood that the Hamper Society had exclusive use of Room A during Covid, not beyond, and now the lease agreement on this agenda is until 2024.

Chad Marlatt of Cypress Line Services representing Rogers, regarding item 8.7. Rogers is working with the provincial government on Connecting BC, a program to improve the internet in rural and underserved communities, and Chase has been named as one. The downtown area has been proposed for a tower as service is better when it is close to the users and provides 360 degree coverage. Rogers is open to other location ideas and input.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Shuswap Trail Alliance

Jen Bellhouse, Executive Director of the Shuswap Trail Alliance, presented the 2021 Shuswap Trail Alliance Annual General Meeting Report and the 2020 Financial Statements. Highlights from 2020 included:

- Planning
- New trails built
- Environmental stewardship
- Rail trail progress
- Secwepemc landmarks and trailhead project
- Fundraising
- Sponsors
- Recreation access management
- Shuswap Regional Trails roundtable
- Shuswap Trail Alliance Board

Ms. Bellhouse also advised of 2021 to 2023 priorities.

6.2 Chase & District Chamber of Commerce – Quarterly Meeting

Brock Endean, Director, Chase & District Chamber of Commerce, provided the following discussion items:

- Working on a new brochure with the North and South Shuswap Chambers to establish a joint tourism services strategy
- Received funding to hire three summer students, two of the positions have been filled
- Visitor Centre is open during July and August seven days a week from 9 am to 7 pm, will return to reduced hours in September
- Would like to establish a working group to update the downtown revitalization strategy
- Proposes the two service club signs at the east and west entrances to town be relocated and re-created
- Requested updated emergency preparedness and communication be provided to the Tourist Information Centre.

Council agreed for the Corporate Officer to follow up with the Chamber on the items.

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Crowe

- June 24 –Attended the Mayors Vaccine Roundtable with Interior Health
- June 24 - Met with two Provincial Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary regarding passive infrastructure
- June 26 - Attended the Neskonlith Pow Wow
- June 29 – Met with Village Corporate Officer about opening a cooling center at the Creekside Seniors Center
- June 29 - Meeting with (EMBC) Emergency Management BC on a wildfire preparedness call
- July 5 – Attended TNRD Board of Directors special meeting with EMBC and BC Wildfire
- July 6 - Gave permission to Fire Chief at 4:25am to attend to vehicle fires at the Jade Mountain Motel. As the motel is outside of our municipal boundary permission is required to attend to a fire there.
- July 10 - Attended a meeting with the Chief of the Adams Lake Indian Band.

Councillor Lauzon

- June 28 – reached out to the Mayor to discuss a Cooling Centre, he and the Corporate Officer were already working on it
- July 4 – Discussed with the Mayor that with the wildfire evacuations in our surrounding area that Chase should be ready to accept evacuees if required
- July 5- Attended the Adams Lake Indian Band new Council swearing in ceremony
- July 11 – Sat in in an EMBC wildfire coordinator call

Councillor Maki

- Nothing to report

Councillor Scott

- June 28 – Attended the Adams River Salmon Society meeting

Councillor Torbohm

- Nothing to report

b) Staff Reports

Fire Chief

- Fire calls for June: 2 calls, both false alarms
- Rescue calls for June: 5 calls; 2 stood down on scene; 2 extractions (3 victims – 1 fatality); 1 vehicle involving hydro lines down
- Campfire burning permits to date: 237 – Open burning permits 21
- We have 20 members including 2 juniors, 19 members with the Exterior Operation Certification
- Fire fighting is going well, focusing on maintenance training
- Gearing up for wildfire season. Structural Protection Program for Wildland Fire Fighters has been reviewed; Wildland Fire Fighting – S-100/185 has been taken

Reports from the CFO and Corporate Officer were included in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Scott

"THAT the reports from Council members and staff be received for information."

CARRIED

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Pesticide Use Control Bylaw No. 907-2021

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

"THAT the Village of Chase Pesticide Use Control Bylaw No. 907-2021 be adopted."

CARRIED

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8.2 Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw Amendment – Pesticide Use 908-2021

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the Village of Chase Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 908-2021 be adopted."

CARRIED

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8.3 Flag Policy

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT Council approve Policy No. ADM 32 – Flags to Half-Mast."

CARRIED

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8.4 Chase Christmas Hamper Society – Amended Lease

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Scott

"THAT the following motion be deferred to a future Council Meeting:

THAT the Village of Chase enter into an amended lease with the Chase Christmas Hamper Society, AND

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the lease on behalf of the Village of Chase."

CARRIED

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Council directed Administration to meet with the Chase Christmas Hamper Society and the Chase Lions Club to arrive at an agreement for use of the Community Hall basement.

8.5 COVID-19 Restart Community Funding Applications

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Mayor Crowe

"THAT Council supports the Chase Heat Junior Hockey request of \$25,000 for player equipment from the COVID-19 Restart funding."

CARRIED

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8.6 Chase Creekside Senior Centre – Cooling Centre

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT Council purchase a Canadian flag and a BC flag showing an offering of gratitude for the Chase Creekside Senior Centre providing their facility as a cooling centre during the recent regional heat warning.”

CARRIED

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8.7 Notice of Motion – Rogers Communication Tower

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“That the Village of Chase will NOT be in concurrence with a Rogers telecommunications tower being installed at 119 Chase Street when Rogers comes before Council.”

CARRIED

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9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Annual Municipal Report

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT the 2019 and 2020 Consolidated Annual Report be accepted.”

CARRIED

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9.2 Strategic Plan – Quarterly Update

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the Quarterly Report on Council’s 2021 and 2022 Strategic Plan be received for information.”

CARRIED

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9.3 Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT Council approves the submission of a grant application to the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program to fund 70% of the implementation of pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Thompson Avenue/Chase Street and the Village to fund 30% of the project up to a maximum of \$51,000, AND,

THAT the Village of Chase will provide overall grant management for the project.”

CARRIED

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10. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

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

Dan Stevens, of 1016 Second Avenue, expressed his concern that a fire may start from trains as they pass through town with the dead brush along Second and Shuswap Avenues. He requested that the major fire hazard be cleaned up.

The Corporate Officer will be speaking with CP Rail and will enquire about the specific mitigation measures that will occur in Chase. The Public Works crew will also remove fire hazards on public property, up to the land that CP owns.

Sandra Welton, of 6377 VLA Road (*outside of Village limits*), enquired when VLA Road that is along Drake's Landing is going to be repaved.

The Corporate Officer responded that a conditional assessment of all roads has been performed and the highest priority of roads to be repaved have been identified. The tender will go out this week for the 2021 paving program.

The Chief Financial Officer confirmed that this section of VLA Road is included, and the funding is from the Covid-19 restart funds.

Karen Basset, of 564 Lakeshore Drive, enquired when the Lions Club will know if the Village insurance covers the loss of their showcases from the February 9, 2021 flood in the community hall. She also is very concerned that a fire may start from trains as they pass through town and believes that homes on Second Avenue pile their yard debris along the train track.

The Chief Financial Officer confirmed that in consulting with the insurance adjusters, it was made very clear that only assets owned by the Village are covered through the Village insurance.

Ali Ferguson, of 514 Aylmer Road, asked Council to implement a policy that cell towers will not be allowed to be installed within the Village of Chase.

Mayor Crowe responded that a policy would be immaterial, the federal government can overrule where cell towers are located, and each application needs to be handled individually.

12. IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Scott

"THAT Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (2) (c) labour relations or other employee relations."

CARRIED

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13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the July 13, 2021 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned."

CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 6:30 p.m.



Rod Crowe, Mayor



Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer