



Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council of the Village of Chase
held in the Council Chamber of the Village Office at 826 Okanagan Avenue
on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.;

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Berrigan
Councilor Nancy Egely
Councilor David Lepsoe
Councilor Ali Maki
Councilor Steve Scott

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In Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Isabell Hadford, Interim Corporate Officer

Public Gallery: 9
Press: 0

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Berrigan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councilor Scott

Seconded by Councilor Maki

“That the August 15, 2016 Village of Chase Special Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED
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3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

(a) Healthy Communities \$5,000 Grant – Youth Action Committee

The CAO advised that the former Community Liaison/Events Coordinator had applied for funding to BC Healthy Communities to create a Youth Strategic Plan, and the understanding is that the funds are to be spent within two years of when the funds were first awarded. The Village of Chase has been awarded a grant of \$5,000 and Administration is seeking Council's direction on how to proceed – if the funds are accepted, a consultant will need to be hired to perform the tasks associated with the project.

Moved by Councilor Scott

Seconded by Councilor Maki

“That the Village accepts the BC Healthy Communities \$5,000 grant, and schedules a workshop with the Youth Action Committee to decide how to complete the Youth Strategic Plan.”

CARRIED
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(b) Neighbourhood Golf Carts – Permitted Route Within the Village of Chase

Mayor Berrigan advised that the purpose of today's Special meeting is to get input from Council members and members of the public present at the meeting, about the announcement made by MLA Todd Stone on August 12, 2016 for a 2-year pilot project to allow golf carts on Village roads. No decisions will be made at this meeting, and Council will not debate the issue.

Mayor Berrigan advised that the Provincial announcement was to be made in mid-July and Council was instructed not to say anything about the project until the announcement was made. The announcement was delayed until mid-August and the Province is asking that the pilot project be implemented by September 6, 2016 which will be challenging to accomplish.

Discussion:

- Dissatisfaction with the proposed 'route' suggested by Provincial Highways staff
- Allowing the carts in the entire Village would ensure everyone has an opportunity to participate in the program and all the businesses are accessible
- Mayor Berrigan suggested that signs be posted at each entrance to the community saying "*This is a golf cart friendly community—drive with care*"
- The Provincial regulation states that the speed limit must be 30 km/h if carts are permitted to operate on that particular roadway

Public Comments:

- Most attendees were of the opinion that this is a great opportunity for the Village and that the plan should move forward so as and not lose the current momentum
- The project is a pilot and can be tweaked as it moves forward
- If one approach doesn't work another can be tried
- Facebook feedback indicates mostly positive comments and people are excited about it
- People who don't like the project don't have to participate—those who do can
- Areas of concern included traffic coming off Highway #1 into Chase and getting people to slow down to 30 km/h
- Pine Street traffic was mentioned, and along the entire length of Pine Street, traveling at 30 km/h versus 50 km/h takes 25 more seconds in one direction
- A golf cart lane (a painted green line) was suggested for one side of Pine Street – this could also include bicycles and skate boards – there is plenty of road allowance available
- The pilot project is not intended to be a burden on the Village tax payer; the Province is paying for signage
- The Chamber of Commerce President agreed to take the proposal to the Chamber Board to get input from businesses
- The need to have access to refuel gas powered carts mean having access to the gas station
- There is a strong need for public consultation
- It was suggested that this pilot project be added as an item for discussion at the upcoming Town Hall meeting on September 8, 2016 at the Community Hall
- Other opportunities such as Music on the Lake, articles in the Sunflower and social media will be utilized to get feedback

Mayor Berrigan thanked everyone for coming and providing input into the proposed pilot project.

(c) Union of BC Municipalities Convention – Potential Meetings with Cabinet Ministers

The CAO asked for direction in scheduling meetings with Provincial Cabinet Ministers during the UBCM Convention scheduled for the end of September. Administration was directed to set up a meeting with:

- i. The Honourable Todd Stone to discuss highway construction initiatives and neighbourhood golf carts zones, and
- ii. The Minister of Forests and Lands to discuss logging in municipally fed watersheds.

4. IN CAMERA

Moved by Councilor Maki

Seconded by Councilor Egely

“That Council recess to an In-Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (1) of the Community Charter, paragraph (c) regarding labour relations or other employee relations.”

CARRIED

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5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilor Lepsoe

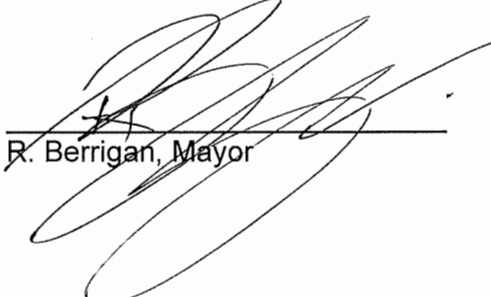
Seconded by Councilor Maki

“That the August 15, 2016 Village of Chase Special Council meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 3:43 p.m.



R. Berrigan, Mayor

J. Heinrich, CAO