



## **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, September 12, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

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

**In Attendance:** Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer  
Sean O'Flaherty, Director of Corporate Operations

**Regrets:** Councillor Ron Harder

Public Participants: 6 in-person, none via Zoom

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**"THAT the agenda of the September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."**

**CARRIED**

**#2023/09/12\_001**

### **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Minutes of the August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Connett

**"THAT the minutes of the August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."**

**CARRIED**

**#2023/09/12\_002**

### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

### **5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Carolyn Parks-Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue, regarding item 8.1

- Pleased that council is considering an Every Child Matters Crosswalk
- Hopes that Council will consider something to recognize LGBTQ community

Zilly Palamar of 141 Shuswap Avenue, regarding item 8.1

- Said a prayer for Ron Harder and his family
- Opposes the Every Child Matters crosswalk – everyone needs to move on from the past – a crosswalk will not bring the deceased children back – crosswalk too expensive and the natives already have a sculpture

### **6. DELEGATIONS**

None

## 7. REPORTS

### a) Mayor and Council Reports

#### Mayor Lepsoe

August 17 – TNRD meeting held in Blue River

August 18 – Village of Chase went on evacuation alert due to Bush Creek moving rapidly from higher than normal winds – the highway closed between Chase and Sorrento

August 19 – Chase Fire Rescue, Adams Lake Indian Band fire department and CP Rail's water train actioned spot fires about one kilometer west of Squilax bridge

August 25 – Highway re-opened

August 26 – Met with the Mayor of Salmon Arm

September 2 – Evacuation alert for Chase was lifted

September 7 – Regular TNRD Board meeting

CAO and I met with regional and local BC Ambulance supervisors

#### Councillor Connett

August 15 – Regular Council meeting

August 19 and beyond – helped load boats on river with supplies for those who did not leave the North Shuswap area

Thanked Lisa Atkinson, her partner, Ben Watson, Kelly Essligner and everyone who worked to support our neighbours.

#### Councillor Herman

August 15 – Regular Council meeting

August 18 – 23 – assisted Emergency Operations Centre to identify people who would need assistance if Village was evacuated

September 11 – Climate Action Committee meeting

#### Councillor Torbohm

August 15 – Council meeting

August 22 – received fire, weather updates from the Emergency Operations Centre

August 29, 30 and 31 – received wildfire updates

Staff reports were included in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Connett

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

**CARRIED  
#2023/09/12\_003**

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 8.1 Every Child Matters Crosswalk

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Mayor Lepsoe

**“THAT the Village of Chase install an Every Child Matters crosswalk similar in design to the one in Kamloops at the west crossing of the intersection at Shuswap Avenue and Chase Street with costs being shared by the Adams Lake Indian Band, Neskonlith Indian Band, Skwālx té Secwepemcúl’ecw and the Village of Chase.”**

During discussion the following points were raised:

- While the cost will be low to install, the Village will be responsible for the costs of annual maintenance
- Maybe there are other options that won't be subject to vandalism and will cost less for annual maintenance
- There is no quote provided and this is just a political statement
- Maybe it could be painted on a wall
- Another option could be banners downtown
- You don't see a crosswalk in Adams Lake's community
- The majority of taxpayers do not want a crosswalk
- Short-sighted not to do this – a small cost for big gains in our relationships with the three local Indigenous communities

**The vote was taken on the motion and it was**

**DEFEATED**

**#2023/09/12\_04**

Councillors Connett and Torbohm opposed

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Development Permit #2023-4, 116 MacPherson Street**

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**"THAT Development Permit DP2023-4 be approved."**

**CARRIED**

**#2023/09/12\_05**

### **9.2 Municipal Insurance Association – Voting Delegate for AGM**

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Connett

**"THAT Mayor David Lepsoe be appointed as the voting delegate for the Municipal Insurance Association Annual General Meeting being held during the 2023 UBCM convention; AND**

**THAT Councillor Jane Herman be appointed as the alternate voting delegate."**

**CARRIED**

**#2023/09/12\_06**

## **10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

## **11. IN CAMERA**

None

## **12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS**

None

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**"THAT the September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting be adjourned."**

**CARRIED**

**#2023/09/12\_007**

The meeting concluded at 4:25 p.m.

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David Lepsoe, Mayor

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Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer