



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, December 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
Deb Lovin, Chief Financial Officer
Mike Baker, Public Works Manager

Public Participants: 1 in-person, 3 via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Connett

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

CARRIED

#2023/12/12_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the November 28, 2023 Special Meeting

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Connett

"THAT the minutes of the November 28, 2023 Special Meeting be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

#2023/12/12_002

3.2 Minutes of the November 28, 2023 Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

"THAT the minutes of the November 28, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

#2023/12/12_003

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Lepsoe

November 29 attended Shuswap Trails Alliance Annual Roundtable Meeting
December 1 attended Chase Country Christmas Parade and events – there were over 30 entries in the parade and the downtown was very busy – thank you to all who helped organize the events this year
December 2 attended breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus, lunch at Creekside Seniors and spent time at the Chase Country Christmas craft fair
December 9 attended high school craft fair, won a gift basket as did Councillor Connett
December 10 attended U9 hockey tournament at Art Holding Memorial Arena, expressed thank you to Councillor Herman for her many volunteer hours
December 11 met with senior staff

Councillor Connett

November 28 attended Council workshop and regular Council

Councillor Herman

November 28 attended regular meeting of council and workshop
November 29 attended the Shuswap Trails Annual Roundtable meeting
December 1 volunteer for traffic control for Chase Country Christmas parade
December 7 attended High School Craft Fair

Councillor Torbohm

November 28 attended Council workshop and Regular Council meeting
November 29 attended Shuswap Trail Alliance Annual Roundtable meeting
December 1 volunteered for traffic control for parade
December 7 met with Mayor Lepsoe
Reviewed agendas, monitored emails and phone calls and met with staff as required

b) Staff Reports

Mayor Lepsoe asked about the recent number of requests for information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, to which the Director of Corporate Operations responded that there has been an unprecedented increase in requests and outlined the steps taken by staff to process requests.

Mayor Lepsoe asked about the Mill Park Boat Launch design/concept. The Director of Corporate Operations noted that he and our new Public Works Manager have reviewed the design and have provided input back to the consultant. Once the design is in a more solid form it will be coming to Council for consideration.

Mayor Lepsoe asked how the MoTI winter shutdown walk-through went. The Director of Corporate Operations and the Public Works Manager did the walk through together with MoTI staff and it went well. There is a skeleton staff from CFI (the MoTI contractor) available throughout the winter if there are any issues that need to be addressed.

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Herman

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

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Zoning Amendment – 607 3rd Avenue

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the Village of Chase Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 933-2023 be read a first time.”

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Moved by Councillor Connett
Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the Village of Chase Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 933-2023 be read a second time.”

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Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT the Village of Chase Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 933-2023 be submitted to Public Hearing.”

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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Zoning Amendment – 743 Cedar Avenue

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the zoning amendment application for 743 Cedar Avenue be accepted, and Administration be directed to process the application, and draft a zoning amendment bylaw.”

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9.2 2024 Council Meeting Schedule

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT Council adopt the 2024 Council meeting schedule as presented.”

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Kim Campbell, 5-746 Thompson Avenue, asked about repairs to the curling rink, funds spent at the Arena and financial reporting for the Recreation Society. He wanted to know if the invoices for various repairs and upgrades are available to the public as he has not seen any for either the Arena or the Curling Rink when Council recently increased the budget for the Arena. People want to see the receipts – where is all the money going?

Mayor Lepsoe explained to Mr. Campbell that while the Village pays some costs for the recreation facilities, the Arena and the Curling Rink are operated by separate societies.

12. IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (1) (I) of the Community Charter, ‘discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98’ of the Community Charter.”

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13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT the December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting be adjourned.”

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The meeting concluded at 6:30 p.m.

David Lepsoe, Mayor

Sean O’Flaherty, Corporate Officer