



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
on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 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, Manager of Public Works
Mike McLean, Deputy Corporate Officer

Public Participants: 17 in-person, 8 virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lepsoe called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Connett
Seconded by Councillor Herman

“**THAT the agenda of the January 23, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.**”

CARRIED
#2024/01/23_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“**THAT the minutes of the January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.**”

CARRIED
#2024/01/23_002

3.2 Minutes of the January 9, 2024 Public Hearing

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Herman

“**THAT the minutes of the January 9, 2024 Public Hearing be adopted as presented.**”

CARRIED
#2024/01/23_003

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Kelsey Snelgrove of 838 Shuswap Avenue, regarding item 8.3, appealed to Council that their offer for the property purchase is fair, and understands that Council has to balance all interests.

Don Heskett of 200 Ash Drive, regarding item 9.3, expressed his opinion that the proposed purchase amount was high for an air compressor.

James Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue, regarding item 9.3, explained that the air compressor is required to fill the air bottles firefighters need for breathing during a fire.

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. REPORTS

Mayor Lepsoe

January 17 – TNRD training session

January 19 – TNRD Committee of the Whole meeting, Superintendent Jeff Pelley presented; he represents Kamloops and rural area, he outlined his strategic priorities. He also mentioned that there are if priority offenders in the area, 20 repeat offenders, there are 4 crime analysts based out of Kamloops. There are no accident analysts in Kamloops. All meetings are recorded on YouTube and available to the public as well.

Councillor Connett

January 9 – Regular Council meeting

Councillor Herman

January 9 – Regular Council meeting

January 15 – Attended a Climate Action Meeting at the Village Office

January 16 – Attended Zoom meeting of Adams River Salmon Society

January 17 – Met with some members of the Chase Environmental Action Society to apply for a grant for the Go by Bike BC program to take place June 3-9

January 22 – Attended Community Collaboration Meeting

Councillor Torbohm

January 9 – Regular Council meeting

January 19 – Shuswap Trail Alliance Working Group meeting

January 22 – Attended Community Collaboration meeting

Ongoing review of agenda, monitoring emails, answering questions from local residents, and consulted with staff.

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

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

#2024/01/23_004

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Building Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 929-2024

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT Building Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 929-2024 be adopted.”

CARRIED

#2024/01/23_005

8.2 Zoning Amendment Bylaw – 743 Cedar Avenue

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the Village of Chase Zoning Amendment Bylaw 934-2024 be read a first time.”

CARRIED

#2024/01/23_006

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the Village of Chase Zoning Amendment Bylaw 934-2024 be read a second time.”

CARRIED

#2024/01/23_007

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the Village of Chase Zoning Amendment Bylaw 934-2024 be read a third time.”

CARRIED

#2024/01/23_008

8.3 838 Shuswap Avenue – Land Disposition

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT Council accept the appraisal report from Cosh Property Appraisals, and sell approximately 127 m² of unused and undeveloped Village property to the owners of 838 Shuswap Avenue at the appraised rate of \$22,912.”

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: All

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Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Mayor Lepsoe

“THAT Council sell approximately 127 m² of unused and undeveloped Village property to the owners of 838 Shuswap Avenue for \$8,202.”

CARRIED

#2024/01/23_010

8.4 Notice of Motion – Speed Signs (5 Locations)

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the Village commit to purchasing up to five radar speed signs pending funding from Vision Zero or ICBC.”

CARRIED

#2024/01/23_011

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Bylaw No. 935-2024 2023 to 2027 Amended Financial Plan Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the Village of Chase 2023 to 2027 Amended Financial Plan Bylaw No. 935-2024 be given First, Second, and Third readings.”

CARRIED

#2024/01/23_012

9.2 2024 Grants-in-Aid Application

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT Council approves the funding for the Chase and Area Family services as follows:

1. **Water service installation at Willson Park: \$15,000 to be funded through the Canada Community Building fund (formerly Gas Tax)**
2. **Purchase of Garden Shed: \$5,785 to be funded through the Grants-in-Aid budget.”**

**DEFEATED
OPPOSED: All
#2024/01/23_013**

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Mayor Lepsoe

“THAT the Village contribute \$3,000 to Chase and Area Family Services for the purchase of garden shed.”

**CARRIED
#2024/01/23_014**

9.3 Early Budget Approval for Purchase of Fire Dept. Air Compressor

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT Council provide pre-budget approval to purchase an air compressor for the Fire Department at a maximum cost of \$55,000, \$30,000 of which is grant funded with the unfunded portion of \$25,000 expended from the Village’s surplus funds.”

**CARRIED
OPPOSED: Councillor Connett
#2024/01/23_015**

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Carolyn Parks-Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue expressed her interest in learning more about Council’s intention with available funding from the Growing Communities Fund and highlighted train whistle cessation, a fire department vehicle, water service at Willson Park and the Mill Park boat launch as potential projects. Ms. Parks-Mintz also expressed her support for Council’s decision to approved the purchase of an air compressor for the fire department.

James Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue expressed his gratitude to Council for approving the purchase of an air compressor for the fire department.

Dan McLean of 21-312 Arbutus Street spoke about the Community Collaboration Initiative, which he described as an invaluable venue to deconflict community events and strengthen the relationship amongst the various the organizations in the community. Mr. McLean also expressed his hope that Council and staff have reviewed the community’s response to last summer’s wildfire and that plans have been revised for the upcoming fire season.

Charlene Cash of 735 Cedar Avenue, regarding item 8.2, expressed her dissatisfaction with Council’s decision to waive the public hearing and her limited ability to submit her comments on the proposed amendment. The Corporate Officer explained that current legislation allows municipalities to bypass a public hearing if the proposed amendment is consistent with provisions in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and noted that residents can still submit their comments to Council.

12. IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to the *Community Charter*, Section 90 (2) (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality, and Section 90 (1) (c) labour relations or other employee relations.”

CARRIED

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13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Lepsoe
Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the January 23, 2024 Regular Meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 6:53 p.m.

David Lepsoe, Mayor

Sean O’Flaherty, Corporate Officer