



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, March 12, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Lepsoe
Councillor Colin Connett
Councillor Jane Herman
Councillor Dan Stevens
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: 15 in-person, 6 virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Lepsoe has proclaimed March 26, 2024 as Purple Day in the Village of Chase to raise Epilepsy awareness.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Connett

"THAT the agenda of the March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted as amended to include the TNRD as a delegation to update Council on the Mandatory Recyclable Materials Bylaw."

CARRIED

#2024/03/12_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the February 26, 2024 Special Meeting

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

"THAT the minutes of the February 26, 2024 Special Meeting be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

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3.2 Minutes of the February 27, 2024 Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

"THAT the minutes of the February 27, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

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3.3 Minutes of the March 4, 2024 Special Meeting

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the minutes of the March 4, 2024 Special Meeting be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

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4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Zilly Palamar of 141 Shuswap Avenue read out a statement regarding taxation and ideas to reduce Village’s costs.

Jean Holt of 235 Willow Street addressed Council regarding recent water rate increases.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 TNRD – Mandatory Recycling Bylaw

Representatives from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) addressed Council regarding amendments to Mandatory Recycling Material Bylaw No. 2743, which expands the list of mandatory recyclables. Adrianna Mailloux, Manager of Solid Waste and Recycling, and Jamie Vieira, Operations Manager of the Thompson Nicola Regional District presented information on items that are now restricted from being placed into the garbage. The TNRD’s goal is to reduce the amount of waste going to landfills in the region to 500 kg per person per year by 2028. Items that cannot be placed in the garbage containers but can be taken to the TNRD Eco Depots including the one at Pritchard include antifreeze and their containers, gasoline and diesel, pharmaceutical products and residential pesticide products.

7. REPORTS

Mayor Lepsoe

February 26 – Special meeting of Council

February 27 – Regular meeting of Council

March 2 – Received notification of Chase Creek Canyon fire, attended scene along with Chase Fire Department

March 3 – Willson Park Learning Garden planning meeting

March 4 – Attended Special meeting of Council

March 4 – Spoke with Interior Health regarding medical services in Chase

March 6 – Attended Budget Open House

March 7 – TNRD Regular Meeting

Councillor Connett

February 27 – Regular meeting of Council

March 6 – Attended Budget Open House

March 7 – Attended Climate Action Committee meeting

Councillor Herman

February 27 – Regular meeting of Council

February 28 – SILGA Forest and Wildfire Management Webinar

February 29 – Met with representative from Chase Health Services Foundation regarding printing packages for seniors

March 2 – Participated in the bowling tournament with firefighters

March 3 – Attended meeting about forest garden
March 4 – Special meeting of Council
March 6 – Attended Budget Open House
March 7 – Attended Climate Action Committee meeting
March 12 – Team meeting with Interior Health

Councillor Stevens

February 28 – Reviewed the recording of the February 27 Regular meeting of Council
March 2 – Continuous engagement with concerned citizens regarding the Chase Creek Canyon fire
March 2 – Chase Fire Fighters Association Bowling fundraiser
March 5 – Completed lateral kindness and lateral violence training
March 5 – WCB webinar on workplace hazards
March 6 – Budget Open House
March 7 – Met with a group of concerned citizens regarding fire response
March 10 – Met with a group of concerned citizens regarding bylaw infractions
Answered and received numerous emails and phone calls, consulted with administration and recently started a literature review on local level impacts and demographic shifting in rural Canadian communities since 2021

Councillor Torbohm

February 27 – Regular meeting of Council
February 28 – SILGA Forest and Wildfire Management Webinar
March 2 – Attended fundraising event for Chase Firefighters Association
March 4 – Special meeting of Council
March 6 – Attended Budget Open House
Ongoing review of agenda, monitoring emails, answering questions from local residents, and consulted with staff as required.

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Stevens

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

CARRIED

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 2024 Operational & Capital Budgets
Report from the Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer provided a overview of the operational budget, including details about the proposed five-year financial plan, operations summary, tax rate comparison, and water, sewer and solid waste funds.

9.2 CAO Report – Arena Partnering Agreement renewal

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the partnering agreement between the Village of Chase and the Chase and District Recreation Centre Society be renewed beginning April 1, 2024 for a 3 year term with:

- **A contribution from the Village of \$157,500 in 2024**
- **A 3% increase in each of the next two years**
- **The provision of a \$25,000 contingency for emergency repairs to major equipment**
- **Budgeting annually by the Village in consultation with the Society to ensure major components of the facility can be replaced as needed**
- **The completion of a facility condition assessment by the Village.”**

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RECORDED AS OPPOSED: Councillor Connett

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9.3 Request of Additional Handicap Parking Stall – Creekside Seniors Centre

Moved by Councillor Stevens
Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT That Council direct staff to install a handicap parking stall on the South side of the access to 542 Shuswap Avenue, to be funded from the 2024 Public Works line painting budget.”

CARRIED

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9.4 BC Farmers’ Markets – Nutrition Coupon Program in Chase

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT a letter be sent to the BC Minister of Health, Honourable Adrian Dix to support and expand the BC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Coupon Program which provides local healthy food to those in need and supports local area food producers.”

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

11. IN CAMERA

None

12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT


Moved by Councillor Connett
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting be adjourned.”


CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 5:48 p.m.



David Lepsoe, Mayor



Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer