



## 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 26, 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: 14 in-person, 8 virtual

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**"THAT the agenda of the March 26, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."**

**CARRIED**  
**#2024/03/26\_001**

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

**"THAT the minutes of the March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."**

**CARRIED**  
**#2024/03/26\_002**

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

### 5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Jim Dunn of Chase Legion Branch 107 stated that he wished to remove Item 9.2 (the request for a financial contribution to assist with participation in the 2024 Provincial Legion Cribbage Tournament) as the team members covered their own expenses.

### 6. DELEGATIONS

None

## 7. REPORTS

### a) Mayor and Council Reports

#### Mayor Lepsoe

Mar. 12/13 – Attended Council/ senior staff governance training with George Cuff  
Mar. 15 – Curling Rink AGM  
Mar. 16 – Lions 400 Club Dinner  
Mar. 18 – 1 pm attended the announcement that Art Holding Memorial Arena was the recipient of the \$100,000 “Game changer reno”  
Mar. 18 – 7 pm – Attended an Emergency Preparedness presentation sponsored by our Local Farmers Institute  
Mar. 20 – Special meeting of Council  
Mar. 21 – THRD & TNRD meetings in Kamloops, passed both budgets for the year; the main item of discussion at the THRD meeting was the RIH expansion costs, and cancer clinic plan/and costs  
Mar. 21 – 6 pm Community Collaboration meeting  
Mar. 22 – Met with the developer of properties on Hillside Avenue  
Mar. 26 – 9:30 am – Neskonlith Council Meeting; the CAO and myself attended our monthly meeting with Neskonlith; topics discussed were, letter of support for broadband, initiatives, Neskonlith participating in Music on the Lake, Sensenet, (fire detection technology) Dog catcher, pedestrian trail between communities and wildfire management town hall in Salmon Arm tomorrow night (Mar. 27) at 6 pm

#### Councillor Connett

Mar. 12 – Regular meeting of Council  
Mar. 12/13 – Effective governance training with George Cuff  
Mar. 21 – Meeting with citizen  
Mar. 26 – Met with representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure  
Congratulated Rob McLean as Citizen of the Year

#### Councillor Herman

Mar. 12 – Regular meeting of Council  
Mar. 12/13 – Attended sessions presented by George Cuff on Principles and Practices of Good Governance  
Mar. 17 – Enjoyed the Chase Curling Club Pancake Breakfast  
Mar. 18 – Attended the exciting Canucks Year End Party at the Arena. Special thanks to the Canucks Game Changer Reno Program and LIUNA1611!  
Mar. 18 – Attended the Community Emergency Preparation and Response presentation by the Knutsford Initial Response Group hosted by the Chase and Area Farmer’s Institute  
Mar. 21 – Attended the Community Collaboration meeting at the Chase Curling Club  
Mar. 24 – Enjoyed the Chase Minor Hockey Volunteer Appreciation Dinner  
Mar. 25 – Met with local citizen

#### Councillor Stevens

Mar. 12/13 – George Cuff governance training  
Mar. 12 – Regular meeting of Council  
Mar. 21 – Attended Together Chase Volunteer  
Mar. 24 – Reviewed budget survey, categorized all responses for further consideration; some of the positive responses were very helpful.  
Fielded many emails and calls from local residents.

Councillor Torbohm

Mar. 12 – Regular meeting of Council

Mar. 12/13 – Council governance and procedures training

Mar. 22 – Met with local citizen to discuss municipal concerns

Mar. 26 – Met with representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

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

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Herman

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

**CARRIED**

**#2024/03/26\_003**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 Budget Feedback Results

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

**“THAT the results of the 2024 budget feedback survey be received as information.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2024/03/26\_004**

8.2 Letter from UBCM – Provincial Response to 2023 Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“THAT the letter from UBCM regarding the provincial government’s response to Council resolutions from 2023 be received as information.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2024/03/26\_005**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Council’s Media Highlights

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Connett

**“THAT the media highlights of Council meetings follow provisions for the recording of votes as per the Council Procedures Bylaw.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2024/03/26\_006**

9.2 Letter from Chase Legion Brand 107 – Request for Financial Contribution

*Council removed this item from the agenda.*

9.3 BC Interior Community Foundation – Chase

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“THAT the letter from the BC Interior Community Foundation regarding the Chase Community smart and Caring Fund be received as information.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2024/03/26\_007**

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS**

Peter VanHoof of 239 Willow Street spoke about media highlights from Council meetings and expressed his opinion that individual Council member votes should be shown in the media highlights.

Don MacDonald of 229A Brooke Drive spoke about the need for bylaw enforcement and the severity of fire hazards. He raised a concern about the Fire Chief's response to a fire hazard on Brooke Drive.

Jean Holt of 235 Willow Street raised concerns about the water rates, stated that more staff is not needed for the Village, and requested that Council set up a special meeting at the Community Hall to answer the questions of the people of Chase about the water rates and the budget.

Carolyn Parks-Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue, expressed surprise at the results from the Budget Survey that communications are lacking – she stated that in all her experience in various communities, the Village of Chase's communications to the public are good.

Jeanette Galley of 230 Brooke Drive expressed concern about the future of the Chase Health Clinic.

James Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue spoke about media highlights, good water quality, that water rates are reasonable and perhaps basing flat rates on the number of bathrooms could help alleviate the meter issues.

Claire Campbell of Sun Valley Housing Society expressed concerns about changes to water, sewer, and garbage rates.

Jim Dunn of 3825 Skacheen Drive (ALIB Community) asked about the possibility of providing grants for senior living facilities to help offset the costs of increases to utility bills.

**12. IN CAMERA**

None

**13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS**

None

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

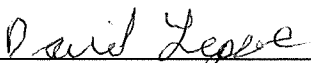
Moved by Councillor Connett


Seconded by Councillor Herman

**“THAT the March 26, 2024 Regular Meeting be adjourned.”**

**CARRIED  
#2024/03/26\_008**

The meeting concluded at 4:49 p.m.

  
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David Lepsoe, Mayor

  
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Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer