



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, April 23, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Lepsoe
Councillor Colin Connett
Councillor Jane Herman
Councillor Dan Stevens (virtual)
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
Brian Lauzon, Fire Chief

Public Participants: 10 in-person, 6 virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

"THAT the agenda of the April 23, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

#2024/04/23_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Herman

"THAT the minutes of the April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

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4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Tom Mataseje – Mountain View Mobile Home Park - Highway Noise

Tom Mataseje addressed Council regarding his repeated requests for noise mitigation. Mr. Mataseje has expressed that noise from Highway 1 increased following the raising of the speed limit from 60 to 80 km/h, the noise remains excessive without construction due to traffic, and the excavated cliff is intensifying

the problem by reflecting sounds. He asked that the Village consider paying for materials for him to create a sound reduction barrier on the inside of his fence.

6.2 Sun Valley Housing Society

Members of the Sun Valley Housing Society addressed Council regarding water rates and the minimum consumption charge of 60 m³, expressing that the change will cause considerable hardship for its residents due to the magnitude of the increase. Members also expressed concerns that because of the minimum consumption charge, efforts to reduce water consumption are no longer incentivized and costs are being unfairly passed on to seniors and low-use households.

7. **REPORTS**

Mayor Lepsoe

April 8 – 8 pm attended Chase Irrigation District AGM, discussed issues of mutual interest and passed information on to staff

April 9 – Attended Regular Council meeting

April 10 – 5 pm attended swearing-in of Adams Lake Indian Band new chief and council

April 11 – Met, along with CAO, Eric Kok, Woodland Manager for Interfor

April 16 – Citizens on Patrol AGM, as Mayor, swore in new presidents or directors and thanked them for their valuable service to the community

April 17 – Met, along with CAO, temporary acting sergeant of the RCMP in Chase

April 17 – CAO and myself met with BC Ambulance Service representatives

April 18 – Attended TNRD meeting

April 19 – Attended TNRD Committee of the Whole meeting, presentation for Knutsford Community Response Society, presentation from the Kamloops Fire Centre members Jeff Dunn and Nicole Bonnette, Communications and Engagement Specialist, the TNRD Emergency preparedness staff are planning to hold exercises in various locations in the TNRD including with local Secwepemc emergency personnel and the Village of Chase.

April 22 – CAO and myself Eric Kok, Woodland Manager for Interfor, discussed possibility of harvesting wood on Scatchard Mountain

Councillor Connett

April 9 – Attended Regular Council meeting

Talked with people in the community and answered questions when he could

Councillor Herman

April 9 – Attended Regular Council meeting

April 9 – Attended Health Services Foundation Meeting

Discussion Items:

- Emergency planning Packages to be distributed to 48 seniors/vulnerable persons.
- An update on the “Together Chase” Collaboration Program which will be holding a Succession Planning Workshop on April 29th at the Chase Curling Rink

April 15 – Climate Action Meeting

- Discussed signage for anti-idling initiative
- Follow up to composting survey discussion
- Arranged final plans for Earth Day Event April 19 in the Pocket Park
- Discussed upcoming GoByBike Week June 3 to 9
- CEAS will be holding a community Clean Up April 25 from 1-3 (Check FB page for more details)

- The committee will invite SenseNet Fire Detector program to present via Zoom at the VOC Council meeting May 28, 2024

April 18 – Attended a meeting with Dan Levitt, newly appointed Seniors Advocate for the province. Mr. Levitt is a travelling throughout the province hearing from communities regarding concerns relating to seniors. The discussion was related to health care and community supports and barriers that are available/not available in our area.

April 19 – Attended the Earth Day Event organized the Chase Environmental Action Society. Don Price and I were specifically presenting info on the VOC Golf Cart Program. Several people took a ride in a cart and enquired about purchasing, insuring, and converting carts to be road ready.

April 22 – Took part in an initial info meeting regarding the Communities In Bloom program that a group of volunteers are undertaking in Chase this Spring and Summer.

Councillor Stevens

April 9 – Attended Regular Council meeting

Regular contact with locals RE: Crime, Water Rates, Tax increases, Encore Housing Project, and the budget.

Regular contact with Council and Administration

- Sourcing costs of a structure protection unit for the Village of Chase.

April 16 – Citizens on Patrol Annual General Meeting

Reviewed the brand-new Emergency Response Plan that was released in March.

Reviewed the April 23, 2024, agenda and made notes for consideration.

Contacted numerous fire depts. Re: bush truck

Undertook a personal investigation on sound along Brooke Drive.

Findings included decibels from backyards (apple watch). CDC notes prolonged exposure to 70 dB may lead to hearing loss.

Dirt and rocks being projected onto private property.

Increased dust from construction

Spoke with residents about what kind of sound barrier/ safety they would like to see.

Councillor Torbohm

April 9 – Attended Regular Council meeting

Reviewed agenda, emails, took enquiries from the public, met with staff as needed, continue to work on reviewing water rates.

The Chase Falls trail project is moving ahead – it is anticipated that the trail and Secwepemc Landmark will be installed and completed by sometime in June.

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

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

CARRIED

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Road Closure Bylaw No. 936-2024

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT Road Closure Bylaw No. 936-2024 be given the first 3 readings.”

CARRIED

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8.2 Snow Pusher – Councillor Connett

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT Administration look into the purchase of a snow pusher.” CARRIED

OPPOSED: Mayor Lepsoe

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8.3 Pocket Park/Washroom Downtown – Councillor Connett

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT staff be directed to obtain permission from the owner of the Pocket Park to place temporary toilet facilities there in 2024; AND,

THAT staff be directed to obtain cost information for temporary toilet facilities (a porta potty) to be placed in the Pocket Park June through September 2024 if the owner permits the placement, at a cost to a maximum of \$3,000; AND,

THAT staff ask the owner of the Pocket Park if they would be willing to sell the land to the Village of Chase and what would they expect for payment; AND

THAT information regarding the purchase/sale of the pocket park comes back to Council for consideration.”

CARRIED

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8.4 Rationale for Fire Department Request for \$40,000 from Growing Communities Fund for ‘Bush Truck’ Purchase

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT Council approves the purchase of a used Type 6 Wildland Truck from the Growing Communities Fund allocation not to exceed \$40,000 once the 2024 budget is approved.”

CARRIED

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8.5 Lagoon Headworks Improvement Grant – Design Award

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT Council award the contract for the design of the Lagoon Headworks Improvements to TRUE Consulting in the amount of \$278,085.00, excluding GST.”

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillor Connett

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9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 938-2024

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT the 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 938-2024 be given the first 3 readings.”

CARRIED

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9.2 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 939-2024

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 939-2024 be given the first 3 readings.”

CARRIED

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Stevens provided Notice to Council that he intends to bring forward a motion at the next meeting for Administration to research the purchase of a Structure Protection Unit for the Village of Chase Fire Department.

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Jean Holt of 235 Willow Street spoke to what she has paid for water over the past 10 years and would like to know where all the money that has been collected over the years has gone. She also stated that she did not think it appropriate for Council to vote on the water rates issue when there was one council member absent from the meeting.

Brenda Murray of 14-312 Arbutus spoke about washrooms in the downtown and does not understand why Council has not accepted the Lions' offer to provide washrooms.

Adria Matheson of 28 Beach Crescent spoke to the motion that Councillor Torbohm made to reduce the minimum water consumption from 60 to 30 cubic meters. She wanted to know if any meters have been repaired or replaced and is there a plan using some of the Village's employees to make this happen.

Carmen Hinkson of 132 Haldane provided a written submission to Council regarding her opinion that the minimum consumption charge is disproportionate and not fair to all users.

Jean Holt of 235 Willow Street spoke about taxes increasing and that the Village seniors cannot afford to have their taxes increase.

12. IN CAMERA

None

13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Stevens

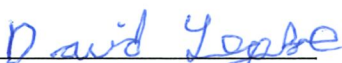
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

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

CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 5:38 p.m.


David Lepsoe, Mayor


Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer