



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, May 14, 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
Brian Lauzon, Fire Chief

Also In Attendance: Brent Ashby, Partner, KPMG (Village Auditor) via Zoom

Public Participants: 8 in-person, 10 via Zoom

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 May 14, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

#2024/05/14_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the April 23, 2024 Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Connett

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

CARRIED

#2024/05/14_002

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Rick Berrigan of 1233 Bay Drive spoke about the Chase Firefighters Association charging the Village of Chase money for use of their Structural Protection Unit during the Bush Creek fire in 2023.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 2023 Village of Chase Financial Statements

Brent Ashby, Partner, KPMG presented the 2023 Village of Chase Financial Statements highlighting areas such as differences in revenues and expenses over 2022 and confirming that the statements fairly represent the Village's financial picture for 2023.

7. REPORTS

Mayor Lepsoe

April 24 – Attended Celebration/Success story event of over 30 houses being rebuilt after last years fire, at Squilax.

April 27 – Attended the Annual Rotary Dinner Auction Fundraiser

April 27 – Attended the Creekside Seniors Centre Open House

April 30 – Attended regular monthly meeting with Neskonlith along with the CAO

April 30 – Attended Zoom webinar with Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness. Overview was on how this Ministry works with and supports communities during emergencies.

May 1-2 – SILGA events

May 3 – Attended the 3 band Village of Chase meeting along with the Corporate Officer

May 4 – Attended the Chase Fire Rescue open house.

May 4 – Went to the ALIB Pow Wow.

May 4 – Catholic Church spaghetti dinner

May 5 – Attended the Red Dress events at Willson Park to remember murdered and missing women and girls

May 6 – Attended a TNRD meeting called “Connected Communities”, this was regarding the lack of internet and cell service in the area

May 9 – The CAO and myself met with Interior Health

May 11 – Enjoyed the Young Learners/plant sale events downtown

May 11 – Attended Chase & District Museum and Archives AGM

Numerous emails to MOTI regarding the highway project. Latest email was regarding Jake brake noise from trucks coming down highway.

Councillor Connett

April 23 – Attended Regular Council meeting

May 4 – Attended the Open House at the Chase Fire Hall

Talke with various citizens and took phone calls

Councillor Herman

April 23 – Attended Regular Council meeting

April 25 – Assisted Chase Environmental Action Society in the Community Cleanup on Kamloops Shuswap Rd

April 30 – Attended opening ceremonies of SILGA

May 1-3 – Attended various workshops and presentation at SILGA

May 4 – Attended the Chase Fire Department open house

May 5 – Walked in the Red Dress event to Willson Park

May 11 – Enjoyed the Seed to Sprout Block Party in uptown Chase

May 13 – Attended Chase Climate Action Committee meeting

Councillor Stevens

Participated in Council Meetings, carried out the duties assigned by Council, followed up with different agencies when appropriate, communicated with Council and administration, wrote notices of motion, participated in a few community events.

Councillor Torbohm

April 23 – Attended Regular Council meeting

April 30-May 3 – Attended SILGA conference, main topics included wildfire response, met with Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness Bowinn Ma regarding efforts to improve services and enhance firefighting capabilities.

May 4 – Attended Fire Department session on Fire Smart demonstration

Reviewed agenda, reviewed emails, met with staff for information as required, answered inquiries from the public.

Staff reports were included in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

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

**CARRIED
#2024/05/14_003**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 2023 Village of Chase Financial Statements

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT the 2023 Village of Chase Financial Statements presented by KPMG at the May 14, 2023 meeting be adopted as presented.”

**CARRIED
#2024/05/14_004**

8.2 Road Closure Bylaw No. 936-2024

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT Road Closure Bylaw No. 936-2024 be adopted.”

**CARRIED
#2024/05/14_005**

8.3 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 938-2024

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 938-2024 be adopted.”

**CARRIED
#2024/05/14_006**

8.4 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 939-2024

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT the 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 939-2024 be adopted.”

**CARRIED
#2024/05/14_007**

8.5 Councillor Stevens – Structure Protection Unit

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT administration source costs, potential funding sources and potential revenue through the interagency agreement for the potential purchase of a Type 2 structure protection unit for the Village of Chase.”

**CARRIED
#2024/05/14_008**

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Water Meter Replacement/Repair Acceleration Program

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT Council approves the carry forward from the 2023 surplus in the amount of \$57,000 in unused public works wages to be allocated to the 2024 Capital and Operating Budget to assist in funding the accelerated water meter repair/replacement program; AND

THAT Administration bring forward a fees and charges amendment bylaw to reduce the minimum consumption charge from 60m³ to 30m³ per quarter for water service; AND

THAT Council authorize Administration to purchase One Hundred (100) Mach 10 water meters from Flow Systems, at a cost of \$61,500 excluding GST, to be funded from the 2024 Capital and Operating Budget.”

**CARRIED
#2024/05/14_009**

9.2 Lease Renewal – Water Lot – Mill Park Boat Launch

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT Council agrees to acquire the Licence for the term of 10 years from the Province of BC over the land, all that un-surveyed Crown foreshore being part of the bed of the South Thompson River and fronting District Lot 517, Kamloops Division Yale District, Plan B264, and containing 1.50 hectares, more or less, for the purposes of a public boat ramp at Mill Park.”

**CARRIED
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9.3 Request from Creekside Seniors’ – Pickleball Court

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT the Village of Chase approve the Creekside Seniors’ request to install a Pickleball court on the property to the East of the existing building subject to the Creekside Seniors contacting the residents within a 50m buffer of the proposed location to determine their level of support, and if there is opposition to the proposal, Council will review its decision.”

**CARRIED
#2024/05/14_011**

9.4 Wildfire Coexistence in BC – Solutions Symposium

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT expenses (travel, accommodation and meals) be paid for by the Village of Chase for any member of Council wishing to attend the Wildfire Coexistence in BC Solutions Symposium June 3 to 5, 2024 at UBC Okanagan in Kelowna.”

CARRIED

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9.5 Letter from Peter van Hoof Regarding Planting of Wildflowers

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT the letter dated April 30, 2024 from Peter van Hoof regarding planting of wildflowers be received as information.”

CARRIED

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9.6 District of Logan Lake – Bill 34

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT Council send a letter to the Premier of the Province of BC supporting the letter from the District of Logan Lake and their agreement to Bill 34 that will restrict open consumption of illegal substances in public places.”

CARRIED

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Stevens provided Notice to Council that he intends to bring forward a motion proposing that the Village undertake a 14 day, cost free wildfire risk reduction focused yard waste removal campaign for residents with expenses evenly divided between the Fire Department and Public Works budget encompassing the provision of roll off vegetation waste bins, covering tipping fees and all other associated campaign costs and that Public Works conduct curbside pickup services on two designated days on a first-come-first-served basis, based on their capacity to assist registered vulnerable (defined as someone who for physical or mental reasons is unable to transport their waste to a designated drop-site individuals) individuals with tracking managed by the Village staff for optimal service delivery and accountability and continuing that following the campaign Administration will identify the needs for the program in the future and make recommendations for future wildfire risk reduction events similar to the one presented.

11. IN CAMERA

None

12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Stevens

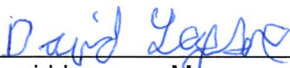
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the May 14, 2024 Regular Meeting be adjourned.”

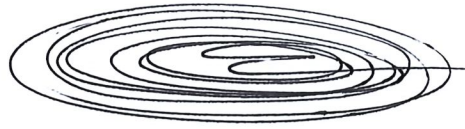
CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 5:09 p.m.



David Lepsoe, Mayor



Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer