



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 28, 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

Public Participants: 15 in-person, 10 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 May 28, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

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3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the May 14, 2024 Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

"THAT the minutes of the May 14, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

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4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Angie McLaren of 462 Maple Place, with the Chase Environmental Action Society applauded Council for both Items 6.1 (SenseNet demo) and 8.2 Yard Waste Clean-Up Event.

James Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue mentioned the water and sewer rates and while the minimum charges may not have been fair, Council has the responsibility to ensure that costs of operating the system and providing water are covered.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 SenseNet – Rapid Wildfire Detection

Representatives from SenseNet provided an overview of its rapid wildfire detection technology, which combines advanced sensors, AI algorithms, and real-time data analysis for wildfire detection and management to identify early signs of wildfires and assist in effective strategies for fire control.

7. REPORTS

Mayor Lepsoe

May 16 – Regular TNRD meeting, passed motion to waive charge at Eco Depot for yard waste

May 18 – Spoke at long time resident Bob East's celebration of life on behalf of the Village

May 21 – Trail Alliance AGM

May 24 – Attended ALIB Wildland Truck ceremony

May 27 – Met with a grade 5/6 school class from Haldane. They wished to meet with their Mayor and presented some written requests.

May 28 – The CAO and myself attended our regular monthly meeting with Neskonlith, we discussed Secwepemc participation in the Village

Councillor Connett

May 14 – Attended Regular Council meeting

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Have been speaking regularly with various members of the community on various issues.

Councillor Herman

May 14 – Attended Regular Council meeting

May 17 – Participated in Provincial Hazard Preparedness presentation

May 17 – Met with members of Chase Environmental Action Society regarding upcoming Bike Rodeo and Go By Bike BC week June 3-9

May 22 – Attended a communities in bloom information meeting

May 25 – Participated in the Walk for Alzheimer's at Memorial Beach in Chase

Councillor Stevens

May 14 – Attended Regular Council meeting

I recently taught about 100 students at Haldane about FireSmart using the FireSmart education program

I attended the regular council meeting on May 14

On May 18, I attended the Pritchard FireSmart event.

Answered emails from the public and administration.

Spoke with PAC representatives about the Haldane Elementary School June Jamboree which is on June 7 from 4 pm – 8 pm at the school.

Attended the Trail Alliance AGM on May 21 via Zoom

On May 25, I undertook a Wildfire Hazard Assessment with a neighbourhood in Chase.

They are working towards being Chase's first FireSmart Recognized Neighbourhood.

Met in person with members of the public.

Councillor Torbohm

May 14 – Attended Regular Council meeting

May 17 – Attended Provincial Hazard Preparedness presentation

Have invited Dan Stevens to do FireSmart assessments at our strata

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

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

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

CARRIED
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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 940-2024

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 940-2024 be given three reading using the figures of Option 3 in the report from the Chief Financial Officer.”

CARRIED
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8.2 Wildfire Preparedness

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Connett

“WHEREAS the Village of Chase is committed to the principles of FireSmart and to assisting our residents to take steps to safeguard their properties by clearing and trimming vegetation in order to mitigate fire risk; and

WHEREAS the Village of Chase wishes to assist our residents in safely disposing of large quantities of yard waste that might otherwise be improperly disposed of and/or pose a fire risk;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to develop a proposal for a pre-summer two or three day curbside yard waste pick-up service either provided by the Village’s staff or contracted to a private service contractor, such proposal to include costs, potential timing, pick-up and disposal logistics, advertising requirements and timing, sign-up considerations and any other associated aspect of this trial project and bring a report back to Council for consideration/ratification as soon as is practicable.”

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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Village of Chase Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 937-2024

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT Village of Chase Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 937-2024 be given three readings.”

CARRIED
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9.2 Secwepemc Community Improvement Association

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT Council award \$2000 to the Secwepemc Community Improvement Association for a donation to support their Secwepemc Lakes Indian Days June 21-23, 2024.”

CARRIED

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9.3 Letter from Premier David Eby – Minister Meetings at 2024 UBCM

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT Council members give consideration to issues that may be relevant for Minister meeting (s) at UBCM 2024 and if there are any matters, they be raised and discussed at the June 11, 2024 Council meeting with assistance from Administration.”

CARRIED

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Anne Grube of 5848 VLA Road commended Council on the progressive actions of inviting SenseNet to do a demonstration of their technology, for looking into a yard waste clean-up initiative, and for donating funds to help the local area communities.

Jean Holt of 235 Willow Street asked several questions including why the Village does not collect a parcel tax, why meters have not been replaced, why the Village is not providing incentives to attract doctors to Chase, why a walking path to nowhere has been built and a street sweeper has been purchased that does not work when taxes are so high in Chase.

Brenda Massey of 1015 Paquette Road stated that her property taxes are \$6500 before the Homeowner Grant this year and with the pathway to the falls there is no parking along Paquette which means her neighbour continues to harbour derelict vehicles, gas cans and transients in the bush rather than the vehicles being parked on the boulevard.

Jean Holt of 235 Willow Street added that the Village should not be giving such a large donation when usually only \$500 is given.

12. IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (1) (e) acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land and improvements.”

CARRIED

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13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT the May 28, 2024 Regular Meeting be adjourned.”

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The meeting concluded at 6:08 p.m.

David Lepsoe, Mayor

Sean O’Flaherty, Corporate Officer