



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, June 25, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Lepsoe
Councillor Colin Connett
Councillor Jane Herman <partial>
Councillor Dan Stevens

In Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Sean O’Flaherty, Director of Corporate Operations via Zoom
Deb Lovin, Chief Financial Officer

Regrets: Councillor Fred Torbohm
Mike Baker, Manager of Public Works
Mike McLean, Deputy Corporate Officer

Public Participants: 2 in-person, 5 via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lepsoe called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT the agenda of the June 25, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED
#2024/06/25_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT the minutes of the June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED
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4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Adria Mathisen of 28 Beach Crescent stated that funds for a vegetative cleanup program should not be taken out of the Administration budget but should come from the \$150,000 Growing Communities Fund that have been earmarked for Trail development.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Village of Chase newly formed Emergency Support Services Team (ESS)

Tara Hess, Director and Guy Ramsay, Deputy Director of the Chase Emergency Support Services Team provided Council with an overview of what ESS does including providing accomodation and meal supports for evacuees due to structure fires, floods, and other disasters. The team has access to the Community Hall for necessary accomodation for those who have lost their homes or must leave an area of the Village, and will provide supports during larger events. They touched on the improvement of services available through the Provincial Government in terms of funds available for accomodations.

6.2 Downtown Revitalization Strategy

Hayley Inglis of Urban Systems provided an overview of the Downtown Revitalization Strategy noting that there was at first a survey conducted, then a public engagement workshop, which all culminated into a strategy that provide the Village with a number of valuable suggestions and project ideas that are in line with existing policy documents such as the Official Community Plan and the Active Transportation Plan.

< Councillor Herman entered the meeting at 4:34 p.m. >

7. REPORTS

Mayor Lepsoe

June 12 - Attended the Shuswap Watershed Committee meeting in Salmon Arm

June 14 – Attended the Shuswap Trail Alliance working group meeting in Falkland

June 14 - Spoke on behalf of the Village at the Chase Secondary School graduation ceremony

June 20 – Attended the Thompson Nicola Regional Hospital District meeting as well as the Thompson Nicola Regional District meeting in Kamloops

June 21 and 22 – Attended and spoke on behalf of the Village at the Pow Wow held at the Neskonlith community Arbour

June 25 – Attended regular monthly meeting with Neskonlith Chief and Council along with our CAO

Councillor Connett

June 11 – Attended Regular Council meeting

June 11 – Attended the Chase and District Health Services Foundation meeting

Councillor Herman

No report

Councillor Stevens

June 10 – Participated in a 2-Spirit & Indigenous LGBTQIA+ Webinar: A path forward in emergency management & response

June 12 - Attended the Seasonal Update webinar from the BC government and one important comment during that webinar was that it only takes 7-10 days to dry out surface fuels

June 12 - Was at the LGMA for my day job and took in the keynote by Riaz Meghji regarding leadership and communications in municipal politics

June 18 – Listened to the EMCR drought and wildfire briefing

Other activities:

- Various emails with Council members and staff
- Phone calls, texts and meetings in-person with residents
- Reviewed agenda and submitted documents

The Downtown Revitalization Strategy (2024) report is excellent. I participated in the survey and in-person workshop and Urban Systems has really captured a lot of what the residents recommended. 25 people came to the workshop, and 130 responded to the survey.

It is interesting to note that Chase is 16 years older (59.6) than the BC median (42.8)

- Have been Promoting the FireSmart Coordinator job posting and FireSmart chipping initiative

I recently watched a documentary called 'The Test' which is about Logan Lake and how resilient they are when it comes to wildfire threats.

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Connett

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

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Coniferous Vegetative Material Curbside Pickup Pilot

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the Village of Chase engages a contractor to remove combustible vegetative materials primarily cedar trees, juniper bushes and coniferous tree limbs from curbsides as soon as possible allowing for the advertising of the program, sign-up, and providing the vulnerable residents priority up to a maximum of 150 residential properties; AND

THAT the cost of the collection be paid out of Council public relations and Administration consulting budgets.”

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8.2 Downtown Revitalization Strategy

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT the Downtown Revitalization Strategy be adopted as presented.”

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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Unightly Property - 1045 Hillside Avenue

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Mayor Lepsoe

“THAT Council approves the issuance of a Demand Notice to the owner of 1045 Hillside Avenue giving them twenty-one (21) days to bring the property into compliance with the Property Maintenance Bylaw.”

CARRIED
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9.2 2023 Statement of Financial Information

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT Council approves the 2023 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) as presented.”

CARRIED

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9.3 Visitor Information Centre Services Agreement

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT Council ratifies the Fee for Service Agreement between the Village of Chase and the Chase and District Chamber of Commerce for Visitor Information Services for 2024.”

CARRIED

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9.4 The Shuswap Broadband Project - Co-operative Membership

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT Council provides authorization for the Village of Chase to participate as a member in the Shuswap Broadband Project co-operative.”

CARRIED

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9.5 Climate Action Committee – SenseNet Fire Sensing Technology - Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT the Village of Chase approaches the local Indigenous community leaders as well as the provider of cellular service from the tower in the North Shuswap area to discuss collaborative funding for the installation of SenseNet Rapid Wildfire Detection equipment on Scatchard Mountain, south of the Village of Chase.”

CARRIED

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9.6 Climate Action Committee – West Coast Climate Action Network

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT Council approves the Climate Action Committee’s request to become a member of the West Coast Climate Action Network.”

CARRIED

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9.7 Letter to BC Municipalities – Financial Impacts of Higher Level Government Policy Changes

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the letter and staff report from the City of Kamloops regarding the financial and other resource impacts of downloading to Municipal Governments be received as information.”

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Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Stevens

“THAT the Village of Chase submit a resolution to UBCM citing our ever growing concerns of the continual transfer of services and responsibilities to local governments from the Provincial government without full necessary resources which continues to put pressure on staffing capacity and the local government taxpayers.”

**CARRIED
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9.8 Grant-In-Aid Request – Skwlax Commemoration of Wildfire Event

Moved by Councillor Stevens
Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the Village of Chase support the Skwlax Commemoration of The Wildfire Event, being held at Quaaout Lodge and Talking Rock Golf Course on August 18, 2024 by providing a grant-in-aid of \$2400.”

**CARRIED
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Councillor Connett OPPOSED**

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Adria Mathisen of 28 Beach Crescent suggested that the Village of Chase not water its parks every day, that less frequent watering would set an example for the residents and would save water.

12. IN CAMERA

None

13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT the June 25, 2024 Regular Meeting be adjourned.”

**CARRIED
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The meeting concluded at 5:27 p.m.

David Lepsoe, Mayor

Sean O’Flaherty, Corporate Officer