

# VILLAGE OF MIDWAY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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## **Next Council Meeting**

Monday, May 1, 2017

Monday, May 15, 2017

## **Agendas close at noon**

If you would like to appear as a delegation, or have an item added to the agenda, please contact the Village office prior to noon on the following dates for the upcoming meetings:

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Thursday, May 11, 2017

## **Contact the Council**

Councillor Schierbeck can be contacted at  
[gschierbeck@shaw.ca](mailto:gschierbeck@shaw.ca)

## **ICBC & Motor Vehicles**

The Village of Midway Office offers all of your ICBC Autoplan and Drivers Services needs.

**Community Paramedicine** - Susan Lang and Mark Danyluk from the Midway Ambulance service presented information regarding the new Community Paramedicine program to Council. Lang was chosen to cover the Midway response area and will work in collaboration with the local doctors, nurse practitioners and care facilities to administer the program. The emphasis of the program will be on prevention, health promotion, and health care in rural and remote communities by working with clients in their homes and through presentations in the community.

**Ambulance Services in Midway** - Midway Ambulance Unit Chief Mark Danyluk supported Council's offer to write a letter to BC Ambulance highlighting the hiring challenges the Midway station faces. Council will focus on the need for additional staff in Midway and the importance of being able to retain trained staffed in our area. Ideally, Council would like to see an additional person added to fill both the paramedic and paramedicine roles (similar to Susan Lang) as the coverage area is large and extends to Beaverdell and into Bridesville.

**Midway Restoration Project and Stewardship Program** - Jenny Coleshill from the Granby Wilderness Society updated Council on the restoration project on the Riverwalk Trail in Midway. Overall she said the area is looking good but that some trees may not have survived. As the fence is already there she would like to do some more replanting but would know more in a couple of weeks whether the trees survived. She thanked Council and staff for looking after watering the area and later in the meeting Council agreed to continue a watering program for another year. Coleshill agreed that signage is important and will work on having an information sign placed on the fence at the restoration area. Coleshill touched on the work they are



## Council Meeting News

- In response to a letter from the West Boundary Senior Housing Society (Parkview Manor) Council has directed staff to look into the possibility of placing benches along various routes in Midway normally taken by residents at Parkview Manor to businesses and services.
- Council approved the amendment to the Village of Midway Partnership Fund Advisory Committee Terms of Reference submitted by the Midway Partnership Fund committee.
- The audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2016 were approved.
- Council will donate \$400 to the Kettle Valley Bursary & Scholarship Society for the 2017 BCSS Grad Class.

doing with local landowners on ecosystem restoration on private land and aiding them with project plans.

Coleshill discussed the proposed Stewardship Agreement as a way to identify that they are working towards conservation and encouraged Council to review the template and participate. Signing onto the agreement is voluntary.

**Japanese Canadian Historic Places Project** - The Village of Midway was chosen as one of the 56 historic places to receive formal provincial recognition for their significance to the Japanese Canadian community in BC. Acknowledgement of the heritage values articulated by the Japanese Canadian community relate to several themes including immigration, fighting for equality and justice, service to community, and celebrating cultural diversity. The impact of internment and the role of these 56 communities during World War II is noted as particular importance.

**Midway Community Garden Opening** - The Midway Community Garden is opening for the season on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 10:00 am at the garden tent. All community garden growers are invited to attend to go over the rules and regulations of the garden, to learn watering and security information, and to participate in a seed sharing opportunity. Those people interested in volunteering at the Community Garden or those looking to learn more about the garden are also encouraged to attend.

**Property Taxes** - Residents whose property taxes are paid by their bank, and who will be claiming a homeowner grant in Midway, are asked to contact the Village Office as soon as possible to ensure we have the correct information on file. This is especially important for residents who have turned, or will turn, 65 in 2017. Please phone 250-449-2222.

**New Midway Residents** - New residents to Midway are asked to contact the Village Office to ensure we have your correct mailing address on file. Please phone 250-449-2222.