

Mayor McMynn opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on July 17, 2017 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway BC

Present: Mayor McMynn  
Councillors Dunsdon, Schierbeck

Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer  
Sheri Harpur, Administrative Assistant

### **Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the July 17, 2017 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

### **Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved** Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the minutes from the regular meeting of Council of June 19, 2017 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

### **Business Arising**

Page 6238 – Nil

Page 6239 – Nil

Page 6240 – No written animal complaints have come in regarding the Lyall St property.

Page 6241 – The 2002 Sterling dump truck is acting up again and there has been no interest in as of yet.

Page 6242 – Nil

Page 6243 – Nil

### **New and Unfinished Business**

- a) Darrel Fry – Advanced BioCarbon 3D – Supporting ABC3D – Darrel Fry did contact Mayor McMynn. Mr. Fry is looking for investment but he cannot guarantee any jobs here in Midway. After consideration council to advise Mr. Fry that council is not interested in vesting at this time.

**Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck to send a letter to Darrel Fry thanking him for the opportunity but Council will not be investing at this time. **Carried**

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Councillor Metcalf enters at 19:06 hours

- b) Roy Remillard – Support For Proposal To Amend Zoning Of Lots 1-24, Blk 11 and Lots 1-12 Blk 13, Plus Blk 12 –

**Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck to not support Mr. Roy Remillard requested proposal to amend the zonings of Lots 1-24, Blk 11 and lots 1-12 Blk 13 as well as Blk 12 at this time. **Carried**

0141-2017

### **Correspondence**

- a) Dr. Eddie Naude – Lease Renewal at 500 Haynes St.

**Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Mayor McMynn to accept Dr. Naude's proposed lease agreement. **Carried**

0142-2017

- b) Boundary Community Church – New Horizon's For Seniors Grant Application support Letter.

**Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that a letter of support be written for the Boundary Community Church's New Horizon's grant application. **Carried**

0143-2017

### **Administrator's Report**

1. Bylaw Enforcement:

485 Fourth Avenue – Received a letter regarding the unsightly premises – this is ongoing, although property owner has addressed the fire hazard (grass and branch pile) and garbage issue, and has until July 23rd to deal with the scrap lying around the yard.

As previously reported, 38 letters were mailed to owners of vacant properties in Midway requesting they attend to their property before the grass becomes a recognizable fire hazard.

Those that have not complied we are retaining the services of the two yard maintenance business licence holders to address these properties. We are focusing at this time on the properties adjacent to the highway and higher risk foot/vehicle traffic areas in town.

Unfortunately, both businesses do not have the equipment to address the larger parcels and both are located out of Greenwood and are very busy there as well so has been a very slow process on mitigating the fire hazard in Midway.

More letters have gone out to those properties that have come to our attention, because of the extreme risk of fire and the Province-wide state of emergency, we are sending letters asking that they take immediate action to address the fire hazard on their properties.

With that said, I have met and toured the larger parcels that are in a high risk area with Margaret Ann Bugeaud, if the Village can arrange for a pre and post mowing wet down of these properties, she is willing to take the job.

CAO Feist sent a letter to Mr. Roy Remillard requesting him to mow the properties that have yet to be looked after and explained that these properties are a high fire risk. His response back was that these properties were going to be hayed. CAO Feist had two local farmers look at these fields and they both said that there isn't enough alfalfa in them to hay and that they are covered with noxious weeds more than anything. She will be speaking with casual legal services regarding what course of actions the Village has regarding this situation as well CAO Feist will be speaking with BC Assessment about whether or not this is actual farm land.

2. Kettle Valley Fire Protection Agreement – Since the last report to Council

“Draft 6 of the agreement between RDKB and municipality was forwarded to our legal to review and comment, received back from the lawyer a copy with her changes and considerations along with questions for answering prior to her addressing further. CAO addressed and distributed answers to Mayor, Councillor Rotvold, and FC Osellame for their review and further comment before returning back to the lawyer.”

The questions were sent back to the lawyer, she has made the necessary changes and returned. I have reviewed and noted the changes in detail on the Draft 6 version and have forwarded the information off to the RDKB.

3. 2016 Annual Report – As noted in previous CAO report, as there were no comments received by June 29th deadline by Council, the Annual Report has been made available to the public for an in-house review and will be presented at the August 21, 2017 regular meeting.

4. The Financial Information Act / SOFI Reporting for the period June 30, 2017 has been completed and submitted.

5. Gas Tax Annual Report – Completed and submitted by the June 30, 2017 deadline.

6. All grant-in-aids have been distributed along with a letter. Amounts collected through property taxation for the other taxing jurisdictions has been paid.

7. Branding Update from Jenny – Tony Munday is almost at the proofing stage for our new website. The village already has letterhead, business cards are in the works and will be ready for UBCM. Tony is being asked to do a visitor guide ad for next years issue. Things to consider, new entrance 'Welcome Signs', and does the Council want a brochure done.

8. UBCM Convention – Registration is now open, please fill out your forms and hand in to Sheri or Jen to register before August 11th. (note: Registration prices increase significantly after that date)

9. Unconditional Prov. Grants – Received the Small Communities Grant in the amount of \$320,392.00

10. WBCF Annual General Shareholders Meeting – July 19, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Midway Council Chambers.

11. Public Works Foreman and I are meeting with Urban Systems to go over a few items with regards to our Asset Management Program on Thursday, July 20, 2017.

12. Received a call from James Katasonoff, Fire Protection Office Boundary Fire Zone, he has requested use of the Midway airport as a standby for Wednesday, July 19, 2017 (day of the snowbirds show in Grand Forks) in case of an event. They will bring a fuel truck in from Kettle Valley Forward Attack Base Station for fuelling if needed. Also requested use of the bunkhouse if needed.

13. The West Boundary Road Rescue truck will hopefully be ready to go in the next couple of weeks. Spoke to James Swenson Big White Fire Chief and they are looking for their truck back as soon as possible.

### **Mayor and Council Reports**

Councillor Dunsdon – Was very disappointed that the RDKB didn't put out better information regarding the new recycling bins they've handed out.

- Spoke to Joe Hesburger with the BC/Yukon Pilots Association and he advised that if the Village ever has any kind of issues with the airstrip to give him a call and he will help us.

Councillor Schierbeck – Nil

Councillor Metcalf – The Community Forest tour was cancelled but will be rescheduled for a future time.

### **Mayor McMynn**

- Had a conference call regarding the softwood lumber agreement
- Engine 2's (Old Yeller) pump is in need of repair again. This time it's a bearing issue. Feels that Council should consider putting a new pump on it because it is still a good truck otherwise.
- Still having issues around the Village with car shelters being put on Village boulevards and property. Council agrees that letters be written to all offenders around the Village.

### **Budgets/Accounts**

**Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Mayor McMynn that budgets and accounts totaling \$297,100.54 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

### **Correspondence for Info Only**

**Moved** Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Metcalf that correspondence for information only items:

- a) Abbotsford Police Department – The Opioid Crisis, The Case for Prevention
- b) Building Inspector – Building Permits June 2017

be received and filed.

**Carried**

### **Correspondence for Info Only – to be held for two weeks only**

**Moved** Councillor Metcalf, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that correspondence for information only item:

- a) BC Treaty Commission – National Aboriginal Day
- b) Interior Health – Supporting Cultural Safety, Humility and Wellness
- c) Auditor General for Local Government – New Emergency Management Audits'

be held for two weeks only then destroyed.

**Carried**

**Moved** Councillor Dunsdon that the meeting be adjourned at 20:51 hours.