

MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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Next Council Meeting

Monday, June 19, 2017

Monday, July 17, 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, June 15, 2017

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Contact the Council

Councillor Schierbeck can be contacted at <u>gschierbeck@shaw.ca</u>

ICBC & Motor Vehicles

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

Use of Recreational/Park Model Trailers and Vehicles

- Residents and property owners are reminded that park model trailers or any other form of recreational vehicles used for permanent living accommodation on any properties within the Village of Midway is in violation with the Village of Midway's Zoning Bylaw No. 464, 2015 and is prohibited without express written consent from the Council.

The following sections refer to Violation and Penalty under Part Two of the Village of Midway's Zoning Bylaw No. 464, 2015 under Administration:

Section 203 <u>Violation</u> "Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of this Bylaw, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing any act or thing which is required to be done by any of the provisions of this Bylaw, shall be deemed to have violated the provisions of this Bylaw"

Section 204 <u>Penalty</u> "Any person who violates any of the provisions in the Zoning Bylaw has committed an offence and is punishable un accordance with the Offence Act."

We appreciate your cooperation.

Property Taxes and Sewer & Water User Fees -

Property Tax Notices and Sewer & Water User Fee Invoices have been mailed out to all residents. If you have not received yours please contact the Village Office. The deadline for paying taxes, user fees, and signing Homeowner Grants is Tuesday, July 4, 2017 at 4:30 pm. The Village can accept cash, cheque, or debit (no credit cards) as payment. Post-dated cheques to July 4, 2017 are accepted but postmarks will not be accepted. Residents who have arranged for their bank to pay their taxes are reminded that a



Council Meeting News

- The Tuesday, July 4, 2017 regular Council meeting has been cancelled due to the property tax deadline.
- Council will send a letter of support to the Midway Seniors for their New Horizon's grant application to improve the lighting in the senior's drop-in centre.
- Staff will propose a contract with the BC Commissionaires for a sixmonth period starting July 1, 2017 for animal control services in Midway.

Homeowner Grant still needs to be signed at the office, and that water and sewer user fees are not included with your property taxes and must be paid separately. Please contact the Village Office with any questions once you have received your notice in the mail.

New RCMP Corporal - Corporal Ted Bowen introduced himself to staff and Council. He gave a brief overview of his previous posting in Lumby and advised that he would like to work closely with the community and Council. Mayor McMynn thanked him for coming and welcomed him to Midway.

Fire Permits - Residents are reminded that burning permits are required for all burning within the Village and can be purchased for \$1 at the Village Office. This includes campfire, and open burn piles not exceeding one metre in height and one metre in width. <u>No person shall ignite or cause to be ignited any household waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage, plastic, or styrofoam, industrial or commercial waste</u>.

Please note that there are new Open Burn restrictions: there will be no open burning allowed during the peak hours of 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. <u>This new restrictions applies to all new</u> <u>and previously issued burn permits</u>.

Any person who contravenes or violates any provision of this Bylaw could be liable to a minimum fine of \$500.00 and should the Midway Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Responder be required, the Permitee shall be liable for the total cost of the fire call per Bylaw #451, Part 10, Sec. 51 (2) (3).

Yards and Vacant Lot Mowing - With past year's forest fire situations in our area this is a reminder that we need to take precautions by ensuring yards and vacant lots are mowed on a regular basis. With the onset of possibly another hot dry season, we need to continue towards minimizing potential risk to our community and we would appreciate your assistance in helping to prevent your property from becoming a recognizable fire hazard. **The Midway Community Association needs your input and ideas** - They put on movie nights, community dinners, picnics in the park, the annual Christmas party and more. They sponsor yoga, the Midway and Beyond Little Theatre and just recently, dance lessons for children. What would YOU like to see them offer our community? Please take just a few minutes to fill out their quick and easy survey and give them your thoughts, ideas and input. If you have more to say than the 'comment' box allows, please send your ideas by email to: midwaycommunityassociation@gmail.com

Find the survey here: https://surveymonkey.com/r/SNSLG6Z

<u>Calling all photographers</u> - Professional, amateur, and everyone in between. The Village of Midway is in the process of redesigning our website and we need your photos that represent what Midway means to you and what makes this place so special. Ideally your pictures will have people in them - we want people to be able to envision themselves doing that activity - but we love a good scenic shot as well.

Please contact Jenny at the Village Office for more information or send your images to midwayreception@shaw.ca for consideration.

Water Usage and Restrictions - With the arrival of the warm weather, and as the temperatures continue to rise, **residents are reminded that watering restrictions are always in effect per Bylaw No. 413 and that sprinkling (irrigating) lawns and gardens between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm is prohibited**. There is plenty of time to establish a green lawn. The Village of Midway reserves the right to disconnect offenders from the water service for violation of regulations and wasteful use of water. Any service that has been disconnected will be charged a minimum of \$50.00 before service resumes. <u>On your own well?</u> Remember that all Village water comes from the same aquifer and your use also contributes to the lower water levels even if you don't think it does. We appreciate your cooperation.

<u>Responsible Dog Owner Reminder</u> - Dog owners are reminded that per the Village of Midway's Animal Control Bylaw 438 it states under section 6 that "The owner of a dog, must not allow or permit the dog to be "At Large" in the Village" which can be a nuisance to other residents and neighbours. Dogs must be on a leash or under immediate control when out in the Village.

Please be a responsible dog owner and respectful of other residents and remember to always pick up after your dog(s) even on boulevards and while on the trails; leaving used bags on the side of the road, on trails, or hanging in trees is disrespectful and considered littering.

Dogs tags are available at the Village Office. \$15 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$30 for non-spayed or non-neutered dogs. Cash, cheque, or debit only.

