

Mayor McMynn opened the special meeting of Council at 8:30 hours on September 11, 2017 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway BC

Present: Mayor McMynn
Councillors Metcalf, Schierbeck, Rotvold, Dunsdon

Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenny Simmonds, Receptionist

Public: Dan McMaster, Fibre Supply Manager, Vaagen Fibre Canada

Introduction of Late Items – **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to add water restrictions in the Village as discussion item C. **Carried**

Adoption of Agenda

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the September 11, 2017 special meeting agenda be adopted as amended to include late item under discussion c. **Carried**

Discussion

- a) King of Kings Permissive Tax Exemption Request for 2018 (The Bridge) – Mayor McMynn asked if whether or not a grant-in-aid to The Bridge is the best way to go rather than a tax exemption on property that is privately owned. Council agreed that The Bridge is a great asset to the community and does a lot of good work.

Moved Councillor Rotvold **Seconded** Mayor McMynn that the Council of the Village of Midway not approve the partial permissive tax exemption request for The Bridge from the King of Kings New Testament Church for the property located at 629 Eighth Avenue, and further that, the Council approve a grant-in-aid for the 2018 budget year in the amount of \$1,200 to 'The Bridge'. **Carried**

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- b) Dan McMaster, Boundary Community Forest and UBCM Convention Meeting Discussions – Dan provided an update on the mill and confirmed that everyone is still working even though the mill is not running due to a lack of logs. He informed Council that Grant Walton, who is in support of the Community Forest is putting together a list to give to the Minister to support the various Municipal requests. Dan identifies the following top five issues: 1) Fibre supply and long-term confidence, 2) Partnerships (currently working with Interfor), 3) West Boundary Community Forest, 4) Relationship with Osoyoos Indian Band and, 5) the challenge of timber sales in a rural area. Dan would like to work with Council and be a voice for them at the UBCM meeting. Staff will add Dan's name to the meeting with MFLNRO at UBCM. Dan will bring his proposal for the Carmi/Beaverdell area.

Dan highlighted that they are working with woodlot owners and really pushing the idea of fire management.

Council will meet with Dan Macmaster prior to the UBCM meeting to discuss key points. Council agreed that Mayor McMynn will do a brief introduction and then let Dan take the lead in the discussion. CAO Feist reminded Council that if there is any WBCF discussion at the meeting that the City of Greenwood is also a Shareholder of the company so they need to be made aware of the discussion or should be invited to the meeting as well.

The next WBCF meeting is September 19, 2017 in the Midway Council Chambers.

Dan McMaster leaves at 09:08 hours.

- c) Watering Restrictions – Information about the level 4 drought designation by the Province, and a request for residents to reduce water usage by 50%, has been placed on the website, Facebook page, and the LED sign. Staff directed to send out a special flier with the same information and request for reduced water consumption.

Moved Councillor Dunsdon that the meeting be adjourned at 09:11 hours.

MAYOR

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