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Next Council Meeting

Monday, December 4, 2017

Monday, December 18, 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, November 30, 2017

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Contact the Council

Councillor Schierbeck can be contacted at gschierbeck@shaw.ca

ICBC & Motor Vehicles

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

Boundary Expo Recreation Centre Events* - Below is a schedule of upcoming recreational and minor hockey games at the arena. *games and times subject to change

Friday, November 24 - Midway Men's Rec Hockey Game, 8pm

Sunday, November 26, 2017 - Bantam game 2:00 pm

Saturday, December 2, 2017 - Spokane Jr. Chiefs games 10:15 am and 1:30 pm

Sunday, December 3, 2017 - Pee Wee game 10:00 am Midget game 12:00 pm

Novice game 2:00 pm

Sunday, December 10, 2017 - Pee Wee game 2:00 pm

Sunday, December 10, 2017 - Canada 150 Skating Day 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm - more information available soon.

Friday, December 15, 2017 - Midget game 6:00 pm Sunday, December 17, 2017 - Pee Wee game 11:00 am

First Annual Christmas Tree Light-Up - Mark your calendars for the First Annual Christmas Tree Light-Up in Midway! The festivities will take place on Friday, December 1, 2017 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Frank Carpenter Memorial Park (Riverfront Park). Everyone is invited to join in on an evening filled with holiday cheer with warm drinks, Christmas music, and the lighting of the beautiful Christmas Tree. A very big thank you goes to FortisBC for their generous donation of all of the lights to make the tree shine bright for all to see and enjoy!

Public Works is also busy decorating the Kettle River Museum and other buildings for the Christmas and holiday season to make it brighter and merrier than last year. If you have any LED lights you would like to donate to help brighten up Midway please contact the office.

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Council Meeting News.

- Council approved the sale of an old furnace in the amount of \$1000.00.
- Council approved the submission of a grant application for a Celebrate Canada grant up to \$5000 for Canada Day 2018 celebrations in Midway. Jolly McMynn will be the event organizer.
- Mayor McMynn will attend the CEO Forum put on by the Local Government Leadership Academy in Richmond on December 7 & 8, 2017.

Midway Community Garden - Anyone wishing to reserve their current garden plot at the Midway Community Garden for the 2018 growing season is encouraged to stop by the office as soon as possible. Gardeners who currently rent a plot will have until December 29, 2017 to reserve the same plot for next year. After this date all un-claimed garden plots, regardless of whether something has been planted in said plot, will become available to the public on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please note we will not be accepting payment at this time.

Plowing and Boulevards - In preparation for the upcoming snow removal season, residents are reminded to keep all boulevards clear of vehicles and other obstructions to ensure Public Works can effectively remove snow in a timely matter. This includes rocks and other objects that can freeze to the ground potentially causing damage to Municipal equipment. Please see the attached information sheet for more important reminders.

Burn Permits - Residents are reminded that a valid burn permit is required for all camp fires and open burns within the Village of Midway. Open fires are restricted to no larger than I metre by I metre and are for the burning of garden and lawn waste, slash, or other materials only.

PLEASE NOTE: The burning of slash, garden waste and grass is prohibited in a campfire. Additionally, the burning of household waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage, plastic, styrofoam, industrial/commercial waste, and other products is prohibited in a campfire pit AND open fires.

Anyone caught burning prohibited materials in camp fires or Category 2 Open Fires will be fined a minimum of \$500 per Bylaw #451

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Winter has arrived!

With the arrival of the winter (and snow) season the Village of Midway is asking residents to do their part in helping our Public Works crew make the snow removal process more efficient.

The Public Works crew will follow Council's policy on snow removal priorities.

As per Risk Management Policy No. 310 -Snow Removal & Sanding Policy - the Village will provide residential plowing and sanding when there is an accumulation of a minimum of 2 inches of snow on the streets.

An Important Reminder

Please ensure ALL vehicles, RVs, trailers, basketball nets, decorative features (i.e. rocks), etc. are stored on your own property and not on the boulevard (or close to the boulevard) to provide easy access for snow removal equipment. Items left on the boulevard can cause damage to municipal equipment - if damage does occur then the property owner could be held liable for the cost to fix the damaged equipment. We thank you in advance for helping out our crews this winter.

How you can help keep Midway safe this winter

- Park your vehicles in your driveway and not on the street.
- Avoid placing snow from your driveway back into the street. Less snow will be pushed into your driveway by
 passing plow trucks and you won't create a potentially dangerous situation for motorists.
- If you can, help your neighbour with snow removal.

The Village's number one priority is ensuring all roads are cleared as soon as possible.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

FAQs Here are some commonly asked questions we receive after a snowfall

Why does the snow plow leave a windrow in my driveway? Snow must be plowed to the curb or right hand side of the road. Although the plow operator puts down the gate at every driveway, sometimes the snow is higher than the gate and snow comes off the blade. When clearing your driveway, try to pile the snow on the right side (standing in your driveway and looking towards the street). This can help reduce the amount of snow that is pushed onto your driveway when the snow plow passes.

Can I place the snow from my driveway onto the traveled portion of the street? Residents are encouraged to avoid pushing or blowing snow from their driveway into the street because it could cause a dangerous situation for motorists. By placing the snow back onto the roadway after the plow truck has gone by creates issues as the plow may need to do an additional run down your street to clear the snow. This causes delays and increases costs and staff time.

When will our street be plowed? The streets are prioritized based on the Snow Removal & Sanding Policy No. 310. To view a copy of the Snow Removal & Sanding Policy please visit our website at www.midwaybc.ca for further information.



We thank you for your feedback regarding snow removal in the community.

For additional questions please contact the Village Office at 250-449-2222.

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