

Mayor McMynn opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on November 20, 2017 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway BC

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

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

Public: Tannis Killough, Richard Battersby

Introduction of Late Items – City of Greenwood - Thank You Letter and University of Waterloo – Collaborative Opportunity For Asset Management

Adoption of Agenda

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold that the November 20, 2017 regular meeting agenda be adopted as amended to include the City of Greenwood – Thank You Letter under Correspondence for Information only as item 17 (d) and the University of Waterloo – Collaborative Opportunity For Asset Management under Correspondence for Information only – to be held for two weeks only as item 18 (c) **Carried**

Adoption of Minutes

Moved Councillor Metcalf, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the minutes from the regular meeting of Council November 6, 2017 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising

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- **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Mayor McMynn to support the Village of Midway Christmas light up at the Riverfront Park. **Carried**
- Has the capital cost and costs for operating for the proposed waterpark been looked into? The approval is preliminary and contingent on a committee being formed who will research waterparks construction requirements, capital and operational costs, funding and grant funding information, etc. A committee is to present this information in order for Council to consider before making a formal commitment.

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Page 6282 – The contract with Bill Bosovich for storage of the fire truck has been signed.

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Correspondence

Councillor Rotvold excuses herself at 19:09 hours to avoid conflict.

- a) Midway Seniors – Making the Door at the Centre Wheelchair Accessible – **Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Mayor McMynn to approve a \$500.00 grant to the Midway Senior's for the installation of the new wheelchair accessible door subject to the Seniors Citizens not receiving funding from an application to West Boundary Community Forest Association to fund the new door. **Carried**

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Councillor Rotvold returns at 19:14 hours.

Administrator's Report

1. UBCM Convention Report

Funding for Local Governments – Monday, Sept 25/17 - Panel presentation given on funding programs for local governments in BC, discussion on current and new and emerging program priorities such as climate change and asset management. Program staff from UBCM, the Province of BC and the Gov't of Canada discussed current funding opportunities, such as the Community Works Fund, Strategic Priorities Fund, Age-friendly Communities Program, Asset Management Planning Program and Regional Community to Community Forums.

Green Innovation and other Environmental Policy – Monday, Sept 25/17 – Discussions on current and emerging policies and programs, including climate action charter. This session included the *federal approach to climate action* by reducing pollution and emissions the federal government plans are to implement a carbon pricing system by 2018 throughout Canada, improving homes and buildings, transportation, clean electricity and investing in renewable energy, industry, forestry, agriculture and waste standards, adaptation and climate resilience, improve on technology, innovation and jobs, protect parks and protected areas, work with countries around the world to demonstrate leadership and take global action on climate change. *Provincial approach to climate action* included improvements to transportation technology and transportation systems, communities and the built environment improving building code, net-zero building, industry and utilities, natural gas, forestry and agriculture and public sector leadership. Local Government Engagement discussions touched on the cost of damages across Canada from the 2017 climate change, climate action toolkit and becoming carbon neutral. Accelerate Kootenay's electric vehicle project was brought up and was given high praise.

Preparing for the 2018 General Local Elections Clinic – Session provided information about updates to the LECF Act and the new local elections Campaign financing expense limit regulation, new key dates with the change in the general election date. Roles and responsibilities. New elections manual is earmarked for release in late 2017.

Agriculture Land Commission Meeting – Meeting with Kim Grout and Frank Leonard – Discussion on ALR lands in Midway, exclusion of lands. OCP amendment will be considered in decision for exclusion of airport lands.

Small Talk Forum – *Bylaw non-compliance* with zoning non-conformance, unsightly premises and the issues that arise from and how municipalities deal the issues. *Shared building inspector service model*, BC Building Act and the new technical building requirements, consistency in technical building requirements, site specific standards, building and safety standards branch.

BC Timber Sales, *Bowen Island issues with timber sales and logging nearly 1/3 of Bowen Island*. *McBride issues with decline in K-12 students* and in other small rural remote communities, current funding model/student across BC, the government needs to keep addressing funding model as the per capita model is not working.

Village of Salmo/OCP – 'Sustainable Salmo' video. Ashcroft touched on Emergency Management Systems and how they worked, Elephant Hill wildfire and the communication challenges and power outages and how they overcame those challenges and action plans. Selina Robinson, MMA speech.

Water Sustainability Act From Legislation to Practice Policy Session – Session focused on the changes brought in by the Water Sustainability Act that came into for Feb 2016, drought management in BC and key changes relevant to local government including new water rights and licencing requirements for non-domestic groundwater users, stronger protection for aquatic ecosystems, new fees and rentals for water use, expanded protection of groundwater including new requirements for well construction and maintenance by enhancing well construction requirements, artesian wells control, new well pits restricted, mandatory well reports. Piloting the Water Sustainability Act tools will ensure watershed governance pilots and policy development and provide opportunities to test the WSA tools. Current drought status, 2015 drought levels much worse than 2017 and provincial actions taken were the BC Drought Response Plan, communication, starting a drought management strategy, economic impacts study. Supporting local government, what they have heard and what they are doing: provide more local information and science, clear up confusion, provide drought levels vs local drought stages, implement restrictions. Emergency response, what do we do when we are running out of water: Province has things in place when local communities are in dire straits with water drought. Looking ahead, they will focus on implementing WSA and regulations, communications and outreach, ongoing regulation amendments, phase 2 policy and regulation development, engage with local governments, other stakeholders and First Nations, the new provincial government priorities.

BCEHS Meeting – Discussion on transfers and review and deployment planning, 4 hour kilo deployment planning. Looking into regularizing part-time etc., to regular work. Looking into alternate travel deployment in larger geographic areas. BCEHS will support Village request for ALR land exclusion. Paramedicine – finishing setting up communities' March 2018, will be reviewing after that and looking into advance care paramedic program and where to locate them. New government minister focusing on primary care, enhancing paramedicine, air ambulance.

RCMP Meeting – Discussions on an extra member in our area given the large geographical area. Evaluation of hours of Corporal position to administration and patrol shifting. Limited duration posting, whether there was any way of eliminating, this will not happen however, they will look at extending posting. Recent recruitment issues, and prioritized issues to detachments and other area's ie., highway patrol not a focus right now.

MLA Todd Stone, Official Opposition Meeting – Discussions surrounded the Site C Dam, ICBC rate increase, recent decision to eliminate the bridge tolls and the effects to rural communities, BC Rural Dividend program.

Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Meeting – Met with Paul Rassmussen along with Dan Macmaster and City of Greenwood. Summary of the West Boundary Community Forest and how it is progressing. Fibre opportunities and idea of managing non-productive area's 'NSR' to build on, recreate new productive forested area's (future growth). Macmaster is willing to partner with BCTS. Rassmussen advised he would be interested in looking into 'NSR' areas, and focused some discussion on FES forest enhancement services and advised there are many other opportunities that the government is open to looking to increase volume.

2. Sale of furnace – Jim Moger request to purchase furnace for \$1,000

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold to approve the sale of the Village owned furnace to Jim Moger for the amount of \$1,000.00. **Carried**

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3. Christmas Tree Light Up – The festivities will be December 1, 2017 from 4:30pm-6:30pm at the Riverfront Park. There will be hot chocolate and hot apple cider and possibly food as well. Jolly is hoping to have music and games. Public Works will be making a new tree at the museum and if they have enough lights will be decorating the caboose and station house. CAO will keep Council informed regarding the plans for the Canada 150 skating party on December 10, 2017.

4. Jolly McMynn has received information for a grant for Canada Day 2018. **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to approve Jolly McMynn's grant application for Canada Day 2018. **Carried**

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5. Jessica Mase would like to meet with Council to present the drought response plan. Council directed to set up a meeting with her at the January 15, 2018 regular council meeting.

6. Special meeting to review Subdivision Bylaw - Council discussed whether to set up a special meeting to review the subdivision bylaw in-house and make changes. Councillor Dunsdon expressed concerns with an in-house review of the bylaw. CAO recommends hiring a consulting professional to assist if the Council wishes to update and amend the subdivision bylaw due to the complexity of the bylaw. Council Dunsdon agrees. After discussion, Council will look at current subdivision bylaw and discuss whether to continue with an in-house review and amendment at a future meeting.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Schierbeck – Nil

Councillor Metcalf – Nil

Councillor Dunsdon – Attended a Boundary Invasive Species Society meeting November 16, 2017. Discussed:

- Reseeding of wildfire affect areas is done.
- BISS has invested in WARP, a program that warns people that there are dangerous animals in the area.
- They have a GIS program now and Dunsdon has asked for a mapping of Midway.
- 225 hectares treated for invasive weeds.
- Invasive weed areas that need treating people can contact Barb Stewart.
- There was no Zebra or Quagga mussels detected in Christina Lake or Jewel Lake this past summer.

Councillor Dunsdon asked if Council would write a letter to the Federal and Provincial governments urging them to support a program on earlier detection of the invasive mussel species.

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that Council write letters to both the Federal and Provincial governments urging them to set up a program for earlier detection for both Zebra and Quagga mussels in British Columbia lakes. **Carried**

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Councillor Dunsdon will have a template of the letter drawn up for staff to use.

Councillor Rotvold –

- Francis Mika the new Regional District communications officer started November 3, 2017.
- A representative with provincial timber sales spoke with the RDKB board and went over timber revenues in the RDKB.
- A decision was made to hire a headhunter to find a General Manager of operations and a General Manager of Environmental Services for RDKB.
- The pilot project with Dr. David Mary where a Registered Nurse works with the doctor in his office is receiving positive comments. This service is up and running in Midway, Grand Forks and Christina Lake.
- The blood lab issue was addressed.
- Hamish Aubrey will be coming out to look at the Village wells, he is also going to see if the government will cover the costs for Midway to get another observation well.
- WBRHospital District meeting Wednesday November 22, 2017

Mayor McMynn –

- Would like to thank Bob Peters for the informative tour of the Arena.
- Interested in attending the CEO Forum in Richmond December 7 & 8, 2017

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the Mayor attend the CEO Forum being put on by the Local Government Leadership Academy in Richmond on December 7 & 8, 2017. **Carried**

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Staff to take care of registration.

Question Period

Tannis Killough would like to see the ponderosa pine by the RCMP Station continue to be Midway's Christmas Tree.

Council explained that the tree is too difficult to light now because of its size and difficulty with the replacing bulbs and strings. Tannis recommended to Council to look at decorating the poles on Florence Street corridor similar to Greenwood and Grand Forks. Mayor McMynn advised her that these are FortisBC owned power poles and they will not allow anything attached to them.

Budgets & Accounts

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that budgets and accounts totaling \$37,671.58 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for Info Only

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that correspondence for information only items:

- a) Midway Senior's – November 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- b) PRIMECorp – PRIMECorp Financial Forecasts
- c) Royal Canadian Mounted Police – 2017 2nd & 3rd Quarter Reports

be received and filed.

Carried

Correspondence for info Only – to be held for two weeks only

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that correspondence for information only items:

- a) Regional District Kootenay Boundary – Building Inspector Report To The End Of October 2017
- b) Interior Health – Two Confirmed Cases Of Meningococcal Disease In Oliver

be held for two weeks only then destroyed.

Carried

Question Period

Tannis Killough asks if any arena bookings including Minor Hockey games can be included in the Village newsletter. Another suggestion was adding any arena bookings to Boundary Connect.

Councillor Rotvold wanted Council to know that the panoramic view of Midway picture was chosen for the Kootenay booth and the RDKB will be sending representatives to Halifax.

Moved Councillor Dunsdon that the meeting be adjourned at 20:02 hours.

MAYOR

CAO