

Mayor McMynn opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on August 20, 2018 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway BC

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

Staff: Penny Feist, CAO
Sheri Harpur, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Fire Chief Osellame

Public: Martin Fromme

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold that the August 20, 2018 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Delegation

Fire Chief Osellame addressed the Council on the request from a resident to Councillor Schierbeck at the August 7, 2018 regular meeting for an amendment to the burning bylaw to include special burn permits for bona fide farmers to be able to burn their pruning's in winter months.

The FC provided an information package to the Council and reviewed the Ministry of Forests open fire types and regulations. The FC also outlined his concerns and other items that Council should take into consideration when making their decision on whether to amend the bylaw to allow the request for burns larger than 1 metre.

FC Osellame outlined his concerns with the request for Council to amend the bylaw, and pointed out that in the bylaw the wording allows for larger fires if the resident owns 2 or more acres, but it is still up to the Village to issue a permit allowing a fire than 1x1 metres. He explained the Fire Departments past practice of burning larger burn piles for residents was put to an end for liability reasons. Fire Chief Osellame also pointed out the bylaw should include the wording that the Village of Midway follows the Ministry of Forest guidelines.

The Fire Chief stressed he does not feel comfortable with any large burns such as a category 2 or 3 open burns and in fact will be recommending in the future that Council also does away with allowing wood burning campfires and only allowing CSA approved portable campfire apparatus. Fire Chief asked if Council considered who would be liable if they amend the bylaw to allow special burn permits and something does happen, is Council liable? The FC pointed out that at one of the Fire Chief Association of BC conferences a legal firm pointed out the if the Fire Department is on scene during an open burn event and something happens they would be held liable, so would this be the same for the Village being the ones issuing the permit?

Mayor McMynn asked what the RDKB does when their residents want a burn permit? Residents in rural areas outside of incorporated municipalities are required to go through the Ministry of Forest (FLNRO) for permits.

Fire Chief Osellame advised that while it is Council's decision on whether to amend the bylaw to include special burn permits, his recommendation is not issuing open burn permits for either category 2 or 3 fires at all.

Fire Chief Osellame leaves at 19:25 hours.

Councillor Schierbeck would like to be able to help the bona fide farmer but understands that if Council agrees to have a special permit that there would be major restrictions attached to it.

Council agrees they would like to discuss this issue further at the September 4, 2018 regular meeting.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the minutes from the August 7, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Metcalf that the minutes from the August 13, 2018 Public Hearing Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved Councillor Metcalf, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the minutes from the August 13, 2018 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried**Business Arising**

Page 6387 – EMBC/Disaster Financial Assistance have requested their contracted Engineer to come out to do a site visit and to report on the water and sewer line crossing issues on the Boundary Creek. He will be coming out this week to meet with the Public Works Foreman. FortisBC Gas has fixed their exposed line issue at Boundary Creek.

Page 6388 – NilPage 6389 – NilPage 6390 – NilPage 6391 – NilPage 6392 – NilPage 6393 – NilPage 6394 – Nil**New and Unfinished Business**

- a) Riccardo Peggi – ALC 2006 Decision – Exclusion of the 2.5 ha Area (Airport Lands) – CAO spoke with Riccardo Peggi regarding the exclusion of the airstrip as well as the 2.5 ha area outlined on the map. As outlined in the Commissions 2006 decision letter, before making a decision on exclusion of the landing strip they would require the submission of a development plan showing the amount of land needed for the proposed development along with a rationale for the amount of land required. Their decision on this was based on MADA's Development Plan and the Phase 2 – The paving of a 3000 ft by 60 ft landing strip with taxi-ways, Phase 3 – Residential subdivision between the airfield and the Kettle River.

CAO advises that in conversation with Riccardo Peggi, he advised future applications for exclusion of the airport lands may be considered. CAO points out the exclusion of the 2.5 ha area could open up potential future business or industrial opportunities.

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the Council of the Village of Midway accepts the Agricultural Land Commissions approval to remove the 2.5 ha area of airport land out of the agriculture land reserve subject to the conditions outlined in their May 3, 2006 letter.

Carried**114-2018**

- b) Volunteer Appreciation Day Nominations – Nominations for Elaine Fromme and Marlene Dunsdon were submitted by the deadline for the Volunteer Appreciation Day recognition.

Moved Councillor Metcalf, **Seconded** Mayor McMynn to award the Volunteer of the Year to both Elaine Fromme and Marlene Dunsdon.

Carried**115-2018****Correspondence**

- a) Midway and Beyond Little Theatre – Permission to add two light bars at the Midway Community Centre – CAO forwarded a copy of the letter to the Public Works Foreman for his comments, no response received, therefore it was:

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to support Midway and Beyond Little Theatre's request to install two more light bars into the ceiling of the Midway Community Centre.

Carried**116-2018****Administrator's Report**

1. Osoyoos & South Okanagan Physiotherapy – As their move to Grand Forks has been delayed, the Osoyoos & South Okanagan Physiotherapy have requested for the foreseeable future to continue their practise in the Midway clinic two days per week.

CAO advised that as their original lease expiry date was December 31, 2018, they were required to submit a formal request to withdraw their 3-month notice of termination, and agree to pay \$175/month + GST for one day per week use as set out in their current agreement, however, with the additional charge of \$43.75 + GST for each day of use beyond the agreement.

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that Council accepts Osoyoos & South Okanagan Physiotherapy's request to withdraw their 3-month lease notice to terminate received on July 23, 2018, therefore, the Council approves the continuing use of that portion of medical clinic under the original signed user agreement rate and terms for the one day per week use until its expiry of December 31, 2018, and further, any additional use of the facility beyond the agreement terms shall be charged at a rate of \$43.75 plus gst per use.

Carried

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2. Cameron Kamigochi – Successful completion of six month probation period. This past six months, Cameron has successfully completed both the autoplan and drivers services certifications and has also taken an online writing course through LGMA. He is now being instructed on the payroll system among all of his other duties. He is a quick learner, works well with all staff and the public. Cameron's part-time position requires approval by resolution of the Council to be enrolled in the municipal pension plan, after successfully completing a probation period that is set out under the employer/employee agreement.

Recommendation: That as Cameron Kamigochi has successfully completed his six-month probation, the Council approves his enrollment in the Municipal Pension Plan effective the end date of his probation period of August 20, 2018.

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the Council accepts the CAO's recommendation, that as Cameron Kamigochi has successfully completed his probationary period, the Council of the Village of Midway approves his enrollment in the Municipal Pension Plan effective August 20, 2018.

Carried

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3. Refrigeration Plant Operator - Phil Cameron, has written his final course exam (Selkirk College), August 17, 2018. He is expected to go write his Provincial Exam in early September.

Bob Peters has been busy competing the outstanding items from the Technical Safety BC audit. He will report to the Council at the September 4th meeting.

4. WBCF – Shareholders/Director's Resolutions have been forwarded to the Lawyers office. The 2018 Annual Filing is completed.
5. RCMP Midway Property – August 17, 2018 an email was received from Public Services and Procurement Canada regarding their property at 885 Highway 3. They request to know if the Village of Midway is interested in purchasing the property. **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the Council of the Village of Midway approves staff to proceed with forwarding the Village's expression of interests for the purchase of the RCMP lands located at 885 Highway 3.

Carried

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Martin Fromme leaves the Council Chambers at 19:50 hours.

6. Bylaw Enforcement – Further to the August 7, 2018 meeting. Greenwood CAO has advised that they have hired their bylaw enforcement officer, and discussed the possibility that the Village of Midway may also be interested in bylaw enforcement. Before the Village looks at hiring a bylaw enforcement officer, we will need to review our bylaws.
7. Council Orientation Training Session - Midway and Greenwood CAO's will be meeting this week to review the outline of course content for the one day session. The tentative date set for the session is November 26, 2018 in the Greenwood Community Hall.
8. Road Closure Bylaw adopted August 13, 2018 has been forwarded to legal to complete the land sale process.
9. Fire – August 11th a fire started on Granite Mountain approximately 1 mile south of Midway. The Midway Fire Department, Staff and the RDKB's Manager of Emergency Operations have been monitoring the situation.
10. Disaster Financial Assistance – CAO received a call August 15th from Tim MacLeod, DFA Field Manager and Gregory Garost, Recovery Officer/EMBC August 16th. Tim MacLeod will organize with their Engineer, Doug Nichol to come to Midway to meet with the Public Works Foreman to go over the issues with the municipalities infrastructure, and will put together a report. Tim MacLeod will be coming to Midway within the next few weeks to meet with the CAO to review the cost recovery plan process

11. Arena Concession – HatTrick (Deb Dickson) has advised office staff that she will not be running the arena concession for the upcoming season. Staff have placed an ad in the Boundary Creek Times, on Facebook and on the website requesting proposals. The office has already received one proposal to date, and another inquiry with interest in submitting a proposal. The deadline for receiving proposals is 4:00 pm, Friday September 7, 2018. Staff to place ad in the West Boundary Connect.
12. Midway Community Centre – CELP Question, If the Heritage Canada funding grant of \$195,000 was not approved, would Midway cover this with financing? The Village is already covering \$1,240,419.00 as it stands now, if the grant from Heritage Canada is not approved will another \$195,000.00 stop the project? This would bring the amount the Village would be covering to \$1,435,419.00

Martin Fromme enters the Council Chambers at 19:56 hours.

Mayor and Council all agree that if the Village were to have to cover another \$195,000.00 it could very well stop the project. CAO Feist is to advise CELP that it would greatly affect the project if the Village does not receive the Heritage Canada funding grant.

13. Corporate Officers Forum is being held in Kelowna November 21-23, 2018. Requesting approval for both the CAO and Deputy Clerk to attend.

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the Council approves both the CAO Feist and Deputy Clerk Peters to attend the Corporate Officers Forum on November 21-23, 2018 in Kelowna.

Carried

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Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Dunsdon – Would like Public Works to oversee the work that is being done on the Bunkhouse project. Not necessarily a report just overseeing the renovations at the Bunkhouse.

Volunteer Appreciation Day preparations is ready to go.

Councillor Rotvold – Regional Hospital District meeting is scheduled for August 22.

There is talk about changes with the blood lab, they are looking at eliminating the appointment process in Midway.

Asked CAO to contact Mark Andison regarding the Kettle Valley Fire Agreement.

Councillor Metcalf – West Boundary Community Forest meeting is being held in the Greenwood Council Chambers August 21, 2018 at 18:30 hours.

Councillor Schierbeck – No report

Mayor McMynn – No report

Councillor Dunsdon asks if anyone knows why Midway is not getting any or very little newspaper coverage by the Boundary Creek Times even when asked to cover events.

Question Period

Martin Fromme asked if the Municipal Office picture of the website could be changed to a more inviting picture. Staff will look into.

Budgets/Accounts

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold that the budgets and accounts totaling \$59,303.30 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

Carried

Correspondence for Info Only

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

- a) The Office of the Ombudsperson – Ten-year High for Complaints and Enquiries to B.C. Ombudsperson About Provincial and Local Governments
- b) Mayor Karen Hamling, Village of Nakusp – Caribou Issues
- c) RDKB – Building Inspectors Report for July 2018
- d) Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General Emergency Management BC – Provincial State of Emergency Declared
- e) District of Houston & City of Williams Lake – Employer Health Tax Impact on Local Government

be received and filed.

Carried

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

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

a) BC Children’s Hospital – Annual Report, Year at a Glance 2017-18
be held for two weeks then destroyed.

Carried

Moved Councillor Dunsdon that the meeting be adjourned at 19:02 hours

MAYOR

CAO