

Mayor McMynn opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on September 17, 2018 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway BC

Present: Mayor McMynn
Councillors Schierbeck, Metcalf
Councillor Rotvold absent

Staff: Penny Feist, CAO
Cam Kamigochi, Admin. Assistant/Receptionist

Public: Martin Fromme
Fred Grouette

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved Councillor Metcalf, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the September 17, 2018 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation - None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Metcalf that the minutes from the September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Page 6400 – nil

Page 6401 – nil

Page 6402 – Asset disposal policy to be drafted by staff

Page 6403 – nil

Page 6404 – nil

Page 6405 – nil

New and Unfinished Business

a) Open Burning During Winter Season for Bona Fide Farmers – CAO reviewed current bylaw and it already allows for “the owner or occupier of an area of land of not less than 0.8 hectares (approximately 2 acres) to burn industrial waste provided that:

- (a) the industrial waste is plant matter or other fuels permitted by the Ministry of Environment,
- (b) the burning takes place on the said land area,
- (c) suitable precautions and equipment are in place to extinguish the fire and prevent it spreading,
- (d) the owner or Occupant has obtained a permit from the Ministry of Environment.”

The only detail missing from this section of the bylaw for that type of burn is the size. Council discussed and agreed that there is no need for a category 3 fire and it will not be considered. The details for a category 2 fire (“piled materials no larger than two metres high and three metres wide, or grass over an area less than 0.2 hectares in size.”) would be sufficient enough. CAO suggested that the amendment to Bylaw 451, Part 3.22.5, would include the size of a category 2 open burn (2m x 3m). CAO is to draft an amended bylaw for Council’s review that will include the size of the allowed open fire and winter months only for Council’s review.

b) Elected Officials and tax implications of Elected Officials – As part of its 2017 budget, the federal government introduced changes to the Income Tax Act that are set to come into effect in 2019. They include the removal of an income tax exemption that’s existed until now, where municipal elected officials were only taxed on two-thirds of their income. CAO brought to Council’s attention the following two options:

Option A – Leave as is and expect a drop in take-home pay (entire amount will be taxed.)

Option B – Increase remuneration to offset the increased level of income taxation, thereby keeping council’s take-home pay the same.

Councillor Schierbeck asked when the last time the Council's remuneration increased? Council discussed whether this decision should be left to incoming council. After discussion, it was decided that CAO is to determine what the increase to the existing remuneration to offset the increased level of income taxation, keeping Council's take-home pay the same. To be brought back for decision with full council present.

Correspondence

- a) Grand Forks Search and Rescue – Request for Annual Monetary Donation
Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that Council makes a one-time donation of \$1000.00 to the Grand Forks Search and Rescue and to be reviewed annually, effective 2019. **Carried**
- b) District of Houston – BC Wildfire Resources – **Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck to receive and file. **Carried**
- c) District of Ucluelet – Modernization of Utility Taxation – **Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Mayor McMynn to receive and file. **Carried**

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Administrator's Report

1. **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program** – British Columbia – *Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure* - On September 12, 2018 the Canadian and British Columbian governments committed up to \$134 million towards an initial intake of the Community, Culture, and Recreation (CCR) Program.

Project Eligibility

Eligible projects will support public infrastructure, defined as a tangible capital assets primarily for public use and benefit. To be eligible, projects must meet the following outcome.

- Improved access to and/or increased quality of cultural, recreational and/or community infrastructure for Canadians, including Indigenous peoples and vulnerable populations.

Cost Sharing

- Applicants must be able to cost-share the project and cover any cost over-runs. The federal and provincial contributions depend on the type of applicant. The Program is claims based. Applicants will need to be able to incur and pay costs prior to submitting claims for reimbursement.

Projects from Local Government

Funding is available up to 73.33% of the eligible project costs (40% Government of Canada, 33.33% Province of British Columbia).

- **Municipalities** may submit **one** application.

2. **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program** – British Columbia – *Rural and Northern Communities* - On September 12, 2018 the Canadian and British Columbian governments committed up to \$95 million towards an initial intake of the Rural and Northern Communities (RNC) Program.

Project Eligibility

Eligible projects will support public infrastructure, defined as a tangible capital assets primarily for public use and benefit. To be eligible, projects must meet at least one of the following core or additional outcomes.

The core outcomes specific to the RNC program are:

- Improved food security
- Improved and/or more reliable road, air and/or marine infrastructure
- Improved broadband connectivity
- More efficient and/or reliable energy
- Improved education and/or health facilities (specific to Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action).

Additional outcomes eligible under RNC (from other specified ICIP programs):

- Public Transit Outcomes:
 - Improved capacity of public transit infrastructure
 - Improved quality and/or safety of existing or future transit systems
 - Improved access to a public transit system

- Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Outcomes (EQ):
 - Increased capacity to treat and/or manage wastewater and storm water
 - Increased access to potable water
 - Increased capacity to reduce and/or remediate soil and/or air pollutants (through solid waste diversion and remediation)
- Green Infrastructure - Adaptation, Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Outcomes:
 - Increased structural capacity and/or increased natural capacity to adapt to climate change impacts, natural disasters and/or extreme weather events
- Community, Culture and Recreation Outcomes (CCR):
 - Improved access to and/or increased quality of cultural, recreational and/or community infrastructure for Canadians, including Indigenous peoples and vulnerable populations

Cost Sharing

Applicants must be able to cost-share the project and cover any cost over-runs. The federal and provincial contributions depend on the type of applicant. The Program is claims based. Applicants will need to be able to incur and pay costs prior to submitting claims for reimbursement.

Projects from Local Governments with Populations Less Than 5,000

Funding is available up to 100% of eligible project costs (60% Government of Canada, 40% Province of British Columbia)

- **Municipalities** may submit **one** application.

This may also be something that we could look into under the MCC Upgrade Project – Otherwise the municipality could look into another green initiative project.

Daniel Steiner is reviewing both funding streams and will provide an update.

3. **Midway Community Centre Upgrade Project**

- i) CELP – Further questions forwarded and answered, no word on the grant funding yet.
- ii) Heritage Canada – Legacy Fund application will be forwarded to CAO this week for final review.

4. **Airport Hangar Lease – Bob Bugeaud**

Bob Bugeaud has submitted a request to lease the west half of the east hangar located at 785 Seventh Avenue for storage of his plane, and is willing to share the space with Public Works for the reduced annual rate of \$2,400 plus GST.

Resolution required:

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded**, Councillor Schierbeck that the Council of the Village of Midway approves to lease to Bob Bugeaud part of the west half of the east hangar space located at 785 Seventh Avenue for plane storage at the rate of \$2,400 plus GST for the term September 2018 to September 2019. **Carried**

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5. **Fire Truck Storage**

Resolution required:

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Mayor McMynn that the Council of the Village of Midway approves to enter into another one year lease agreement with Bill Bosovich for the storage of fire apparatus at 1755 Highway 33 in Rock Creek at the monthly rate of \$1,000 per month. **Carried**

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Notice was placed in two issues of the Boundary Creek Times, and was placed in the West Boundary Connect, on the Village of Midway's website and Facebook page. While three proposals were received one withdrew their proposal by the deadline of September 7, 2018. Two proposals for leasing the arena concession for the 2018/19 season are Michael Kilbride of Mamas Pasta and Pizza (Grand Forks) and Jerry Watson (Rock Creek).

Recommendation: To offer the arena concession lease to Jerry Watson for the 2018/19 season October 2018 through March 2019 for the monthly rate of \$225 plus GST.

Moved Mayor McMynn, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that Council offer the arena concession lease to Jerry Watson for the 2018/19 season October 2018 through March 2019 for the monthly rate of \$225 plus GST.

Carried

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7. **Trash to Treasure Day**

In celebration of Waste Reduction Week this fall's Trash to Treasure date has been set by the RDKB for Saturday, October 20th.

8. **Satellite Hall (KVFPs)**

Deputy CAO James Chandler came down for a site visit of the construction site for the satellite fire hall out at the FABS. He stopped in to report on the construction progress and advised the construction is going smoothly and that it is hoped the roof will be on by the end of this month. RDKB requested the Village to set up the details for utility connections for both gas and electricity for the site in order for the construction manager to request service and scheduling.

9. **Disaster Financial Assistance**

Further to CAO last report, where it was reported that the Public Works Foreman was to meet with a representative from Ironman Directional Drilling company on Friday, August 31st at the Boundary Creek to go over the water and sewer mainline issues and to get a quote on the job. Public Works has been in contact with but still has not received any information from Ironman to-date. CAO instructed Public Works to get other quotes from other companies as well.

CAO is to submit a Section 11 application for in-stream works.

On September 14th, CAO and Public Works Foreman met with Dave Reid, i/c of Critical Infrastructure, Mike Cassidy, Engineering Technologist and Dennis Kurylowich, Operations Manager MOTi to go over the Boundary Creek water and sewer line issues and to discuss remediation options. Staff are to get engineering drawings forwarded to the engineers.

September 14th the CAO and Public Works Foreman had a conference call with Jason McBain and Darrin Lindsay, engineers from VAST Resource Solutions. They were updated on the site visit and discussions surrounded the scope of the work and what our expectations are for the remediation of the lines.

CAO is still waiting to meet with Tim MacLeod, DFA Field Manager to go over the Cost Recovery Plan, Dave Reid advised that he contacted Tim and was advised that Tim is waiting for their engineers report to review prior to our meeting.

10. **Campfires**

Fire Chief sent out an email to CAO, Mayor and Council regarding the Ministry of Forests rescinding the campfire ban in the Southeast Region last week. He expressed concerns that it is still too dry and recommends waiting for another week.

11. **Phil Cameron**

Wrote his provincial exam and has passed, he is now a certified Refrigeration Operator.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Schierbeck – Has heard that Dr. Naude is planning to leave once he finds someone to take over his practice. He also heard that Interior Health may replace him with a nurse practitioner instead of a physician. Request to add this topic to the next council meeting agenda.

Councillor Dunsdon – Has pictures of mock ups for a new Welcome to Midway sign.

Councillor Metcalf – West Boundary Community Forest had an information booth at the Rock Creek Fall Fair with Ross Elliot, Heinz Kruezer and Dan McMaster looking after. A large map of the area was on display, as well as, hand-outs for visitors.

Councillor Metcalf brought back pamphlets from the Agricultural Tour he attended at the UBCM Convention for information.

Mayor McMynn – Spoke about many meaningful and productive meetings at the UBCM Convention. Some of the topics were: Highway 3 improvements, Green Initiative projects, Opioid crisis, timber sales in the region, co-generator plant at Vaagen, Agricultural Land Reserve, RCMP staffing, BC Ambulance, highway maintenance in the winter, Agricultural Land Commission, EMBC (Fire & Flood), Marijuana legalization and proportional voting system. Full report will be placed on file.

Question Period

Martin Fromme asked whether the Public Works could provide a service to picking up and taking the tree waste to the tree recycling facility could serve as a possible solution for the farmers instead of burning. CAO advised that the Public Works workload is already at capacity, they would not be able to take on, as well, it would be an expense all taxpayers would have to incur for a select few.

Martin Fromme asked for clarification about the proportional voting system being a municipal issue at election time. Mayor McMynn explained it was encouraged to be a topic mentioned while campaigning to raise awareness of the referendum to be held shortly after municipal elections.

Bylaws & Policies

- a) Bylaw No. 504 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for public athletic or recreational purposes from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2019 – For Three Readings

Moved Councillor Metcalf, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that Bylaw No. 504 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for public athletic or recreational purposes from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2019 be now **READ A FIRST TIME** this 17th day of September, 2018. **Carried**

Moved Councillor Metcalf, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that Bylaw No. 504 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for public athletic or recreational purposes from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2019 be now **READ A SECOND TIME** this 17th day of September, 2018. **Carried**

Moved Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that Bylaw No. 504 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for public athletic or recreational purposes from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2019 be now **READ A THIRD TIME** this 17th day of September, 2018. **Carried**

- b) Bylaw No. 505 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for philanthropic or other not for profit corporation from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2019 – For Three Readings

Moved Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that Bylaw No. 505 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for philanthropic or other not for profit corporation from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2019 be now **READ A FIRST TIME** this 17th day of September, 2018.

Carried

Moved Councillor Metcalf, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that Bylaw No. 505 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for philanthropic or other not for profit corporation from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2019 be now **READ A SECOND TIME** this 17th day of September, 2018.

Carried

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that Bylaw No. 505 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for philanthropic or other not for profit corporation from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2019 be now **READ A THIRD TIME** this 17th day of September, 2018.

Carried

- c) Bylaw No. 506 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for public worship from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2019 – For Three Readings

Moved Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Metcalf that Bylaw No. 506 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for public worship from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2019 be now **READ A FIRST TIME** this 17th day of September, 2018.

Carried

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that Bylaw No. 506 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for public worship from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2019 be now **READ A SECOND TIME** this 17th day of September, 2018.

Carried

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Mayor McMynn that Bylaw No. 506 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for public worship from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2019 be now **READ A THIRD TIME** this 17th day of September, 2018.

Carried

Budgets/Accounts

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the budgets and accounts totaling \$52,255.00 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

Carried

Correspondence for Info Only

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

- a) Midway Seniors – September 2018 Monthly Meeting
- b) aKd Resource – Review of the Auditor General for Local Government Act and Office
- c) Interior Health – MyHealth Portal Launches New Mobile App and Expanded Report Content

be received and filed.

Carried

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

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

- a) Trans Canada Trail – 2017-2018 Annual Report
- b) Community Energy Association – Building Better with Energy Step Code Workshop, September 25, 2018 in Nelson

be received and filed.

Carried

Moved Councillor Dunsdon that the meeting be adjourned at 20:42 hours

MAYOR

CAO