

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 18:30 hours on February 19, 2019 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway BC

Present: Mayor Fromme  
Councillors Schierbeck, Dunsdon and Metcalf

Staff: Penny Feist, CAO  
Sheri Harpur, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Mike Overend – Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association,  
Cindy Alblas – Boundary Country Tourism Liaison

Public: Ron and Kim McIntyre, Leslie Price

**Introduction of Late Items** – **Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Mayor Fromme that the Council receive a revised front page to reflect the correct Bylaw No. '**512**' instead of 508 under S. 14(a) Bylaws & Policies. **Carried**

### **Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved** Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Metcalf that the February 19, 2019 regular meeting agenda be adopted as amended correcting Bylaw No. 508 under Section 14(a) of the agenda to **Bylaw No. 512.** **Carried**

Councillor Grouette enters at 18:32 hours.

**Delegation** – Mike Overend introduced himself and explains his role is with TOTA, 'Rail Trail' Mayor Fromme: What can the Council and the Village of Midway do to help enhance, develop and promote the rail trail?

Mike Overend: TOTA's main objective is to create a world class destination. Having the museum and the bunkhouse at Mile 0 is great. The Village of Midway is supporting by continuing to do what they are with the museum and the bunkhouse, it is an important aspect of the trail system.

Councillor Dunsdon: Has TOTA given any thought to trail maintenance and enforcement?

Mike Overend: This part of the trail is provincially owned and right now it is recognized as an unresolved area. Until it no longer has an unresolved status the Ministry of Forests, Lands, & Natural Resource Operations/Recreation Sites & Trails BC will not put money into it. TOTA is hoping to garner the Provincial Government to have it designated as a trail.

Councillor Schierbeck: What are the plans for signage along the trail?

Mike Overend: Grants have been applied for signage. Trailhead and way finding such as kilometer markers as well as larger kiosk type signage is what TOTA is hoping for.

Councillor Schierbeck: Could some of the money possibly be used to erect the brick Kettle Valley sign the Village already has?

Mike Overend: Yes

Mayor Fromme: Is the money strictly for signage?

Mike Overend: No, wifi will also be looked into. Tourist would be able to connect to the trail as well it would be for safety purposes for the more remote areas on the trail. Funding could also go towards planning and marketing.

Mayor Fromme: What is the timeline to have ideas for signage?

Mike Overend: By June 2019 if not sooner.

Tannis Killough enters at 18:52 hours.

Mayor Fromme: Would TOTA suggest the Village going in with Area E and the City of Greenwood regarding signage or should the Village do it on their own?

Mike Overend: As this area is still unresolved, Recreation Sites & Trails BC dictates what signage is placed. TOTA is asking for input but Recreation Sites & Trails BC wants consistency along the trail. The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary is a good entity to connect with though. TOTA is hoping to be able to work with the Village of Midway to make the trails the asset they really are.

Mayor Fromme: Will TOTA need support letters from the Village of Midway and other municipalities?

Mike Overend: Support letters will be key in the next phase moving forward.

Mayor Fromme: Has there been any market research done as to what will bring more tourism to the trails?

Mike Overend: Yes, cyclists is definitely the main source of tourism. There has not been a full scope done such as ATV tourism. Does feel that a non-motorized trail would be better but TOTA is not closed minded.

Cindy Alblas introduced herself to Council and gave a brief overview on the Boundary Country Advisory Committee and the Boundary Tourism Steering Committee. If there is anything going on in Midway she would like to know about it.

**Question Period** – Leslie Price: Could monies from the grant go towards washrooms at Mile 0? No.  
 Leslie Price: She hears from tourists at museum, better signage on the trails, and GPS co-ordinates  
 Tannis Killough: Thinks it would be beneficial if it would be possible to have the vehicles at the storage unit moved back so they are not blocking the museum sign.

Mike Overend and Cindy Alblas leave at 19:10 hours.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved** Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the minutes from the February 4, 2019 regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**Moved** Councillor Grouette, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the minutes from the February 11, 2019 special meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Councillor Dunsdon and Leslie Price exit at 19:11 hours.

### **Business Arising**

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Councillor Dunsdon and Leslie Price enter at 19:12 hours.

Page 6460 – Councillor Schierbeck asked if Mitch Lutz had been contacted regarding making a presentation to Council. Mr. Lutz was contacted and his response was received by Council at the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting that Mr. Lutz is willing to draft a presentation to forward to the Council.

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Councillor Dunsdon exit at 19:15 hours

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Councillor Dunsdon enters at 19:16 hours.

### **New and Unfinished Business**

- a) Bench Quotes from Local Artisans – **Moved** Councillor Metcalf, **Seconded** Councillor Grouette that the Village of Midway accept John Lindquist quote and design for the new bench. **Carried**
- b) Ministry of Education – 2019 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education – **Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Grouette to receive and file. **Carried**

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### **Administrator's Report** – (Full written report on file)

1. Boundary Creek – Project 2 – As previously noted we have already started working on 'Project 2, Sewer and Water Mains Removal' (old exposed mainlines). The Village of Midway retained VAST Resource Solutions to assist in drafting engineered plans to have in place for 'Project 1' – Water / Sanitary Sewer Main Install for the Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) application to Emergency Management BC (EMBC).

The same applies for Project 2 – Sewer and Water Mains Removal – This part also requires another Disaster Financial Assistance application to Emergency Management BC, and requires qualified engineer professionals to formulate a plan for their removal.

Request that Council approve that we retain VAST Resource Solutions for Project 2 of the Boundary Creek Sewer and Water Mains Removal for the following reasons:

- VAST Resource Solutions were involved with the Boundary Creek Project 1 – Water / Sanitary Sewer Main Install
- They have already been to the site to record information on the Boundary Creek and have a good understanding of the issues and have a record of the soils in the creek bed the creek diversion that has taken place over the last years and have final plans drafted with information that would assist in this part of the project.

- They have the required qualified professionals that will be required, 'Hydrogeologist' and 'Geotechnical Engineer' - The Hydrogeologist will be able to liaise with the FLNRO's Fisheries Biologist that will be onsite for the in-stream portion.
- We need to get moving on Project 2 as soon as possible so we have everything in place including costs for the DFA application to EMBC.
- The Critical Infrastructure Recovery Team and the Disaster Financial Assistance Recovery and Funding Programs Officer were pleased with VAST's work on Project 1, in such a short time frame.

Recommendation: CAO requests that in order to expedite a very lengthy process, that the Council exempts the purchasing policy requirement and that Staff are approved this time to single source VAST Resource Solutions to undertake the Sewer and Water Mains Removal 'Project 2' on the Boundary Creek for the Village of Midway.

**Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the Council of the Village of Midway exempt the purchasing policy requirement and that staff are approved to retain VAST Resource Solutions to undertake the Sewer and Water Mains Removal 'Project 2' on the Boundary Creek for the Village of Midway. **Carried**

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2. Skijoring Event – February 12, 2019 email from Michelle Van Baalen – Requesting permission to hold an event in a location in Midway (airport runway).

**Moved** Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Grouette to approve the permission request from Michelle Van Baalen to hold a Skijoring event on Midway airport lands. **Carried**

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### **Mayor and Council Reports**

#### Mayor Fromme (verbal report)

Update on the following:

- Tour with Mike Overend around the Village, pointed out attractions and updated him on what the Village has to offer. Looking forward to having CEO of TOTA visit Midway, hopefully in April.
- Thanked Council for all their work they have and are doing thus far in their term.

#### Councillor Metcalf (verbal report)

Update on the following:

- West Boundary Community Forest meeting February 26, 2019 at 18:30 hours in the City of Greenwood Council Chambers.

#### Councillor Grouette (verbal report)

Updated on the following:

- February 28, 2019 Interior Health Webinar. Will bring up the need for beds at the hospital for extended care patients and what procedures they have for seniors with these issues.
- Received papers from Cpl. Bowen on Bylaw Enforcement Officers. It points out combining Bylaw Enforcement Officers with Community Policing, there is funding from the RCMP. This individual is not RCMP but a sworn Peace Officer.

#### Councillor Dunsdon (verbal report)

Updated on the following:

- Would like Council to decide on Village of Midway signage.  
**Moved** Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Grouette that the Council chose picture 1 of Option 3. **Carried**
- The RDKB is looking at taking over certain water systems in the Boundary area. Some of the issues are liability, drought and water usage. What does the Village have in place regarding decommission wells? CAO Feist advised this is already on the Public Works Foreman's radar to address decommissioning the Village's unused wells.
- Feels that the Interior Health meeting was productive. The Boundary Transit System will continue even though there was talk of discontinuing. It only comes as far as Greenwood.
- Councillor Dunsdon would like a number breakdown on the usage of the Arena?

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#### Councillor Schierbeck (verbal report)

- **Moved** Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Grouette that a special meeting to address budget planning be held Monday February 25, 2019 in the Village of Midway Council Chambers. **Carried**

- Spoke to Tim Richards and Kenton Gilchrist after the February 11, 2019 special meeting to advise of Council decision regarding the tourism video. Councillor Schierbeck will be meeting with Mr. Gilchrist next week and will keep Council up to date during the whole process. Mayor Fromme would like to review the script before anything is produced. Councillor Schierbeck will invite Mr. Gilchrist to meet with Council to review the script.

**Question Period** – Ron McIntyre asked who would be doing the maintenance on the Village of Midway entrance signs and would they be done yearly? CAO Feist advised it is the responsibility of the Public Works department to maintain the signs when needed.

### **Bylaws & Policies**

#### **Bylaw No.512 – 3 Readings**

**Moved** Councillor Grouette, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that Bylaw No. 512 – A bylaw to regulate the meetings of Council and Committees be **READ A FIRST TIME** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019. **Carried**

**Moved** Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Metcalf that Bylaw No. 512 – A bylaw to regulate the meetings of Council and committees be **READ A SECOND TIME** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019. **Carried**

**Moved** Councillor Metcalf, **Seconded** Councillor Grouette that Bylaw No. 512 – A bylaw to regulate the meetings of Council and Committees be **READ A THIRD TIME** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019. **Carried**

#### **Policy No. 386 - 'Email and Social Media Best Practices'**

**Moved** Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Grouette that Policy No. 386 – A policy for Email and Social Media Best Practices be adopted. **Carried**

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#### **Policy No. 387 – Responsible Conduct Guiding Principles Policy (Village of Midway Elected Officials)**

**Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that Policy No. 387 – Responsible Conduct Guiding Principles Policy (Village of Midway Elected Officials) be adopted. **Carried**

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### **Planning** – None

### **Budgets/Accounts**

**Moved** Councillor Metcalf, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the accounts totaling \$55,673.84 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

### **Correspondence for Information Only**

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

- Midway Senior's – Minutes from February 6, 2019 Meeting
- Regional District Kootenay Boundary – Building Inspector Report – To End of January 2019
- Krystal Wong, Rural Coordination Centre of BC – Rural Site Visits – Community Feedback Report
- Village of Midway Public Budget Input Session Minutes
- MoT Cycling – BC Active Transportation Design Guide – Invitation to Participate on Working Group

be received and filed. **Carried**

### **Correspondence for Info Only – to be held for two weeks only** - Nil

**Question Period** – Ron McIntyre asked if there are consequences if Council doesn't abide by the policies?

**Moved** Councillor Dunsdon that the meeting be adjourned at 20:13 hours.