

Mayor Fromme opened the special meeting of Council at 18:15 hours on February 25, 2019 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway BC

Present: Mayor Fromme
Councillors Schierbeck, Dunsdon and Grouette

Staff: Penny Feist, CAO
Sheri Harpur, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Cpl. Ted Bowen

Public: Leslie Price

Introduction of Late Items – **Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Mayor Grouette to add Boundary Country 2019 Official Travel Experiences Guide under Discussion 5 (c). **Carried**

Adoption of Agenda

Moved Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Metcalf that the February 25, 2019 special meeting agenda be adopted as amended to include the Boundary Country 2019 Official Travel Experiences Guide under Section 5(c). **Carried**

Delegation – Cpl. Ted Bowen

Councillor Metcalf enters at 18:17 hours.

Thanked Council for the opportunity to speak with them. The RCMP fiscal year is April 1 – March 31 so the report presented to Council addresses statistics from April 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018. Cpl. Bowen advises Council he will present these reports to the Council on a quarterly basis.

Cpl. Bowen has been at the Midway detachment for 20 months, since taking over things have moved towards a strong based team and morale is good. However, the detachment struggles when they go down a member, when that happens everyone goes into survival mode. Being down a member for a week or even a month is doable but anything longer becomes unacceptable. Cpl. Bowen advised that Midway Detachment would run more efficiently with an extra (fifth member) and advises the Council to keep pushing for the fifth member. Cpl. Bowen explained that Midway Detachment is run under a regionalized model where Nelson is the main hub Kootenay Boundary Regional Detachment (KBRD) located out of Nelson. The RCMP are looking at different models but are just at the gathering information stage right now. Cpl. Bowen how it is the office staff in the Midway Detachment that is the glue of the detachment and they are very lucky to have the staff they have.

Cpl. Bowen handed out the statistic spread sheet and went over it with Council. The file counts are up by 7% overall. Metal health files are up drastically in the division but that does not mean there are more people. The team is always trying to connect those with mental health issues with the right resources. Midway files themselves are down 5%. Cpl. Bowen pointed out that Midway is lucky they have no issues with their youth.

Public Works Foreman Boltz enters at 18:45 hours.

Road safety is a priority in this detachment.

Councillor Schierbeck asked if there would be an advantage if Midway was a longer posting and what is the idea behind a 3-year posting?

Cpl. Bowen's response was that there could possibly be an advantage to a longer posting but didn't have an answer regarding what the idea was behind the 3-year posting.

Cpl. Bowen thanked Council for their time.

Cpl. Bowen leaves at 19:06 hours.

Discussion

- a) **Budget Planning** – Public Works Foreman Boltz went over his proposed budget with Council

Sheri Harpur leaves room at 19:50 hours and returns at 19:51 hours.

Public Works Foreman leaves at 19:52 hours.

CAO Feist went over the preliminary budget discussion list again with Council.

Councillor Dunsdon feels that a 2.5% increase for the Library and Museum would be acceptable but to leave all other grant-in-aids the same. As well to not include the extra \$500.00 that was given to the seniors to help with the purchase of a new dishwasher.

Regarding the reserves, CAO Feist will get the budget down and then Council will decide on how much will go into each of the reserve accounts. Council agreed that they need to speak in depth about the Community Centre and the arena.

Leslie Price leaves at 20:15 hours.

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that staff are to set up a meeting with the Arena/Parks Supervisor for 18:00 hours on Monday, march 4, 2019 prior to the regular Council meeting.

Carried

- b) Midway Tourism Video – Mayor Fromme asked Council what they wanted to see out of the Midway Tourism Video. All of Council agreed that they would like to see the video promote the assets that the Village of Midway has to offer.
- c) Boundary Country 2019 Official Travel Experiences Guide – **Moved** Councillor Metcalf, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the Village of Midway purchase a full-page ad in the Boundary Country 2019 Official Travel Experiences Guide for \$1000.00.

Carried

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Moved Councillor Grouette that the meeting be adjourned at 20:23 hours.

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