

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on August 6, 2019 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway BC

Present: Mayor Fromme
Councillors Metcalf, Grouette, Schierbeck
Councillor Dunsdon absent

Staff: Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk
Sheri Harpur, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Sandra Mark, West Boundary Community Services Co-Op

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the August 6, 2019 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation

Sandra Mark explained the West Boundary Community Co-Op is moving forward towards economic development in the West Boundary. Her main purpose for attending the Council meeting was to speak about the Provincial Nominee Program. This program is geared toward helping immigrants settle in different parts of the province and not just in the lower mainland and Victoria. Sandra would be willing to help fill out the application if the Village of Midway would like to participate as well. If there is a person looking to immigrate into the area certain criteria must be met.

If the Village is interested in joining this program the Village contact person is required to take part in a monthly teleconference. This program allows interested immigrants to bring in new business into a community as well as creating jobs. It is on the applicant to visit the community if they are interested to make sure the business they want to bring to the community is a good fit. There is no cost to the community, just having someone with the time to answer questions and show them around when the applicant visits. It is up to Council to discuss what kind of business they would like to see brought into the Village.

Sandra needs a commitment by the end of the week if the Village of Midway would like to join the program. She explained that the Village application would be a separate from the West Boundary Community Services Co-op application.

Sandra Mark leaves at 19:14 hours.

Question Period – None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the July 15, 2019 regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

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New and Unfinished Business

- a) West Boundary Senior Housing Society – Request from July 15, 2019 Council Meeting – Interior Health Not Attending UBCM Convention – Councillor Schierbeck spoke to Dr. Thompson and he supports having blood lab services continue at Parkview Manor.

Moved/Seconded that a letter be written to Interior Health requesting a meeting with Council to discuss options for independent living residents with mobility and transportation to blood lab services.

Carried
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Correspondence

- a) Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development – Childcare BC –
Moved/Seconded to receive and file.

Carried

Administrator's Report – full written report on file

1. LED Street Light Project Update – Deputy Clerk Peters gave Council a brief update on the progress of LED street light project. The Deputy Clerk is waiting on quotes for design consulting from FortisBC as well as an independent contractor, no quotes received to date. The LED lights will be purchased from the Province of BC procurement.

Mayor and Council Reports**Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report**

- Advised Council that he would like to attend the Interior BC Regional Education Networking & Tradeshow being held in Kelowna September 9 & 10, 2019.

Moved/Seconded that Council supports Mayor Fromme attending the Interior BC Regional Education Networking & Tradeshow in Kelowna September 9 & 10, 2019.

Carried
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Staff to register Mayor Fromme for the tradeshow and book his hotel room.

- Attended the Forest Talk July 31, 2019 in Castlegar.
- Spoke to Connie Densesuik who is the Federal Liberal candidate.

Councillor Grouette – Nothing to report**Councillor Schierbeck** – Verbal report

- Asked about the property between Palmerston Ave and Highway 3 and what was happening with the mowing. Deputy Clerk Peters believes that the CAO and Bylaw Officer have been talking about the piece of property and that the owner has been contacted.
- Would be willing to be the contact person for the Provincial Nominee Program if this is something Council would be interested in joining. **Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway submit the appropriate paperwork to join the Provincial Nominee Program. Councillor Schierbeck will be the contact person for this program.

Carried
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Deputy Clerk to contact Sandra Mark and advise her the Village of Midway would like to join the Provincial Nominee Program.

Councillor Dunsdon – (via Councillor Schierbeck) Written report on file

- Councillor Schierbeck wanted more information from Councillor Dunsdon regarding point #5 Tractor for the Community Garden (share with Village)

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal report

- Announced that the West Boundary Community Forest received second place out of 65 for the Robin Hood memorial award for excellence in community forest management. Staff to put this announcement in the next newsletter. Staff to write a letter to Dan McMaster recognizing and thanking him for his dedication and hard work with the West Boundary Community Forest.
- Next Community Forest meeting is September 3, 2019 at 18:30 hours in the Village of Midway Council Chambers

Question Period – None**Financial Report** - None**Bylaws & Policies**

- a) Policy No. 387 – Responsible Conduct Guiding Principles (amended) - Adoption. Deferred till the August 19, 2019 Council meeting so that Councillor Dunsdon can join the discussion.

Planning – UBCM Convention Meetings

Deputy Clerk explained to Council that each meeting request requires a 500 character or less summary on the topics that will be discussed. Topics of meeting appointments discussed:

Ministry of Forests –

- Expansion of WBCF – Dan will submit something – Darrin will speak to him
- The Premier has signaled that developing mass timber production is the way forward for strengthening the forest sector in British Columbia. What supports are available or will be available to help Midway to establish mass timber production in our community to strengthen our economy and diversity our aging demographics

2. ALC – Meeting (combination of Dick and Martin)
 - What criteria were the Village lands put into the ALC
 - What is the Minister’s strategy for encouraging agricultural development and diversification in BC?
 - What is Midway’s role in this plan?
 - What support is available for developing agriculture on land base
 - How does the Ministry support marketing?
 - What is being done to encourage BC products to be sold in BC stores (rather than comparable products from outside Canada)
 - Should there be increasing global unrest, what is being done to ensure that British Columbians will have food if imports are cut off, since majority of our food is imported
 - Newly acquired land for park and possible subdivision option, map of newly acquired land, do we have any trade opportunities
3. Ministry responsible for Transportation
 - See Martin’s email of July 17th for details
4. Ministry of Housing
 - Landlord security. Ability to reasonably request a renter to leave
5. RCMP Land – land acquisition – increasing members for our detachment area/funding
6. BC Assessment Authority – what is the process for assessment evaluation, and can municipalities have input with respect to changes

Council would like clarity on Councillor Dunsdon’s request to speak to Victim Services.

Budgets/Accounts

Moved /Seconded that the accounts totaling \$82,769.97 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for Information Only

Moved /Seconded that the correspondence for information only items:

- a) City of Prince George – Proceeds of Crime; and Clean-Up of Needles and Other Harm Reduction Paraphernalia UBCM Resolution
- b) Auditor General for Local Government – AGLG Annual Report April 1, 2018 to March 31,2019
- c) Liquor and Cannabis Regulations Branch – Updated Alcohol Sense Materials
- d) Union of BC Municipalities – Commercial Vehicle Licensing Program
- e) Corporation of the Village of Pouce Coupe – Provincial Support for Libraries
- f) The Kidney Foundation of Canada BC & Yukon Branch – Request to BC Municipalities for Garbage Fees to be Waived for Patients Receiving Home Dialysis Treatment
- g) BC Renal – Request for Garbage Fees to be Waived for Patients Receiving Home Dialysis Treatment

be received and filed.

Carried

Correspondence for Information Only - to be held for two weeks only

Moved /Seconded that the correspondence for information only items:

- a) E-Comm 911 – 2018 Annual Report
- b) Municipal Insurance Association of BC – MIABC Board Highlights
- c) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – RDKB Wants to Know How Electoral Area ‘A’ Residents Adapting to Climate Change
- d) Jessica Kleissen, United Way – Invitation to Attend the Community Input & Stakeholder Meeting for a Boundary Better at Home Program

be held for two weeks then destroyed.

Carried

Question Period – None

In-Camera – Nil

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 20:10 hours