

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on September 16, 2019 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway BC

Present: Mayor Fromme
Councillors Grouette, Schierbeck, Dunsdon

Absent: Councillor Metcalf

Staff: Penny Feist, CAO
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Kettle Spray Park Committee: Tasha Ho, Tia Nordstrom, Melissa Ping, Amanda Turanski

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the September 16, 2019 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Delegation

The Kettle Spray Park Committee presented a grant application for Council's approval, submitted a request for permission to submit letters of intent and grant applications prior to receiving Council approval and to inform Council that the spray park has been renamed the "Marguerite Rotvold Memorial Spray Park."

The grant application submitted is for the Kraft Heinz Project Play program. The nomination and rally period ends on September 22, 2019. Once a project is submitted, the community can then "rally" around it by visiting the project's rally webpage by submitting a nomination story, sharing on Twitter, adding photos or videos and reacting with emojis to the nomination, photos or videos. Rally points contribute 20% towards a project's total score with the remaining 80% coming from the nomination stories. The top 4 finalists are announced on October 12, 2019 and is open to be voted on by the public. Since the committee submits applications using the Village of Midway's name and business number, Council was not able grant permission to the committee to submit anything prior to Council's approval. Tasha asked how they would be able to get the current funds held by the Village of Midway if they formed a society. Mayor Fromme informed her that the funds are being held in trust and in no way related to other Village finances and they just needed to make a request. Melissa Ping asked if there was a procedure to expedite the process to obtain Council's approval. Ideally, they would have liked to have this nomination submitted earlier but had to wait for the next Council meeting. Mayor Fromme suggested that if they are up against a deadline, they could send the information to the CAO and a Special Meeting could be arranged.

Question Period – None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the September 3, 2019 regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising

Page 6517 – Nil

Page 6518 – Nil

Page 6519 – Nil

Correspondence

a) Boundary District Curling Club – Request for Permissive Tax Exemption

Moved /Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves the Boundary District Curling Club letter requesting an exemption from taxation on both and improvements for the 2020 taxation year. **Carried**

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b) Village of Burns Lake – Support for Limited Entry Hunt for Cow/Calf Moose UBCM Resolution

Moved /Seconded to receive and file. **Carried**

c) City of Enderby – Fostering Transportation Network Services in Small Communities

Moved/Seconded to receive and file. **Carried**

Mayor Fromme excused himself, declaring a conflict of interest, at 19:25 hours.

d) King of Kings New Testament Church – Request for Permissive Tax Exemption for 2020
Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves King of Kings New Testament Church letter requesting an exemption from taxation on the land surrounding the building for the 2020 taxation year. **Carried**
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e) King of Kings New Testament Church – Request for Permissive Tax Exemption for The Bridge
Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approve a grant-in-aid in the amount equivalent to the 2019 municipal general taxes for the year 2020 for the King of Kings New Testament Church operating as 'The Bridge' located at 629 Eighth Ave. **Carried**

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f) Michael Down, Boundary Community Church Pastor – Request for Permission to Put Sign on Village Property
Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves the request for permission to put a sign for the Boundary Community Church on Village property. **Motion Defeated**

g) Boundary Community Church – Request for Permissive Tax Exemption
Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves the Boundary Community Church letter requesting an exemption on the land surrounding the building for the 2020 taxation year. **Carried**

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Mayor Fromme returns at 19:30 hours.

Administrator's Report – full written report on file

1. Board of Variance – Staff re-circulated the notice to the residents of Midway with an updated deadline of Friday September 20, 2019 at noon. To date, one application has been received.
2. Tax Sale – This year there are no properties in Midway that will be offered for tax sale, as delinquent taxes on all properties have been collected. Kudos to the Deputy Clerk.
3. Meeting with Sgt. Darryl Pepler from Grand Forks RCMP – The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize him with the Victim Services program.
4. Kettle Valley Fire Protection Service – After many years of trying to get fire protection service and *Dwelling Protection Grade (insurance grade recognition)* in the Rock Creek area, this has finally become a reality in the Kettle Valley Fire Protection service area. CAO received a phone call from the Fire Chief Sept. 9th advising that the Fire Underwriters Survey have completed their assessment and have assigned a Dwelling Protection Grade (DPG) to 3B semi-protected status for Personal Lines insurers, and a grading of 9 for Public Fire Protection Classification (PFPC) for Commercial Lines insurers for the Kettle Valley Fire Protection service area. Kudos to the Fire Chief.
5. Official Community Plan – James van Hemert will be making a presentation to Council October 7th on what we have learned to date and how we will engage the community at an event that is proposed for Wednesday October 30th.
 Councillors Dunsdon and Schierbeck will not be present at the October 7th Council meeting due to a conference in Kelowna. CAO to request James van Hemert to reschedule the presentation to Council to another date.
6. Rock Creek Fall Fair – Sheri Harpur, Bob Peters and Cam Kamigochi worked at a booth for the Village of Midway to promote the arena. Thank you to staff for doing that. It was reported that MLA Richard Cannings stopped by and spoke with staff and a few former Midway residents took extra rack cards with the 2019/2020 rates to distribute in their areas (Kelowna & Lower Mainland).
 Councillor Dunsdon requested the registration numbers from minor hockey and the breakdown to each West Boundary region, when they are available.

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Attended the BC Non-Profit Housing Association's Ready, Set, Build! session in Kelowna on September 10th. Meaningful conversations with CEO of BC Housing, the builder of Parkview Manor and companies that provide project managers were had. Any potential expansions or housing projects the Village would be involved with, these people could be contacted.
- Attended the Fall Fair, thank you again to staff for working in the Village of Midway's booth. West Boundary Community Forest also had a booth nearby that was well attended.

Councillor Dunsdon – Written report on file

- Provided a proposed restructuring of grant in aid funds from RDKB Area E Director, Vicki Gee. For information to Council only at this time. Would like the CAO to review and bring it back to Council.

- Regional Chamber of Commerce – There is no representative from Midway, do we fund this? Yes, the Economic Development portion is \$4907.00 which goes to the Regional District.
- The bus purchased by Parkview Manor cannot be a part of BC Transit. It will be up to the Manor how they want to fund and insure it.
- The RDKB Watershed Planner has been receiving calls regarding people reporting ATVs in the river in the Westbridge area. Any concerns regarding this topic should be forwarded to R.A.P.P and a Conservation Officer will be assigned to the complaint.
- Electric Car Charging Stations – Do we need a Kootenay rate? CAO has had preliminary discussions with Director Gee regarding this but no decisions have been made. Two years after installation, municipalities can begin to meter and charge a fee.
- Motorized vehicles on the Trans Canada Trail. Can we do anything about the part that passes through Midway? It would have to be in the form of a Bylaw. Mayor Fromme feels it could put the summer bike tourists at risk. Councillor Grouette feels motorized vehicle users could have a positive economic impact if allowed on the trail.
- RDKB is reviewing their meeting policy, if anything in particular sticks out, they will be brought to Council's attention.
- RDKB has hired a regional manager for FireSmart.
- RDKB is close to hiring a new finance manager.
- Village signs are close to completion. Phil Cameron has prepared the wood, looks great. Tony Munday should be coming this week to install the pieces.

Councillor Schierbeck – None

Councillor Grouette – Verbal report

- Invited up to SpeakEasy cannabis farm in Rock Creek on a personal level and received a tour of the facility. It is very impressive with over \$20M invested so far. Council is invited to a tour as well, date TBD. One of the challenges they are facing is staffing. Once they are running at full capacity, it will translate into a couple hundred jobs.

Mayor Fromme reminded Council of the Kettle Valley Satellite Hall Open House on Sunday September 29, 2019 from 1 - 3pm. Council is encouraged to attend.

Mayor Fromme would like to address the delegation's request at this time.

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway supports the Kettle Spray Park Committee's proposal to submit an application to the Kraft Heinz Project Play program.

Carried
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Question Period

The Kettle Spray Park Committee corrected part of their application that Council had suggested needed editing and asked if the revision was acceptable. Council agreed it looked good.

Tia Nordstrom asked whether a pamphlet or a section to the website promoting birthday parties would work for the arena like it does for the Grand Forks Aquatic Centre? She has used the Aquatic Centre for a birthday before and it feels it would be a simple option to try and attract more business.

Tasha Ho asked Mayor Fromme what kind of housing is the Village looking at? The possibilities of Senior housing and an expansion to Parkview Manor have been discussed casually. Tasha asked if those projects would be funded by the Village or the manor and BC Housing? Mayor Fromme said it would likely be BC Housing. When the manor was initially constructed, the Village donated a Grant-in-aid to the Manor, donated the land and staff time dealing with the subdivision, land title registration and legal matters. Tasha commented that the Village was going all out for Seniors, once again. Melissa Ping mentioned housing for everyone is an issue, not just for seniors. CAO said that the Official Community Plan will address all housing needs. The RDKB is also applying for funding to conduct a Housing Needs Assessment for the region. Tasha asked if that would help get land out of the Agricultural Land Reserve? The needs assessment would provide data to determine what kind of housing is in need.

Tasha asked for clarification regarding the proposed changes to the RDKB grant in aid structure, would it mean there will be no grants for places that are located in Midway but used by the region, like the library and museum? CAO pointed out that there is still a category for grants upon application, which is where she sees the grants to the library and museum coming from. Councillor Dunsdon said, as the way he understands it, that the grants to the library and museum would not be affected.

Tasha agrees with Councillor Grouette that there is an economic benefit to have the Trans Canada Trail motorized. She has ridden on motorized trails from Phoenix to Grand Forks and spent money on amenities in town when they got to Grand Forks. In comparison, many cyclists come off the trail into town and sit outside the grocery store to use the wifi and rarely shop.

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies – None

Planning

- a) Blk 4, 11, 12, 13 – Property Recently Purchased by Village of Midway

Mayor Fromme would like to start discussion on this property if the expansion to Riverfront Park is in the plans for the upcoming year. Council agreed that a Special Meeting would be the best option to discuss it. A date for the meeting will be determined at the next regular Council meeting.

Melissa Ping leaves at 20:12 hours.

Budgets/Accounts

Moved /Seconded that the accounts totaling \$59,162.11 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for Information Only – None

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

Moved /Seconded that the correspondence for information only item:

- a) Council of Senior Citizens’ Organizations of BC – Observation of the UN International Day of Older Persons – October 1st
- b) BCSPCA – Animal Sense Spring/Summer 2019

be held for two weeks then destroyed.

Carried

Question Period

Tasha Ho asked if Access Grant Services is available to Village of Midway Committees? CAO replied it is for Village of Midway projects. Any further retention of his services would come at a cost to the committee.

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 20:17 hours

MAYOR

CAO