

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on October 21, 2019 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway BC

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

Staff: Penny Feist, CAO
Sheri Harpur, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Gladys Brown
Barb Stewart – Boundary Invasive Species Society

Public: Christine Hinks, Madison Harpur, Ron McIntyre, Kim McIntyre

Introduction of Late Items – Moved/Seconded to add the Midway Community Association under delegation item b). **Carried**

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the October 21, 2019 regular meeting agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried**

John Hibberson enters at 19:01 hours.

Delegation

a) Gladys Brown/Barb Stewart

Gladys Brown brought forward her concerns regarding pesticides in the air and drinking water, resulting from the spray program. CAO Feist explained that as a water supplier, Interior Health requires that the Village take water weekly samples for bacteriological testing from two different locations in the community weekly, these samples are sent to a laboratory in Kelowna for testing and the results are forwarded to our office and to Interior Health who monitor our drinking water distribution system making sure it meets with their health standards/guidelines. The municipality also has an annual water report requirement that is posted on the website for public viewing.

Barb Stewart clarified that aquifers that are sandy are at higher risk of leaching but that all pesticides have what's called a half-life, meaning how fast half of the pesticide breaks down. Barb also clarified that herbicides are used in Midway not pesticides and they have very short half-lives, Herbicides are different then pesticides and that a person cannot generalize all pesticides together. British Columbia has the strictest rules on the use of pesticides in Canada.

b) Midway Community Association

John Hibberson reported that the Midway Community Association received a donation of \$60,000.00 to install a lift/elevator in the community centre to address the accessibility issues. The \$60,000 is granted with the stipulation that the works be completed within one year of receiving the funds. Mr. Hibberson obtained an estimate for the costs of construction to be between \$40,000.00 & \$45,000.00 plus between \$10,000.00 & \$15,000.00 for the extra electrical work. The Midway Community Association requests that the Council consider approving the works to proceed as soon as possible.

Question Period – Why would the installation of the elevator take time?

The building type classification 'commercial' dictates the requirements that would need to be met for construction, renovation, etc., a building permit would not be issued without the involvement of possibly an architect, and for certain electrical, structural and mechanical engineers for an elevator/lift.

John Hibberson, Gladys Brown, Christine Hinks, Barb Stewart and Madison Harpur leave at 19:30 hours.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the September 16, 2019 regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the October 9, 2019 special meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising

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Correspondence

- a) Kirsten Goodnough, Assistant Deputy Minister (Public Affairs), Department of National Defence – National Veterans' Week Speakers Program 2019 **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file. **Carried**
- b) Midway Community Association – Request for Support for the July 1, 2020 Canada Day Celebrations **Moved /Seconded** to support the Midway Community Association hosting a celebration on July 1, 2020 and to provide financial support. **Carried**

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Financial support to be determined in budget discussions

- c) Midway Community Association – October 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file. **Carried**
- d) British Columbia Cattlemen's Association – Request to Improve High-Speed Internet in Rural Communities **Moved/Seconded** that a letter is forwarded to the British Columbia Cattleman's Association advising that Council agrees rural residents need high-speed internet access, and further, that a copy of the BCCA letter be forwarded to the Regional District Kootenay Boundary for their attention. **Carried**

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Administrator's Report – full written report on file

1. Board of Variance – Two submissions were received for the vacant position. **Moved/Seconded** to table this discussion until the in-camera portion of the meeting. **Carried**
 2. Requests for use of the James G. McMynn Park – The office has received 3 different requests for the use of the park next summer. **Moved/Seconded** to approve in principal the three different requests to use the James G. McMynn Park in the summer of 2020. **Carried**
- Staff are to determine rates.
3. Boundary Falls Asphalt & Excavating Quote – **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway accepts Boundary Falls Asphalt & Excavating quote 'Option #3' to rehabilitate and realign 9,870 sq. ft. from Adams Street to Division Street then north, for the quoted price of \$52,800 not including GST. **Carried**
 4. Cpl Bowen, Midway RCMP – Update re: clarification on Council discussions with the RCMP at the UBCM Convention.
 5. KVR Trail Mile 0 – Proposed Surfacing Kettle Valley Rail Trail – Demo scheduled for October 30th at 10:00 am, at the Kettle River Musuem.
 6. Community Centre Upgrade Project – Heritage Canada/Legacy Fund – Update
 7. Solar Project – **Moved/Seconded** to keep the information from Ian Gibson, South Okanagan Solar Energy Project Coordinator, proposing a Solar Energy Project for the Village of Midway on file for future project consideration. **Carried**
 8. UBCM Convention September 23 – 27, 2019 – Meetings update. **120-2019**

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Better at Home project is still going ahead and he will be sitting on the advisory committee.
- **Moved/Seconded** that staff send a letter to the Kettle River Lions Club thanking them for hosting a free family fun skate at the Boundary Expo Recreation Centre on October 20, 2019. **Carried**

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Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report

- West Boundary Community Forest Board meeting still to be determined.

Councillor Grouette – Verbal Report

- Spray Park Committed requests the use of picnic tables and rectangular tables for the Kettle Spay park Halloween afternoon. CAO Feist advised the Public Works Foreman is dealing with the requested items for the event.

Councillor Dunsdon – Written report on file

1. Need to send a formal letter to the RDKB, attention James Chandler, requesting cost and possible admittance to animal control
2. A number of jurisdictions (including the RDKB) are looking at setting up community committees to make recommendations in terms of council and or regional district remuneration. What is the Village of Midway's policy on technology funding for councillors? Can the Village supply printer ink?
3. Indigenous recognition for the Village of Midway. Contact Wayne Giles at wayne.giles@gov.bc.ca. Mayor Fromme will contact Wayne Giles.
4. RDKB new website is in development and should be rolled out next spring. We need to check for Village of Midway info eg. Video
5. **Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway write a letter to the Minister of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding the loss of the rural dividend grants and to cc RDKB.

Carried**122-2019**

6. Take a stand as a Village on Climate change. Many jurisdictions are doing so.
7. Policy re Travel expenses. A policy that outlines clearly, eligible travel expenses needs to be drafted.
8. Fire Smart - The Village will need someone to champion fire smart activities in the Village to work with residents and possibly the fire department. Activity could include a fire smart book program that could benefit both the residents and businesses in the community. Brandy Maslowski has been retained by the RDKB to address Fire Smart Education and Activities.
9. Keeping it Rural Conference. Will bring forward the key points over the next couple meetings. Updated on some top 13 attractions that bring young people to rural communities. 1. cultural amenities, 2. high speed internet (this is a job creator) 3. entrepreneurial culture, 4. restaurants and bars, 5. craft breweries and distilleries, 6. co-working spaces (where people can go to access high speed internet, 7. public spaces and activities, 8. innovative housing, 9. retailers, 10. good schools, 11. lively downtown, 12. local public markets, 13. good jobs. The underlying theme is think regionally and globally.
10. Midway pickle ball received a \$300.00 grant to be administered by the Midway Community Association.
11. Watershed Service Plan is complete. See attached.
12. Insurance Bureau of Canada has all kinds of free brochures with good information for residents
13. Reminder of woodstove exchange program (brochures at Village office)
14. Village signs are ready to be installed. CAO Feist will speak to the Public Works Foreman regarding date for installation of the signs.
15. Grant processes with Area E (was a discussion held). CAO Feist spoke with Director Gee, waiting for her to discuss with Greenwood so we can get their take on request.
16. BC Rural Centre has good information on their website: www.bcruralcentre.org

Councillor Schierbeck – Written report on file

- After some discussion it was decided by Council to change some of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) on the BC Provincial Nominee Program application. Council agreed that the numbers and classifications be changed to 339 – Miscellaneous manufacturing, 721 – Accommodation services and 115 – Support activities for agriculture and forestry

Question Period - Nil**Financial Report** – Nil**Bylaws & Policies**

- a) Bylaw No. 516 – Being a bylaw to exempt properties used for public athletic or recreation purposes from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2020

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 516 being a bylaw to exempt properties used for public athletic or recreation purposes from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2020 be **ADOPTED** this 21st day of October, 2019.

Carried**123-2019**

- b) Bylaw No. 517 – Being a bylaw to exempt properties used for philanthropic or other not for profit corporation from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2020

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 517 being a bylaw to exempt properties used for philanthropic or other not for profit corporation from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2020 be **ADOPTED** this 21st day of October, 2019.

Carried**124-2019**

Mayor Fromme excuses himself at 20:34 hours to avoid conflict.

- c) Bylaw No. 518 – Being a bylaw to exempt properties used for public worship from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2020

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 518 being a bylaw to exempt properties used for public worship from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2020 be **ADOPTED** this 21st day of October, 2019. **Carried**

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Mayor Fromme returns at 20:35 hours.

- d) Policy No. 389 – Municipal Water Services –

Moved/Seconded that Council approve Policy No. 389 – Municipal Water Services be approved as presented.

Carried

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Planning - Nil

Budgets/Accounts

Moved /Seconded that the accounts totaling \$134,169.49 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for Information Only

Moved/Seconded that the correspondence for information only items:

- a) Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch – Cannabis Promotion in Liquor-Licensed Establishments and at Events Held Under a Special Event Permit
- b) Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Mountain Pine Beetle Salvage Operations and Rural Dividend Program
- c) Janine Dougall, General Manager of Environmental Services RDKB – Contaminated Soil Request
- d) BC Hydro – Columbia River Operations Summary, Fall 2019
- e) Community Social Services Employers' Association of BC – 2018 Non-CSSEA Employee Turnover Report By Classification, October 2019
- f) Regional District Kootenay Boundary – September 2019 Building Inspector Report

be received and filed.

Carried

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

Moved /Seconded that the correspondence for information only item:

- a) Wilderness Committee – Old-Growth Crisis, Vol. 38 No. 6/2019
- b) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Board Highlights, August 29, 2019
- c) BC Hydro – Thompson Okanagan Columbia Community Relations 2019 Annual Report

be held for two weeks then destroyed.

Carried

Question Period - nil

Moved/Seconded to move in-camera under section 90(1)(c),(g),(m) of the Community Charter at 20:45 hours.

Ron and Kim McIntyre leave at 20:46 hours

Return to regular meeting at 21:15 hours

Declassified from confidential to non-confidential discussion:

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway appoints Dennis Pulham to fill the vacant Board of Variance position. **Carried**

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Moved/Seconded that in accordance with Section 536 of the Local Government Act, the Council of the Village of Midway hereby appoints Ross Elliott, Gail Bryan and Dennis Pulham to sit on the Board of Variance for a three-year term effective October 21, 2019 – October 21, 2022. **Carried**

128-2019

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 21:16 hours.