

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:13 hours on April 6, 2020. Due to the Covid-19 Virus the meeting was held via Zoom (electronic means)

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

Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheri Harpur, Administrative Assistant

Public: None

Introduction of Late Items – Nil

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the April 6, 2020 regular meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

Question Period – None

Delegation – None

Question Period - None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the March 16, 2020 regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Pages 6566 – 6568 – None

New and Unfinished Business - None

Correspondence

- a) Dan & Kathy Davidson – Request for Reduced Rate for Water Utility Bill – **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway deny the request from Dan and Kathy Davidson to reduce their water user fees be denied. **Carried**
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- b) Mayor Lee Brain, City of Prince Rupert – Sounding the Alarm Regarding Covid-19 – **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file. **Carried**
- bii) Mayor Lee Brain, City of Prince Rupert – Message from Independent First Nations and Mayors Across British Columbia Regarding Covid-19 Response – **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file. **Carried**
- c) District of Metchosin – Covid-19 Testing Needed for First Responders – **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file. **Carried**
- d) City of Burnaby – 2020 UBCM Resolutions – **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file. **Carried**
- e) Mayor Richard Stewart, City of Coquitlam – Follow-up to March 17, 2020 Conference Call – Current Response to Covid-19 – **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file. **Carried**
- f) Canadian Federation of Independent Business – Supporting Small Businesses in Light of Covid-19 – **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file. **Carried**
- g) Mayor Lyn Hall, City of Prince George – Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuit – **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file. **Carried**
- h) Nathan Harpur – Celgar Compost Proposal Request – **Moved/Seconded** to approve Nathan Harpur's request to spread compost from Celgar on his airport leased land and well as an early renewal to his 5 year lease. Council was also advised that the current lease with the lessee does not expire until April 30, 2022.

After discussion on the motion there was no vote. CAO to do more research with ALC on the mill treated solids from Celgar. Request was deferred to the April 20, 2020 regular meeting

Administrator's Report – Verbal Report

- Advised Council that during the Covid-19 Pandemic the office and outside staff are taking extra precautions and are being extra careful with social distancing and disinfecting. Takes part in coordination calls with EMBC 3 times weekly and information call with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing with the Mayor once each week regarding the pandemic.
- Has a conference call April 9, 2020 about the upcoming Freshet season and Flood Preparedness

Mayor and Council Reports**Councillor Schierbeck – Verbal Report**

- Conference call with James van Hemert, CAO Feist and Sara Huber from the Agriculture Land Commission. Gordon Bednard, Regional Planner / Kootenay Division was not available to join the call. Discussed was how the process will work in reference to our OCP and exclusion requests. There will be another call set up in the future with Gordon Bednard who is Midway's Regional Planner to address the OCP going forward.

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report

- The West Boundary Community Forest picked the recipients of Community Forest funding. Will get a print out of all the successful applicants for Council review.

Councillor Grouette – No Report**Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal Report**

- Will be speaking with CAO Feist and Deputy Clerk Peters regarding running the Community Garden during the Covid-19 pandemic. What needs to be done and what kind of signage needs to put in place.
- The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary is paying to have a feasibility study completed regarding a regional fire service. Mayor Fromme has some concerns about this topic and suggests that the Village of Midway should be able to participate in this process.

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Attended the Primary Community Care meeting. An outline of all the pertinent points that were discussed at the meeting are on file.

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

a) Bylaw 485, 2020 – A bylaw to authorize the Establishment of a Fire Truck Replacement Reserve Fund – **Moved /Seconded** that Bylaw 485 a bylaw to authorize the Establishment of a Fire Truck Replacement Reserve Fund be adopted this 6th day of April, 2020. **Carried**

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d) Policy No. 393 – Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic – Reference to hygiene to include provincially approved hygiene techniques. Anywhere that Policy 393 references authorities or policies to include the word provincially. **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves Policy No. 393 – Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic. **Carried**

Councillors Schierbeck and Metcalf opposed.

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Councillor Schierbeck requested a letter be written from the Village of Midway to the Kettle Valley Golf Club Society advising that should the golf course open to the public, that they ensure all current and future provincial/federal orders and guidelines are adhered to respecting the Covid-19 pandemic.

Planning – None**Budgets/Accounts**

Moved /Seconded that the accounts totaling \$117,121.09 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

Carried**Correspondence for Information Only**

Moved /Seconded that correspondence for information only item:

a) Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch – The Manufacturing and Sale of Hand Sanitizers be received and filed.

Carried**Correspondence for Information Only - to be held for two weeks only - None****Question Period – None****In-Camera – No in-camera**

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 20:27 hours.