

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on April 20, 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 20, 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 April 6, 2020 regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Pages 6569 – 6570 – None

New and Unfinished Business –

- a) Nathan Harpur – Celgar Compost Proposal and Early Renewal on his 5 Year Lease – CAO has submitted a request for comment to the ALC Soils department, waiting for response. CAO met with Len Hewat, Mercer Celgar, he advised when treated solids are stockpiled they will start to compost within 36 hours and will emit a fairly strong odour. It is advised to restrict stockpiling to the far west-end of the lessee's lands if the ALC and MOE approve the bio solids for application on the lands.

CAO recommends the following that at this time the request for early renewal not be approved for the following reasons:

- The lessee's current lease is still valid for another 2 years – expiring April 30, 2022, there is still significant time to make a good informed decision.
- Lessee currently pays \$1,000 / year for the lease of these lands, future annual rates should be considered and staff have not had time to address this.
- Council should first review, discuss and make a decision if they are going to proceed with including these lands in the OCP exclusion request.

Council directed CAO Feist to speak with Mr. Harpur about compost and lease to get more information from him as well as the ALC.

- b) Dr. Jesse Thompson – Lease Agreement – **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves a one-year lease ending March 17, 2021 to Dr. Jesse Thompson for the main (upper) floor of the Midway Medical Clinic located at 500 Haynes Street at a monthly rate of \$550 plus gst.

Carried

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Correspondence

- a) Canada Border Services Agency – Measures CBSA Has in Place During COVID-19 – **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file. **Carried.**
- b) Village of Hazelton – BC Gaming Grant – **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway support and endorse the Village of Hazelton recommendation that communities under 10,000 in B.C. should be considered to be eligible to apply for Community Gaming Grants Program for Arts and Culture, Sport, Public Safety, Environment and/or Social Services'. **Carried**

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Administrator's Report – Full report on file

- 1) Essential Services Mutual Aid Agreement - **Moved/Seconded** that as a result of the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General 'Ministerial Order No. M084 – Local Authorities and Essential Goods and Supplies (COVID-19) Order', requiring that each local authority must use best efforts to enter into a mutual aid agreement with neighbouring jurisdictions during the COVID-19 pandemic for the purpose of ensuring continuity of local authority essential services; Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Village of Midway approves entering into an 'Essential Services Mutual Aid Agreement' with the Regional District Kootenay Boundary, City of Grand Forks and the City of Greenwood for the purpose of ensuring that wastewater and drinking water infrastructure services are maintained. **Carried**

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- 3) Copy of amended Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Policy No. 393 circulated to Council.
- 2) Greenpeaks Resource Management to start tree planting in drought prone areas on the hiking trails and other local boundary areas. If anyone has concerns contact Peter Flett of Vaagen Fibre or Owen Stewart of Greenpeaks Resource Management.
- 3) Official Community Plan – James Van Hemert is recommending removing the 38 ha portion and 15 ha runway portion of the airport lands from the request for exclusion after speaking with Gordon Bednard, Land Use Planner with the ALC. After considerable discussion, the Council directed that the lands on the north side of the airstrip from Cleghorn Street to the end of the airstrip and the lands at the far west end of the airstrip are to remain in the exclusion request. The lands south of the airstrip from Division Street west to be removed from the exclusion request.
- 4) COVID-19 Pandemic – Government has reduced the school property tax rate for commercial properties as well as postponing the late payment date to October 1, 2020 for commercial properties in classes 4, 5, and 6. Staff are preparing the office for addressing clients safely during tax time.
- 5) Spoke to Public Works Foreman Boltz and he is going to be asking Nathan Harpur if he would be interested in maintaining village owned land in Block 4, 11 and 12. Council directed that the maintenance of the lands is to be done by the Village.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Schierbeck – No Report

Councillor Grouette – No Report

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal Report

- AM Ford's proposal to the RDKB board. Willing to donate four Ford fiestas for transporting people around. Will bring back more information after the next RDKB meeting.
- Can get a copy of the RDKB 2020 requisition report for any Council members who are interested in looking at it.

Councillor Metcalf – No Report

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Still involved with the weekly pandemic calls with CAO Feist
- Participated in the RDKB Flood Response Plan zoom meeting.

Question Period – None

Financial Report – **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves the audited financial statements for the Village of Midway for the period ending December 31, 2019 and the audit report to Mayor and Council.

Carried
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Bylaws & Policies –

- a) Bylaw 525, 2020 – A Bylaw to Regulate Property Maintenance and Standards – For Three Readings

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw 525, 2020 being a bylaw to regulate property maintenance and standards be now read a first time on the 20th day of April, 2020.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw 525, 2020 being a bylaw to regulate property maintenance and standards be now read a second time on the 20th day of April, 2020.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw 525, 2020 being a bylaw to regulate property maintenance and standards be now read a third time on the 20th day of April, 2020.

Carried

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved /Seconded that the accounts totaling \$42,181.71 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

Carried

Correspondence for Information Only

Moved /Seconded that correspondence for information only item:

- a) Ministry of Health – Shared Understanding and Consensus with BC Emergency Health Services, Fire Chiefs Association of BC and BC Fire Commissioner Regarding Reducing Fire First Responder COVID-19 Exposure
 - b) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Building Inspector March 2020 Report
- 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 20:02 hours.