

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on May 4, 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
Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk

Public: None

Introduction of Late Items – West Boundary Community Forest – 2019 Dividend cheque be added to correspondence for information only item 17(a).

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the May 4, 2020 regular meeting agenda be adopted as amended to include late item correspondence under info only item 17(a). **Carried**

Question Period – None

Delegation – None

Question Period - None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the April 20, 2020 regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Pages 6571 – None

Page 6572 - Councillor Dunsdon gave an update on AM Ford's proposal to donate four Ford Fiestas to the RDKB for transportation. It is not proceeding at this time as Ford cannot donate the vehicles so this project is in limbo until they can find someone to look after the whole process.

Staff to forward a copy of the RDKB 2020 Requisition to Council.

New and Unfinished Business –

a) Nathan Harpur – Celgar Compost Proposal – To be discussed under CAO report.

Correspondence

- a) West Boundary Senior Housing Society – Letter of Support Request – **Moved/Seconded** that correspondence be rec'd and filed. **Carried**
- b) Lake Country - Mayor James Baker – Interest Charged on Deferred Mortgage Payments - **Moved/Seconded** that Council of the Village of Midway support Lake Country's request to the Minister of Finance to review and put suitable regulations into place to eliminate the financial gain banks from charging interest and delayed payment fees for deferred mortgage payments. **Carried**
- c) Dennis Schafer – Letter of Support for Further Modifications to Cannabis Retail Regulations - **Moved/Seconded** that correspondence be rec'd and filed. **Carried**
- d) Mayor Linda Buchanan, City of North Vancouver – Supporting British Columbians During the COVID-19 Pandemic - **Moved/Seconded** that correspondence be rec'd and filed. **Carried**

Administrator's Report – Full report on file

1. van Hemert & Co. contract amendment – Due to the corona (covid-19) virus delays and response respecting the Official Community Plan referral process is being anticipated, as a result, the following changes to the contract are proposed.
 - Extend contract to June 23 to allow participation in ALC / Council meeting on May 27th
 - Commercial General Insurance until May 22, 2020 (current term expires)

James van Hemert expects that all of the OCP work will be completed by May 22 with the exception of the supervision of any OCP map changes, which will be done by the RDKB GIS staff. There is no change to the budget at this time, however, if the work associated with the ALC power point presentation approaches exceeding the time budget, he will consult with the Village.

Moved/Seconded That the Council of the Village of Midway approve Contract # VOMOCP2019-002 'Amendment 2' Agreement for Service between the Village of Midway and van Hemert & Co.

Carried
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2. Official Community Plan Review & Update

a) Further to last meeting Council discussions regarding what airport land were to remain in the exclusion request to the Agriculture Land Commission. The Chief Administrative Officer has advised the consultant and has provided an explanation / rationale that will accompany the exclusion request for the ALC's consideration. (attached)

b) Official Community Plan meeting with the Agriculture Land Commission – Details about the May 27th meeting between the Council and the ALC Executive Committee (attached). Further meeting details will follow regarding time.

3. Covid-19 Pandemic – CAO/Mayor weekly meetings with the Minister of Municipal Affairs has been reduced now to once every two weeks. Last meeting held was April 23rd next meeting is scheduled for May 7th. Coordination calls with Interior Health Authority, First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and Emergency Management BC (EMBC) regarding the Corona virus have been reduced to once per week.

4. Leased Airport Land – re: Celgar Compost Proposal

Chief Administrative Officer has discussed with the lessee the request for application of pulp mill treated solids on the airport lands. It is not the lessee's intent to stockpile, he will be spreading the product on the lands when it arrives. CAO also received a response from the ALC following her request for comment regarding application of pulp mill treated solids from Mercer International for deposit on airport lands. Response is that the applicant is required to forward the pulp residual land application notification to the ALC at least 30 days before the planned activity. This is the same application that is completed and forwarded to the Ministry of Environment.

Moved/Seconded That the Council approves Nathan Harpur's request to deposit pulp mill treated solids provided by Mercer International (Celgar) subject to receiving approvals from the provincial authorities.

Carried
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Request for early renewal of lease of airport lands: Discussed options for renewal, the lessee is interested in the part of the airport that he has planted a perennial crop, the large section of airport lands south of the airstrip from Division Street west.

Options:

1. To leave the current lease as is until the expiry of April 30, 2022, then renew for a five-year term. (provide the lessee with a letter of intent to renew a further 5 years upon expiry).
2. Terminate the current lease and renew for 5 years that portion of airport land (south of airstrip from Division west), and renew an annual lease agreement for the airport lands (north of airstrip from Cleghorn west and the end of the airstrip).
3. Amend the current lease to extend the expiry date to April 2027.

Moved/Seconded That the Council approves option 2 terminate the current lease and renew for 5 years that portion of airport land (south of airstrip from Division west) and renew an annual lease agreement for the airport lands (north of airstrip from Cleghorn west and the end of the airstrip).

Carried
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5. Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program – CAO spoke with the Programs Officer and it was recommended that the Village request an extension for an additional year in order to complete the works as outlined on the program application. The program officer suggested that we also look into applying for further funding for the fall intake. Update: Village requested an extension for additional year to complete the works and approval was received.

6. Tax Rate & Revenue Analysis –The BC Assessment has decreased the assessment of each property class with the exception of utilities and major industry. The province has provided major industry for this year 100% exemption from paying any school taxes and has also provided a 75% relief for light industry and business/other and rec/non-profit property classes for the 2020 year.

Recommendation: Option 2 – 1.7% increase / \$10,000.

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves a property tax increase of 1.7% for 2020, representing a total increase of \$10,000 over all property tax classifications.

Carried
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Councillor Metcalf and Councillor Grouette opposed

- 7. Emergency Management BC Coordination calls – 2020 Flood Preparedness 2 times per week – River Forecast and Weather Forecast update, April 29th.

RDKB 'Freshet Conditions Update' zoom meeting May 1st. Agenda for discussions: Current Snowpack and River levels – Advanced planning activities, Trigger point, emergency measures/setup lead times.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Metcalf: Verbal Report

- Most airports have standard language prohibiting both vehicular and pedestrian traffic on any airport runway and tie down area. Councillor Metcalf advised that signage needs to be installed to eliminate runway incursions from vehicles and pedestrian traffic as it is a liability for the Village. Staff directed to order signage and install on airport lands.
- Councillor Metcalf to provide council with a list of successful West Boundary Community Forest grant recipients

Councillor Grouette – no report

Councillor Schierbeck: Verbal Report

- Bylaw issue with potential dog kennel operation in the community. CAO advised the municipality has a policy in place that requires that all complaints are to be placed in writing, for legal reasons and freedom of information requirements. Complaints will be referred to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for investigation and the complainant's identity will stay anonymous.

Councillor Dunsdon – no report

Mayor Fromme: Verbal Report

- May 8th – Tour of the Wilgress Lake property for anyone interest 12:00 noon
- Partnership Fund –As per Community Forest Reserve Fund Bylaw do Council wish to contribute funds to the Midway Partnership Fund? Council will hold off contributing to the fund this year.
- Budget and Tax Rate bylaw meeting planning.

Question Period – None

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies –

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

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw 525, 2020 being a bylaw to regulate property maintenance and standards be adopted this 20th day of April, 2020.

Carried
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Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved /Seconded that the accounts totaling \$46,138.96 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 correspondence for information only item:

- a) BC Forest Professional – Spring 2020

be received and filed.

Carried

Question Period – None

In-Camera – No in-camera

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1950 hours.

MAYOR

Chief Administrative Officer