

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on July 20, 2020 at the Midway Community Centre, 692 Seventh Ave., Midway, BC. *Due to the Covid-19 virus the Council Chambers is restricted to an occupancy level of only 5 people in order to safely accommodate the physical distancing requirement. Until further notice Council meetings will be held either in-person at the Midway Community Centre or by virtual meeting via zoom.*

The Village Council acknowledges that this meeting is taking place on the non-treaty traditional lands of the Okanagan Nation Alliance and the Osoyoos Indian Band.

Present:	Mayor Fromme Councillors Schierbeck, Dunsdon, Grouette, Metcalf
Staff:	Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk
Public:	Donald Smythe, Tasha Hoe, Tia Nordstrom, Ray/Ulrike Porter, Kena Tateyama, Bob Bugeaud, Gail Bryan, Calvin Metcalf, Sheri McMullen

**Introduction of Late Items** – None

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved /Seconded** that the July 20, 2020 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**Delegation** - None

**Question Period** - Nil

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the June 15, 2020 special meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the June 15, 2020 regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**Business Arising**

Pages 6583 - Page 6585 - None

**New and Unfinished Business**

- a) Public Works – Foreman’s Report – Full report on file
- Buildings – A/C issues with Medical Clinic and Library
  - Radon Mitigation for Bunkhouse and Medical Clinic – waiting on quotes
  - CPR Station – needs roof replacement
  - Noxious weed spraying to take place this week
  - Mowing of Village vacant property
  - Airport signage and airstrip mowed
  - Equipment Maintenance and Repair
  - Risk Management
  - Landfill – non-compliance with our permit – looking into future operations of the site
  - Cemetery – need to look at having the site replotting into proper alignment
  - Ambulance Station – new lights inside and wall removed between bays
  - Parks – working on irrigation upgrades/gazebo currently under repair/ electrical repairs are now complete
  - Beautification projects around community
  - Streets – LED street light project is now complete/new signs up Thomet and Fritz/ dust control complete on Fritz
  - Sewer – main line flushed/two hookups complete
  - Tree Planting project along highway through community – Foreman suggested that this would beautify the entry and exit to Midway – Could look at grants.
- b) UBCM Convention 2020 re : Registration & Code of Conduct – Councillor Dunsdon and Schierbeck not interested. Other Council undecided at this time.
- c) UBCM Convention 2020 re : Provincial Government Meeting Scheduling
- (i) Minister Selina Robinson, Municipal Affairs and Housing
  - (ii) Premier John Horgan or other Cabinet Ministers
  - (iii) BC Assessment – re : Invitation : Virtual Meeting with BC Assessment during UBCM

CAO suggests a special meeting to discuss Provincial Meetings

- a) Bruce Gibbons, Merville re: Groundwater Extraction  
**Moved /Seconded** that council submit correspondence to Minister of Forests Lands Resources Operations and Rural Development and the Minister of Environment expressing our concern with the inaction on the resolution and asking that the government reconsider their position. **Carried**  
065-2020
- b) Robert and Bernice Johansen – re: Extension of the sewer line request. After discussion it was  
**Moved /Seconded** that Public Works is to research costs to extend the sewer infrastructure to have an access point further west along Central Avenue. **Carried**  
066-2020
- c) Asphalt Processing and Storage – re: Clarification on Light Industrial Zoning  
**Moved /Seconded** that correspondence regarding Asphalt processing and storage be moved to in-camera portion of meeting. **Carried**  
067-2020
- d) City of Rossland Mayor Kathy Moore – re: Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy Change – Call for support to work together in combating climate change  
**Moved /Seconded** that correspondence from City of Rossland be received and filed. **Carried**
- e) City of Westminster Mayor Cote – re: Disaggregated COVID-19 Data Collection – Seeking support for calling on the Provincial and Federal governments to collect disaggregated COVID-19 data.  
**Moved /Seconded** that correspondence from City of Westminster be received and filed. **Carried**
- f) Clean Energy BC – re: Clean Energy BC – Bill 17 proposed amendments to Clean Energy Act  
**Moved /Seconded** that correspondence from Clean Energy BC be received and filed. **Carried**
- g) Canadian Federation of Independent Business – re: Showing your support for small business recovery by promoting Small Business Every Day  
**Moved /Seconded** that correspondence from Canadian Federation of Independent Business be received and filed. **Carried**
- h) District of Squamish – re: Reforming the funding models for public safety and community health in the Province of BC.  
**Moved /Seconded** that correspondence from District of Squamish be received and filed. **Carried**
- i) Bob Bugeaud – re: Hangar Lease Request – Bob would like to rent the west side of the west hangar and would also like to start a Midway Flying club possibly affiliated with the Grand Forks Flying Club or a stand-alone club. If the Midway Flying Club could get use of the kitchen/bathroom part of the west hanger to use as a pilot's lounge.  
**Moved /Seconded** that request from Bob Bugeaud regarding rental of hangar space as well as kitchen space be moved to next meeting for further discussion. Staff to gather lease pricing as well as time frame and space usage. **Carried**  
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#### **Administrator's Report** – Written Report on file

1. Official Community Plan Review & Update – Have received the final draft copy from the consultant, however, still waiting for the referrals from the Ministry of Transportation and the Agriculture Land Commission. Once those are received the draft will be brought to Council for 1<sup>st</sup> reading.
2. LED Light Conversion Project – See attached memo from the Deputy Clerk.  
  
New LED Street light conversion is complete, a very big thank you to the Deputy Clerk for bringing this project together and to the Public Work Foreman for assisting in the reconciliation. Another project that will help the village work towards lowering the carbon footprint and will save taxpayers' dollars in the long run.
3. Village Office – The area has been cleaned up and looks great, a very big thank you to all of the outside staff for all their hard work on this project, and to Bob Peters for great gardening skills.
4. COVID-19 – Meeting with Minister Robinson on July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mayors and Chairs were provided an opportunity to give the values, outcomes and criteria that government is using to guide our economic recovery, what ideas for recovery are being talked about in communities that would meet government objectives.
5. Tree Debris lodged on the bridge – This will require either a channel maintenance or an in-stream application in order for the Public Works to remediate before next high water.

#### **Mayor and Council Reports**

##### **Councillor Dunsdon** – Verbal Report

- Is the Riverfront Park in compliance with COVID regulations? CAO advised that she has reviewed all rules and requirements with park caretaker
- Group Site – CAO will ask the Bylaw Enforcement to do site visits to the riverfront park to make sure patrons are following the rules.
- No RDKB meeting this month
- RDKB grant funding – Director Gee will meeting with CAO to review criteria on allocation of funds
- Provincial Government has adopted a “diversity, inclusion, anti-racism and equity” policy and feels the Village might want to have a policy as well. Staff to draft a policy for the next meeting for council review

Councillor Grouette – Verbal Report

- Councillor Gouette had a number of concern resident contact him regarding news article in the Vancouver Sun and Province titled “Kuwaiti billionaire is the new big player in B.C. cannabis space”, which Mayor Fromme had an interview with reporter David Carrigg. Councillor Grouette stated residents were not happy with some of the statements given in the article as well as how the town overall was depicted. Grouette further stated he was unaware that an interview was happening and that Mayor Fromme speaks on behalf of all council and felt that council should have been aware and able to give input as well. He advised that social media as well as Bazam Management the company who purchased the farm property as well as hotel property were upset with some of the comments made.
- Mayor Fromme felt some of the comments were not correctly stated and at the time had not read the article

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report

- Community Forest – Two bursaries of \$2500 each were given out this year
- Midway Trails fire mitigation project is nearing completion on the hiking/biking trails.
- Next Community Forest meeting July 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. Greenwood City Hall
- Education Centre at Wilgress Lake

Councillor Schierbeck– No ReportMayor Fromme – Verbal Report

Met with David Seven Deer’s, Canadian Sculptor, who gifted the “The Gateway Learning Circle at the Entwined Trees Park” in Midway. Mayor Fromme advised that the interpretation of the sculptor was taped if anyone would like to listen to it.

Mayor Fromme, CAO and Councillor Schierbeck met with Richard Canning local Member of Parliament for South Okanagan.

Question Period –

Tia Nordstom – was the article in the Vancouver Sun recorded? Mayor Fromme was not sure.

Ray Porter – if you were misquoted will you be asking for a correction?

Ulrick Porter – Why is the Village park still closed? Other playgrounds have reopened. CAO advised that a policy needs to be drafted up regarding restart procedure and this will be done by end of this week.

Gail Bryan – Can we not turn US residents always from staying in our Riverfront Park? There was a camper with Arizona licence plates staying there. CAO will speak to park caregiver and bylaw enforcement officer.

Financial Report – NoneBylaws & Policies

- COVID-19 Pandemic Response Policy #395- for review – no changes needed.
- Return to Work Plan During Covid-19 Pandemic – Policy #396 (Public Works/Parks/Arena) – **Moved /Seconded** that return to work plan during Covid-19 Pandemic policy #396 be adopted.

**Carried**  
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Planning – NoneBudgets/Accounts

**Moved /Seconded** that the accounts totaling \$300,197.47 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

**Carried**

Correspondence for Information Only

**Moved/Seconded** that correspondence for information only items:

- AKBLG – re: June Update: resolutions, transition, and inclusion
- Interior Health – re: Healthy Communities
- Regional District Kootenay Boundary – re: Building Inspection Report ending June 2020
- UBCM – re: Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment
- Auditor General for Local Government – re: Annual Report Covering the Period April 1 2019 – March 31, 2020

be received and filed.

**Carried**

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

**Moved /Seconded** that correspondence for information only item:

- The Spin – Summer 2020
- BC Forest Professional – Summer 2020
- BCSS Class 2020 – Thank you Card

be held for two weeks and then destroyed.

**Carried**

Question Period

A large gathering of local residents was in attendance to voice their concern regarding the interview that Mayor Fromme gave that was printed in the Vancouver Sun as well as Province newspaper. They had a number of questions for Mayor Fromme:

- Why was the rest of council not involved?
- Will you be contacting the reporter regarding the interview and damage control?

Mayor Fromme advised that he has not read the article. He did not portray the Village as a dying town. Once he has read the article he will contact the reporter.

Gail Bryan – Why does the Bridge get a grant in aid? CAO advised that the Bridge is a non-profit organization that leases the building and provides a service charitable service to the community and area. Why are the mover/seconded names not recorded – As it is not necessary to provide names, the Council chose to not record names for motions.

**Moved /Seconded** to move in-camera at 22:22 hours under section 90(1)(g) of the Community Charter.

**Carried**

All members of the public left the meeting  
Returned to the regular meeting at 21:37 hours

Items moved from in-camera to regular meeting:

Deputy Clerk wage increase

Asphalt Processing and Storage – Zoning non-conformance. Staff are to proceed with notifying owner to cease operations.

**Moved** that the meeting be adjourned at 21:38 hours

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer