

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on August 4, 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

**Introduction of Late Items** – None

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded** that the August 4, 2020 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**Delegation** - None

**Question Period** - Nil

**Adoption of Minutes**

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

**Business Arising**

Page 6586 – None

Page 6587 – None

Page 6588 – Councillor Grouette asked Mayor Fromme if he contacted reporter of the Sun/Province regarding interview.

Mayor Fromme advised he did speak to the reporter.

Page 6889 – None

**New and Unfinished Business**

- a) UBCM Convention – Municipal Insurance Association – Annual General Meeting – Mayor Fromme will be only council representative that will attend UBCM.

**Correspondence**

- a) Fort St. John Mayor's Letter to Premier John Horgan re: BC Utilities Commission's Approval of BC Hydro's Application to Amend the Net Metering Service under Rate Schedule 1289.

**Moved/Seconded** that correspondence be rec'd and filed. **Carried**

- b) Ministry of Agriculture re: Information update on Order in Council #353/2020 – Amendments to regulations under the ALC Act regarding application fees, soil removal, and fill placement. Part of Bill 14 – ALC Amendment Act, 2019 also brought into force by the same Order in Council.

**Moved/Seconded** that correspondence be rec'd and filed. **Carried**

- c) Mike and Mierlita Heaps re: Owners of Lots 9 – 12, Block 34, DL 501 – Request to submit application to rezone from General Commercial 1 Zone to Residential 1 Zone. After discussion, it was

**Moved/Seconded** that the request from Mike and Mierlita Heaps to rezone Lots 9-12, Block 34, DL 501 from General Commercial 1 to Residential 1 be denied.

**Carried**  
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**Administrator's Report** – Written Report on file

1. Chris Condon, Director / Midway Public Library re: Request for a separation of the heating and cooling system for the Library and Pharmacy building.

There is nothing in the budget to cover the expenses to address this issue in this year. The money the Village receives from the pharmacy rent (\$5,100) is handed back to the Midway Public Library. They receive this on top of their annual grant-in-aid. While the GIA and the annual rent from the pharmacy has already been distributed to the MPL, I would recommend that next year's rent from the pharmacy be allocated to help cover the costs of this expenditure if the Council should make the decision to provide separate heating / cooling systems for both spaces.

After council discussion, staff to direct public works foreman to look into separate cooling/heating system options and pricing for library and pharmacy for reporting back to council for decision.

2. Bylaw Enforcement Report – June 4<sup>th</sup>-August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – report on file
  - Unsilently Related – 2
  - Noise Related- 2
  - Grass Related - 2
  - Animal Related – 5
  - Trespassing (Airfield) – 2
  - Zoning Related – 5
  - COVID – 1
  - No business licence - 1
  - Water during Restrictions – 5
  - RCMP updates 0 1

Council would like the CAO to set up a meeting with bylaw enforcement officer for his next reporting period in September.

3. Lease of airport hangar space – Bob Bugeaud – CAO is waiting for a written submission from Mr. Bugeaud on request for West hangar space - temporary lease drafted for west ½ of east hangar for Mr. Bugeaud to store his aircraft in the interim, price of \$200.00 plus GST per month – public works department has already cleared a space for the aircraft.

**Moved/Seconded** that council approves the terms of the temporary one month lease with Mr. Bugeaud for half of the west half of the east hanger at 785 Seventh Avenue for aircraft storage for the sum of \$200.00 plus GST per month.

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

#### Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report

- Community Forest Meeting held July 26<sup>th</sup> Greenwood
- Next Community Forest Meeting August 25<sup>th</sup> Midway Community Centre
- West Boundary Community Forest placed 2<sup>nd</sup> for Excellence in Community Forest Management
- Fuel Mitigation on hiking trails winding down
- CAO asked if any rehabilitation (grading) could be done on Fritz road with all the heavy equipment usage? Councillor Metcalf will enquire
- Fuel Mitigation Jewel Lake

#### Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal Report

- Inclusive policy – CAO still working on a policy
- Riverfront park caretaker – is a log kept of who is staying at the park and when? CAO advised that the park caretaker does keep a log
- RDKB – housing project – has the Village heard anything from ALR yet? CAO advised she has spoken to the Regional Manager but nothing further to report yet
- Meeting minutes posted on website? These need to be posted. Once staff increases in the office, this will be brought up-to-date.

#### Councillor Schierbeck - No report

#### Councillor Grouette – Verbal Report

- Still getting a lot of questions from concerned residents regarding the article in the Sun/Province. Councillor Grouette asked Mayor Fromme if he has a resolution to the article and the way the Village was depicted? Mayor Fromme advised that any further concerns from the public be directed to him for response.
- Grant in Aids – Councillor Gouette questioned why we are giving community groups their grants in aid when they are not functioning – the funds could be used for other projects where funds are lacking. Council will review grant in aid allocation at budget time if unprecedented times continue.

#### Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Will be attending virtual UBCM Convention – any meetings or groups that Council would like the Mayor to make meetings with and topics of interest?
- Dan McMaster – given an opportunity to speak/meet with Premier and Minister of Forest, Lands and Natural Resources – struggles with a small community forest tenure compared to the major licensees.
- Report on Greenhouse Project (full report on file). Council feels that the project is worthy of further consideration and advised Mayor Fromme and Councillor Schierbeck to explore further and report findings to Council.
- Bi-Election in Greenwood for Mayor position – October 2020
- Might be good to meet with RCMP?
- How do we get local product into local stores?

**Question Period** – None

**Financial Report** – None

**Bylaws & Policies** – None

**Planning** – None

**Budgets/Accounts**

**Moved /Seconded** that the accounts totaling \$63,526.01 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

**Correspondence for Information Only**

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

a) Midway Community Centre – Thank you from the Board of Director's  
**Moved /Seconded** correspondence for information only two weeks be held for two weeks then destroyed. **Carried**

**Question Period**

to move in-camera at 19:55 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 20:01 hours

**Moved** that the meeting be adjourned at 20:02 hours

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer