

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on August 17, 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  
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Danny Anderson, Midway Partnership Fund

**Introduction of Late Items** – None

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved /Seconded** that the August 17, 2020 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Delegation** - Danny Anderson, representing the Midway Partnership Fund (MPF). The MPF Advisory Committee must advise the Village of Midway in the area of grant funds distributed. Danny explained the MPF grant funding process, applicant and project eligibility and outlined this years approved applicants and projects. Funds are distributed once the applicant completes the project and provides proof of expended funds. Anyone can make a contribution to the MPF aren't organization (Phoenix Foundation). Council thanked Danny for the presentation and for dedicating 10+ years on the MPF Advisory Committee.

Danny Anderson leaves at 19:17 hours

**Question Period** - Nil

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the August 4, 2020 regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Business Arising**

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**New and Unfinished Business** - Nil

**Correspondence**

a) Town of Comox – Office of Councillor Stephanie McGowan – re: National Pharmacare Call to Action – Request for support.

**Moved/Seconded** to support the National Pharmacare Call to Action put forth by the Town of Comox.

**Carried**

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

1. UBCM Convention Virtual Meetings – CAO spoke with Cpl. Bowen, Midway RCMP Detachment – His last shift is September 5<sup>th</sup>. There is still no word on his replacement yet. Cst. Bentley will be acting corporal until a replacement is brought in. The detachment needs full staffing to cover time off, required training or other related duties that take members out of the service area. With only 3 members they will virtually be down to 2 members at all times. This should be discussed with the RCMP and a meeting should be requested with the RCMP – UBCM Virtual Convention. CAO to request a meeting.
2. Library heating/cooling system – Information not received from the Public Works Foreman on option and costs received yet.
3. Sewer Line Extension: Central Avenue – Information not received from the Public Works Foreman for plans and costs yet.
4. Bob Bugeaud - Airport Hangar (West Hangar) – A written submission for the lease and type of use of the airport hangar was requested. Bob Bugeaud to provide a letter – not received yet.

**Mayor and Council Reports**

**Councillor Grouette – No Report**

**Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report**

- Next Community Forest Meeting August 25<sup>th</sup> Midway Community Centre

Councillor Schierbeck – Verbal report

- Has received many reports of residents watering outside of the allowed times, but when the Bylaw Officer is not in town, how can these reports be handled? Information in newsletter or a mail out? CAO advised that a Water Conservation mail out was just recently circulated, and that complaints should still be reported to the office in order for staff and/or the Bylaw Officer to follow up on them.
- Has received reports of firearms being discharged on the dump road. Do we have signage up to our municipal boundaries? CAO will check with Public Works Foreman.
- Asked if Council had any feedback on the rough draft of the Midway promotional video from Kenton Gilchrist? Comments received park in the Okanagan and a boat on a lake should be removed. He is also doing two 30 second videos to supplement the main one. One will be dedicated to the arena, where should the other one focus on? Council suggested the Riverfront Park and the Entwined Trees Park (Learning Circle).

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal Report

- Spoke with Chris at Boundary Pharmacy regarding concerns of the COVID restrictions extending into the winter. Currently, only one customer is allowed to be assisted at a time and quite often there is a line outside. In winter, he does not want people to be waiting in the cold and wanted to know if a drive through window is possible?
- The Community Garden will not be hosting the annual Corn Roast and Volunteer Appreciation Day BBQ this year due to the pandemic. There will be a small event for just members of the Community Garden in order to ensure it does not exceed 50 people.
- The next RDKB meeting is on August 27, 2020 to be held via Zoom conference call.

Mayor Fromme asked Council if they wished to continue with the Volunteer Appreciation Day recognition? A small presentation could still take place. Staff is instructed to accept nominations from the community for Volunteer of the Year.

CAO pointed out that there is now a sign in sheet at all meetings for the public to fill out. It is necessary for contact tracing if there is a COVID exposure. Sheets will be kept for 30 days.

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Will be attending virtual UBCM Convention – Deadline to arrange meetings is August 31, 2020, if Council has any meeting suggestions.
- Rolling Barrage is a motorcycle group riding across Canada to raise funds and create awareness for soldiers, veterans, law enforcement officers and first responders with PTSD. They are meeting at the Keg & Kettle Grill on Friday August 21, 2020 from 12:30pm - 2pm and have asked for a speech from the Mayor. Any input from Council is welcome.

Question Period – NoneFinancial Report – NoneBylaws & Policies

- a) Respect in the Workplace Policy #397. **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves for adoption the 'Respect in the Workplace' Policy No. 397, 2020.

**Carried**  
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Planning – NoneBudgets/Accounts

**Moved /Seconded** that the accounts totaling \$70,587.32 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

**Carried**

Correspondence for Information Only

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

- Building Inspection Report – July, 2020
- LCRB Outreach – Staffing Change at the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Update about Order of the Provincial Health Officer on Gatherings and Events and Ministerial Order M192.
- The Centre for Rural Health Research Podcast Team – Podcast mini-series.

be received and filed.

**Carried**

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

- a) Healthy Communities – August 2020 Newsletter

**Moved /Seconded** correspondence for information only two weeks be held for two weeks then destroyed.

**Carried**

Question Period - None

**Moved /Seconded** to move in-camera at 19:41 hours under section 90(1)(g) of the Community Charter.

**Carried**

Returned to the regular meeting at 19:58 hours

**Moved** that the meeting be adjourned at 19:58 hours