

The Village of

Midway
 MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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Next Council Meeting

Monday, November 2, 2020

Monday, November 16, 2020

Agendas close at noon

If you would like to appear as a delegation, or have an item added to the agenda, please contact the Village office prior to noon on the following dates for the upcoming meetings:

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Contact the Council

Mayor Fromme:
mfvillage@shaw.ca or
 250-449-1978

ICBC & Motor Vehicles

The Village of Midway Office offers all of your ICBC Autoplan and Drivers Services needs.

Boundary Expo Recreation Centre - Will be opening next week. Things will be very different this year as there are COVID safety protocols to follow. Details on our re-opening plan and procedure are currently being worked on and will be available soon, as will a schedule.

Provincial Election - General Voting Day is Saturday October 24, 2020 from 8am to 8pm at the Midway Community Centre. Remember to bring a piece of ID along with your voting card that was sent in the mail. For more information please visit **www.elections.bc.ca** or call 778-597-9030

Public Works Staff - On behalf of the Council and staff of the Village of Midway, we would like to send out best wishes to Nathan Harpur as he has left the Village of Midway. Nathan has been here just short of 15 years and has been an incredible asset to the Village of Midway and all it's residents. Thank you Nathan, enjoy your farming!

Fire Chief Osellame - We would like to congratulate Fire Chief Osellame on being awarded the Meritorious Achievement Award by the Fire Chiefs Association of B.C. It is the highest recognition an active member can achieve. It is well deserved, congrats Walt!

Animal Control Bylaw No. 438 - Please refer to page 4 of this Newsletter for an excerpt regarding Hens. The full bylaw can be found on our website: **www.midwaybc.ca/bylaws-policies/**



Landfill Hours of Operation

- **Rock Creek** - Monday, Thursday, Saturday: 10 am - 3 pm Sunday: 10 am - 5 pm
- **Greenwood** - Tuesday, Friday, Saturday: 9 am - 4 pm

Battery Recycling

Drop off your dead household batteries in the red box at the Village Office parking lot.

New Midway Residents

Welcome to Midway! New residents are asked to contact the Village Office to ensure we have your correct mailing address on file. Please phone 250-449-2222.

Council Meeting Minutes

Are available on our website at: www.midwaybc.ca/minutes-newsletters/

If you do not have access to the online version, please contact the Village Office for a hard copy.

Plowing and Boulevards - In preparation for the upcoming snow removal season, residents are reminded to **keep all boulevards clear of vehicles and other obstructions** to ensure Public Works can effectively remove snow in a timely matter. This includes rocks and other objects that can freeze to the ground potentially causing damage to Municipal equipment.

Council Meetings - Due to physical distancing requirements and challenges in the Council Chambers and Municipal Office, meetings will now be held in the Midway Community Centre.

Fire Permits - Residents are reminded that burning permits are required for campfires within the Village of Midway and can be purchased for \$1 at the Village Office.

Camp fires must be supervised until it is completely extinguished! This means no walking away to let the fire smoulder until it's out.

No person shall ignite or cause to be ignited any household waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage, plastic, or styrofoam, industrial or commercial waste. The office door is still closed to the public but window service is available.

******Please note that Open Burns are not allowed.******

Any person who contravenes or violates any provision of this Bylaw could be liable to a minimum fine of \$500.00 and should the Midway Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Responder be required, the Permittee shall be liable for the total cost of the fire call per Bylaw #451, Part 10, Sec. 51 (2) (3).

BC Transit - Health Connections Route.

70 Health Connections

	Rock Creek		Midway		Greenwood		Grand Forks		Grand Forks		Greenwood		Midway		Rock Creek
T	8:30	8:50	9:10	10:00		T	1:00	1:35	1:55	2:23					

T Trip only operates on Tuesdays.

Health Connections

Call to book these trips
1-855-993-3100

Health Connections is a transit service providing communities with accessible transportation options to access non-emergency medical appointments. Although medical appointments have priority, everyone is eligible to use this service if space is available. Call 1-855-993-3100 to book your trip. Visit bctransit.com for Health Connections schedules.

Village of Midway Animal Control Bylaw No.438 - HENS

40. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 13, no more than three (3) hens may be kept on any parcel zoned for single family residential use (R1 and R2) provided that:
- (i) the lot size is a minimum of 512 square metres (1/8 acre);
 - (ii) the property owner or renter has obtained and provided the City with written consent from all abutting neighbours;
 - (iii) any structure housing hens, whether portable or stationary, is always located at least 1.5 metres from any property line;
 - (iv) a minimum enclosed area of 0.4 square metres (4 square feet) is provided per hen;
 - (v) only one structure containing hens is permitted on a parcel;
 - (vi) any structure containing hens, whether that structure is portable or stationary, must not be located within the front yard setback;
 - (vii) any structure housing hens and accompanying run must be fenced in such a manner to prevent the entry of vermin or predators and to confine the hens;
 - (viii) structures housing hens are kept clean and free of odours;
 - (ix) every structure housing hens and the grounds surrounding it are kept free of vermin;
 - (x) poultry manure and waste products are composted or disposed of to prevent odours;
 - (xi) any diseased hen is killed and the carcass destroyed;
 - (xii) no slaughtering of hens occurs on the property;
 - (xiii) eggs are only for personal consumption not for resale

Applications to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer in the form of Schedule “B” attached to and forming part of this bylaw for a permit for hens must be received by the Village prior to the hens arriving on the property.

- (a) Received applications will be reviewed by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer to ensure that all provisions are adhered to and issuance of a permit is at the sole discretion of the Village.
- (b) Permits issued under this provision are subject to revocation by Council where three (3) or more complaints from the public have been received and upon recommendation of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer.
- (c) Only one (1) permit per residence will be issued.
- (d) Application must be made by the permit holder to the Village annually by December 31st to renew a hen project permit. Lapsed permits will require reapplication with consent of the neighbours as identified in section 40(ii).
- (e) Hen project permits are not transferable.
- (f) Where the Village has refused to issue a hen project permit, the applicant may appeal the decision to Council.



Midway Fire and Rescue Members, Village of Midway and Kettle Valley Rural Fire Protection Residents:

It has been my honor and privilege to have served as Fire Chief/LAFC for Midway Fire and Rescue volunteer fire service for the past 30 years. In total, my time with the fire service has reached 41 years, all of which were with volunteer halls. Having served for this significant period of time, I felt the time was appropriate to retire from the position of Fire Chief.

I was appointed Fire Chief in October 1990 and initially had only 10 members and one lonely, aged Engine to provide the protective services for the community. How time and needs change things.....we have had as many as 42 members and now house 8 apparatus to cover the large fire protection area that we serve from Midway, Kettle Valley, Rock Creek and Area E (West Boundary).

We have a prolific fire department. I am especially proud of, and want to thank most sincerely, the women and men who dedicate their time to do the significant amount of training required, and who carry a radio 24/7 so they can respond to emergency incidents at any time of the day or night. These people put their lives on the line every time they respond to an event. They do this without any compensation or remuneration. They have been critical in the success of providing emergency response and action for the residents of our response area. The members of Midway Fire and Rescue are not just colleagues, not just friends, but my extended family.

The department could not have evolved to the level which it currently stands without huge assistance from many individuals and I thank all of you. In particular, I want to thank my recently retired Deputy Chief Keith Martin for his unwavering support over the years in good times and during the challenging times. In addition, all of my Officers, past to present day, have ALL been, and continue to be, superb in their dedication, commitment and delivery of their duties. Their incredible support and work ethic, along with the work done by our Firefighters has been paramount and second to none in establishing an excellent fire department.

We were in difficulty after the closure of the mill in 2008 as many of our members had to move away from Midway for employment in other areas. That left us with a huge gap on the fire department. We were able to solve that problem with the help of our friends and neighbors to the west. I want to thank all our department members and residents who support us in the rural response area, and in particular Ross Bayles who worked with me tirelessly from 2010 until 2016 so that we could make emergency fire response in the west boundary a reality.

The need for apparatus to provide fire response was critical, and I thank former Mayor Doug McMynn, and those Council members who did support acquisition of apparatus, for taking the lead in assisting us to acquire the resources we needed to provide the service and achieve an appropriate FUS grading for west boundary. Upon reception of our additional apparatus, we needed place to house the units. While the building of the Satellite Hall at Kettle Valley served to accommodate 2 units, we still needed locations for the other Engine and Tender.

Huge thanks to Bill Bosovich and to Vaagen for allowing us to store our fire apparatus in their facilities over the past few years!

In addition, I want to thank the RCMP, Ambulance and other protective services for a working relationship that has been outstanding.

The staff and CAO in the Village office and Public Works have always been most helpful and critical in the operation of the Fire Dept. Penny, Tami, and Cameron, and Sheri, Jenny and Evie; John, Nathan Bob and Phil, I thank you for your help and work over all the years and appreciate the support you provided for the department over that time.

Most important of all, I want to thank my wife Lil and my children Leah and Chris for their patience, love and support in every respect over all these years. Despite all the times I had to be engaged in fire and emergency incidents, they always understood it was about helping people and they never ever objected to or complained about my commitments to emergency services. I could never be more thankful or proud of them.

I am most pleased to have served the residents of Midway and West Boundary as the Chief of a distinguished Fire Department made up of exceptional members.

I am very proud that I have been part of making a difference in life safety and keeping people safe.

I am proud and thankful that over the thirty years of my tenure, none of the members under my responsibility have ever encountered consequential injury, however we are all most sorrowful that we lost a true friend and colleague in the untimely and sad passing of Lieutenant Chad Maarhuis. He will not be forgotten!

It is with special pride that I can say that all my years of service to communities over the entire 41 years has been performed as a true volunteer with no remuneration or salary at any time. It has been most rewarding working with you in this capacity.

I have appreciated your support for the fire department over the years. I hope that you will continue that support for the department and the new Chief as I wish them the very best in moving forward. To all the members, I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have!

Thank you all for 30 great years!!
Wishing all of you the very best!
Stay safe!

Respectfully
Walt Osellame
Fire Chief/LAFC- RETIRED
Midway Fire/Rescue