

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on October 19, 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, Grouette, Dunsdon, Metcalf

Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer
Cam Kamigochi, Admin. Assistant

Delegation: None

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the October 19, 2020 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Question Period - None

Councillor Schierbeck arrives at 19:01 hours

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the October 5, 2020 regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

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

Carried

Business Arising

Pages 6597-6601 – None

New and Unfinished Business – None

Correspondence – None

Administrator's Report – Verbal Report

1. Obstruction (tree) under Florence Street Bridge – The Change Approval and Notification Application has been approved. Public Works has until October 31, 2020 to remove it.
2. VAST/EMBC Boundary Creek Cost Recovery – EMBC has responded with some questions. Some can be answered; the rest will require VAST to answer.
3. Fire Chief Osellame was awarded the Fire Chiefs Association of British Columbia's Meritorious Achievement award. It's the highest recognition an active member can achieve. It is a very deserving award for all the work he has done over the last 30 years. Congratulations Fire Chief Osellame.
4. The new Fire Chief's contract is in the process of being drafted. He will be in town tomorrow with his wife to look at houses and will attend fire practice to meet the department. The new chief is Michael Daloise, previously of Nelson Fire and Rescue. His recommendation was unanimous from the interview committee.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Schierbeck – Verbal Report

- Do we have a decision to make whether Midway participates in Halloween? Will there be a bonfire? CAO reached out to the Fire Chief, they are willing to host a bonfire with the MCA but require notice in order to get wood. Mayor Fromme to check with the MCA and will advise.
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Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal Report

- BC Transit bus driver that drives the #70 Health Connections route still empty. Village to continue advertising?
- What is happening with the Blood Lab? Council would like to schedule a meeting with Interior Health heads to discuss why appointments are delayed by more than a week.

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report

- What is the status of the Boundary Expo Recreation Centre? CAO advised that staff is working on the ice right now, it should be ready by the last week of October. Minor Hockey is running and scheduling will be different this year. Teams are likely to be placed in cohorts and will play multiple games a weekend at each team's location to reduce travel.

- Staff has been in contact with Cranbrook Minor Hockey as they are looking for a neutral site to play their home games versus Okanagan teams. Men's and Ladies hockey will be using the ice this year as well. Staff is working on reopening plans as there will be a lot of procedural changes.
- Will there be a concession at the arena? Jerry Watson has reached out to Bob and expressed interest in running it again this year. They are working on a plan to allow her to open.
- Has noticed the electric car charging stations at the Riverside Centre in Rock Creek, has Public Works decided what to do with ours? Public Works Foreman has changed his mind with where the EV charging station was originally recommended to be placed.

Councillor Grouette – Verbal Report

- Next meeting for the health board is October 21, 2020. He will bring up the blood lab issue there.

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Reporting on the last Community Forest meeting on Councillor Metcalf's behalf: Cutting taking place at Jewel Lake and they are replacing the dock at Wilgress Lake. Estimated cost for the dock replacement is \$17,000.
- The new RCMP Corporal will be attending the next Regular Council Meeting. Councillor Metcalf would like to extend the invitation to the other new RCMP officers as well. CAO advised that the Fire Chief officially starts November 16. The new Fire Chief will be invited to a future Council Meeting.

Councillor Dunsdon commented that he noticed that some post office mailboxes were broken into last night.

Mayor Fromme reminded Council there is a Special Meeting on October 29, 2020 at 7pm for Bylaw approvals.

Question Period – None

Financial Report – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved /Seconded that the accounts totaling \$61,639.19 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

Carried

Correspondence for Information Only

Moved /Seconded that correspondence for information only items:

- a) RDKB – Building Inspection Report – September, 2020

be received and filed.

Carried

Correspondence for Information Only - to be held for two weeks only – None

Question Period - None

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 19:23 hours

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer