

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on November 16, 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

Gallery: None

Delegation: Michael Daloise, Chief Officer Midway Volunteer Fire/Rescue

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the November 16, 2020 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Councillor Metcalf arrives at 19:01 hours

Delegation

The Mayor and Council welcomed Michael to Midway and his new position as Fire Chief of Midway Fire/Rescue. Questions asked and discussed were: apparatus age and use after 25 years, and first three priorities for the department, FC advised as this is his first day of work, other than work safe items, it is too early to determine other priorities yet. FC gave an overview of his first day, meeting with the CAO and the retired FC. How can the Council best support the department - by being supportive of their efforts, it takes a lot of cooperation with Council and Staff to ensure the department can operate to its expected standards, the FC looks forward to establishing this relationship with the Council. Fire Chief Daloise will coordinate with the CAO a time to present another report to Council once he's had more time to familiarize himself with the department and it's needs.

Fire Chief Daloise leaves at 19:11 hours

Question Period - None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the November 2, 2020 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the November 9, 2020 Special meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising

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New and Unfinished Business

a) Airport Hangar Lease for 2021 – Greenpeaks Resource Management

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves to enter into a one (1) year agreement with Greenpeaks Resource Management for lease of the east side of the airport hangar located at 785 Seventh Avenue for the period starting January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a monthly rate of \$245 plus GST.

Carried

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b) Service Contract for snow removal at Kettle Valley Satellite Hall – Jesse James Bobcat Service

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves to contract the services of Jesse James Bobcat Service to provide snow removal and related maintenance at the Satellite Fire Hall located at 3645 Highway 3 in Rock Creek for the period of November 12, 2020 - March 31, 2021.

Carried

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Correspondence

a) Mark & Chris Danyluk – Dog Walking Bylaw & Airport Runway. For liability reasons, the Council felt the portion of the Animal Control bylaw regarding Animals at Large should be a blanket bylaw with no exceptions to certain areas of the Village. The airport landing strip is under jurisdiction of Transport Canada and the Village of Midway cannot authorize the use of the runway or a portion of as a trail for walking.

Therefore, it was **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway declines requests to amend the Animal Control's Animal at Large portion of the bylaw, and to authorize public use of the Airport Runway.

Carried

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- b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Kaye Krishna, Deputy Minister – COVID-19 Safe Restart Grants for Local Governments. Chief Administrative Officer has reached out to receive clarification on what 'other related costs' mean.
- c) Community Club, Chris Danyluk – Virtual Community Christmas Card.

Councillor Schierbeck leaves room at 19:26 hours

Mayor Fromme will work on an idea for Council to submit the to the Midway Community Club. Staff to ask Chris Danyluk if they would like to put this message out to the residents of Midway via the Council Newsletter.

Councillor Schierbeck returns at 19:28 hours

- d) Resource Works Society – Stewart Muir, Executive Director – Letter from BC Mayors to Premier John Horgan. After discussion, it was

Moved/Seconded:

Whereas:

British Columbia relies on its natural resource product exports as a central pillar of sustaining – and improving – the economic well-being of our 5 million residents.

Whereas:

Through the sale of goods and services to our provincial neighbours, and to other countries throughout the world, the natural resource sector both grows and diversifies the provincial economy.

Whereas:

Enabling resource industries to succeed will be equally central in pandemic recovery.

Be it resolved that:

Mayor and Council join other British Columbia Municipalities in sending an Open Letter to Premier John Horgan to congratulate him on his past commitment to natural resource dependent communities and request that he recognize that following goals for the Province of British Columbia:

1. Move quickly to enable shovel-ready projects to proceed;
2. Send the right messages to international investors to ensure that BC's most resilient industries can succeed in uncertain global investment conditions;
3. Recognize in provincial economic planning the unique advantage of globally carbon-competitive exports from BC's resource-based industries;
4. Put workers and communities first as the Government delivers on its campaign commitments;
5. Ensure that any new regulations affecting the ability to deliver on the first four pillars during the pandemic recovery period are considered carefully.

Carried

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Administrator's Report – Written Report

1. Lynda Anderson-Thibault, Library Board Chair/Midway Public Library Association announced that the Midway Public Library Association welcomes a new Library Director Sasha Tauzer, replacing Chris Condon.
2. Housing Needs Report – CAO to attend Housing Needs Assessment presentation/workshop being held by the RDKB planning staff on November 24th. RDKB's retained Consultant to present the draft report.
3. Community Resiliency Investment Program / FireSmart Community Funding – Update
4. Ministry of Transportation – Responses from Grand Forks Roads Area Manager Trevor Todd.
Move 100 km sign west of museum further west on Highway 3 – Response received denied request to move 100 km sign west of museum further west on Highway 3.
Midway Fire and Rescue Department Satellite Hall (3645 Hwy 3) – Response received denied request to place emergency vehicle access warning signage along the highway at both east and west sides of the entrance to the Satellite Hall in Kettle Valley. MoT cites that due to the long sight lines and average daily traffic volumes they do not see the need for additional signage at this location.
5. BC Study on Rural Remote Transportation – Update
6. Mayor Barry Noll came for a visit to meet office staff. He suggests starting up once again joint discussions between Midway and Greenwood Council's bring items and issues in-common that both municipalities face and possibly find ways to work together towards a coordinated goal or solution to some of these issues.
7. Interior Health – Blood Lab: Chief Administrative Officer is working on arrangements for a meeting with Interior Health.

Mayor and Council Reports**Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report**

- Next Community Forest Meeting Greenwood Council Chambers 6:30 p.m., November 24, 2020.
- Is the Parkview Manor's bus operating? At this time, the challenges with the pandemic has shut down the operations of their bus.

Councillor Grouette – No Report**Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal Report**

- Diane Langman has been named board chair for the RDKB, Grace McGregor was re-elected as board vice-chair.
- The RDKB received approximately \$500,000 in COVID-19 Safe Restart grants.
- The Boundary Community Development Committee will be changing its name to Boundary Services Committee.
- Community Centre upgrade? CAO would like to have a planning meeting to discuss this with Council.
- Castanet use to promote and distribute news stories about the Village? Staff will look into.
- Has anyone heard what is happening with Dr. Thompson? There has been two locums in recently, is he still practicing here? CAO has not heard that he is not, advising that Dr. Thompson mentioned he is seeing patients via teleconference and from there will determine if they need to be seen in person.

Councillor Schierbeck – Verbal Report

- Snow removal by YRB is unsatisfactory. Both in town (plowing the shoulder of Florence and Fifth/Dominion) and in the region. Councillor Metcalf mentioned that just this past weekend, and were able to bring on board 6 more drivers. After discussion, it was **Moved/Seconded** to set up a meeting with the City of Greenwood Mayor and Council, RDKB Area 'E' Director Vicki Gee, RCMP, Midway Fire/Rescue, YRB and the Ministry of Transportation and Highway.

Carried**090-2020****Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report**

- Do we need to approve the former Fire Chief's appreciation package? The rest of Council felt it was approved and discussed via email correspondence. Mayor Fromme would like to show it has been recorded. It was **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves the retirement gift package for retired Fire Chief Walt Osellame.

Carried**091-2020**

- Mayor Fromme would also like to see a plaque made up for him to have as a keep sake.

Question Period – None**Financial Report – None****Planning – None****Budgets/Accounts****Moved /Seconded** that the accounts totaling \$91,724.32 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 – October, 2020

be received and filed.

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

- a) The Royal Canadian Legion – Val McGregor, President – Annual Military Service Recognition Book.

Moved /Seconded the Council of the Village of Midway supports the next Annual Military Service Recognition Book.**Carried****092-2020**

- b) Interior Health – Healthy Communities Monthly Newsletter

Moved /Seconded that correspondence item b) be received and filed.**Carried****Question Period - None****Moved** that the meeting be adjourned at 19:59 hours_____
Mayor_____
Chief Administrative Officer