

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on December 7, 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. On December 2, 2020, the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) Order on Gatherings and Events was amended outlining that until further notice the public is restricted from attending all local government meetings in-person.*

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

Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk  
John Boltz, Public Works Foreman

Public: None

**Introduction of Late Items** – None

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded** that the December 7, 2020 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Question Period** - None

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the November 16, 2020 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Business Arising**

Page 6610 – None

Page 6611 – None

Page 6612 – None

*Councillor Metcalf arrives at 19:04 hours*

**New and Unfinished Business**

a) Public Works Foreman's Report – December 2020 – written report on file

Council asked when will the surplus equipment be offered for sale – staff to advertise the equipment when safe to do so.

**Correspondence**

- a) District of Saanich – Fred Haynes, Mayor – Support for recognizing September 30 as National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

**Moved/Seconded** that council endorse the letter of support addressed to the Federal Minister of Indigenous Services copying the British Columbia Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, to encourage making September 30 a statutory holiday marking a national day of remembrance of residential school survivors of Canada.

**Carried**

**093-2020**

- b) RCMP – Jennifer Strachan, Deputy Commissioner – UBCM conference call meeting, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Moved/Seconded** be received and filed.

**Carried**

- c) City of Fort St. John – Lori Ackerman, Mayor – UBCM Convention Schedule

**Moved/Seconded** be received and filed.

**Carried**

- d) City of Port Moody – Rob Vagramov, Mayor – Flood Risk Mitigation

**Moved/Seconded** be receive and filed

**Carried**

*Mayor Fromme and Councillor Schierbeck opposed as they felt it should be supported*

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

- Housing Needs Assessment Report – Chief Administrative Officer attended the November 24<sup>th</sup> virtual workshop hosted by the RDKB Planners and presented by RDKB's Consultant from CitySpaces. The report was presented to the Board of Director's at their November 26, 2020 meeting, after which the report is to be received by the Council, then posted to the website.

**Moved/Seconded** That the Council of the Village of Midway receive the November 2020 housing needs report prepared for the Regional District Kootenay Boundary's five electoral areas and eight member municipalities, titled House and Home – RDKB Housing Needs Report and appendices – dated.

**Carried**

**094-2020**

The RDKB has advised that there is still money left in the budget to cover costs for the consultant to present the report to Council's of member municipalities that may be interested. Chief Administrative Officer has requested a presentation for the Council.

2. 2021 Schedule of Council Meetings –

In each year, a Council must make available to the public a schedule of the date, time and place of regular council meetings, and to give notice of the availability of the schedule in accordance with section 94 (public notice) at least once a year.

**Moved/Seconded** That the 2021 schedule of regular council meetings received is approved and be made available to the public and give notice of availability of the schedule in accordance with Section 94 of the Community Charter.

**Carried**  
**095-2020**

3. Community Resiliency Investment Program / FireSmart Community Funding – On November 2, 2020 the Council approved Frontline Operations Group to manage and complete the scope of services outlined in the Client Confirmation Form respecting the Village of Midway's Community Resiliency Investment FireSmart grant application for the amount of \$20,000.

During a phone meeting, the Consultant discovered that one of the proposed activities was not included on the 'Scope of Services' that was approved by the Council at the November 2, 2020 meeting. As a result, the following requires Council's attention.

**Moved/Seconded** to rescind motion 084-2020 from the November 2, 2020 meeting to approve Frontline Operations Group to manage and complete the scope of services outlined in the Client Confirmation Form respecting the Village of Midway's Community Resiliency Investment FireSmart grant application for the amount of \$20,000.

**Carried**  
**096-2020**

**Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway Council approves Frontline Operations Group to manage and complete the scope of services outlined in the Client Confirmation Form respecting the Village of Midway's Community Resiliency Investment FireSmart grant application for the amount of \$40,000.

**Carried**  
**097-2020**

4. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping, Flood Mitigation Plan project – Engineer presented a draft report to CAO, Public Works Foreman and the Fire Chief. Items were identified that needed attention in the report. Engineering firm to make these changes, next steps are to do a public consultation and council presentation.

5. Staff and department members have been working with the new Fire Chief assisting him to get settled into the new position. He is doing very well and is being kept busy familiarizing himself with all of the different aspects of the department. The transition is going very smoothly, a real testament to the great job, hard work, commitment and organizational skills put in by the former FC, Walt Osellame.

FC Daloise has found a 100% funded opportunity from the FCABC, with funding provided by EMBC. This is a Road Rescue Grant Funding Program for equipment and training opportunities. The FC is working on an application for possible acquisition of extrication equipment and training for the members.

FC Daloise will report to the Council at the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of Council.

6. Covid-19: Staff are keeping up with the recent new Orders to ensure compliance. The Provincial Government will be reviewing these Orders on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Minister of Municipal Affairs has reinstated the conference calls between Mayor's and Chairs coming up on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. On December 2, 2020, the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) order on Gatherings and Events was amended and now also requires local governments to make some changes on how meetings and public hearings are conducted. The public is now restricted from attending all local government meetings and public hearings in person.

7. Covid-19 Safe Restart Funding – Response to request for clarification regarding defining eligible costs.

**Mayor and Council Reports**

Councillor Metcalf – No Report

Councillor Grouette – No Report

Councillor Dunsdon – Written Report

- RDKB – May be changes to tourism services
- Proposed new non-profit (Boundary Innovation Centre) and Food Hub
- Food Hub Responsibilities
- Midway Housing Highlights from RDKB housing study – Council would like to meet with Jayda Basi regarding housing needs in Midway
- RDKB – developed a new Bylaw Enforcement bylaw – new policy will allow verbal complaints – is the Village interested -Councillor Dunsdon will relay our concerns to RDKB regarding verbal complaints
- RDKB – Administrative costs
- CBT – 85 million revenue
- Is the Village interest in implementation of the provincial step code for new construction?

Councillor Schierbeck – Verbal Report

- Is Council interested in leasing the hangars for a micro cannabis grow operation? Council requested Councillor Schierbeck to get more information
- What is the status on the Community Centre Upgrade Project? The CAO advised that the Community Centre Upgrade Project will be a huge undertaking and that project manager will need to be hired to oversee the project. After discussion it was

**Moved/Seconded** that staff prepare an RFP for a project manager to oversee the Community Centre Upgrade Project.

**Carried  
098-2020**

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Medical Transport Society (IMTS) non-emergency medical transportation – Councillor Dunsdon will bring up at the next RDKB meeting
- Retired Fire Chief Osellame was presented with a gift and appreciate letter for his 30 years of volunteer service to the Midway Volunteer Fire Rescue Department. A celebration will be held at a later date after the COVID restrictions are lifted
- RDKB has a new website – Council wishes to see more Village amenities listed on our website
- Christmas Eve Dinner Delivery – Staff to include in the Council newsletter

**Question Period** – None

**Financial Report** – None

**Planning** – None

**Budgets/Accounts**

**Moved /Seconded** that the accounts totaling \$94,541.86 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

**Carried**

**Correspondence for Information Only**

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

- RDKB – Building Inspection Report – November, 2020

be received and filed.

**Carried**

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

- AKBLG – Call for nominations for open AKBLG Executive Position
- Mobina Jaffer – The Invisible Visible Minority

**Moved /Seconded** that correspondence item b) be received and filed.

**Carried**

**Question Period** - None

**Moved** that the meeting be adjourned at 19:45hours

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Chief Administrative Officer