

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on December 21, 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 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

Absent: Councillor Grouette

Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant
Michael Daloise, Fire Chief

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the December 21, 2020 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation

Fire Chief Daloise presented Council with an update on his first month on the job. Topics included: training while dealing with COVID-19 restrictions and protocols, number of callouts, incident reporting, new software for inspections, smoke alarm program, officer meetings, safety equipment, possible grant funding opportunities for Road Rescue, possible improvement to our Fire Underwriters Survey rating, coordinating with the RCMP to improve radio communications, preliminary discussions regarding upgrading the training room to a potential Emergency Operations Centre room or Incident Command Centre, creation of a Facebook page for Midway Fire/Rescue, possible joint purchase of a FIT tester with neighbouring Fire Departments, updated training for the Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner and FireSmart Training. Councillor Metcalf asked who his officers were. FC Daloise said there has been no change to officer positions. Mayor Fromme asked if he has any issues with the budget? There has been enough room in the 2020 budget to ensure there are no issues in 2021. Mayor Fromme asked about the grant funding opportunity. The money is coming from Emergency Management BC and managed by the Fire Chiefs' Association of BC.

Fire Chief Daloise leaves at 19:16 hours

Question Period - None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the December 7, 2020 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising

Page 6613 – Village equipment surplus sale will be resumed once the pandemic allows for safe access to inspect equipment.

Page 6614 – None

Page 6615 – None

New and Unfinished Business – None

Correspondence

- a) AKBLG, Admin Coordinator – First Call for Resolutions. **Moved/Seconded** be received and filed. **Carried**
- b) City of Rossland – Kathy Moore, Mayor – Letter of Support for The Corporation of The City of Vernon **Moved/Seconded** be received and filed. **Carried**

Administrator's Report – Written Report on file

1. National Disaster Mitigation Program – Update
2. Midway Blood Services Skype Meeting with Joanne Isber, Program Director, Laboratory Services and Donna Lommer, VP, Clinical & Corporate Services – January 5th at 9:00am
3. December 10th meeting re: Library Services – Councillor Dunsdon to report

4. Midway Community Association – Santa Drive Through Event – CAO and Fire Chief met with the Organizer of the event on December 14th to discuss a COVID-19 Safety Plan required to be in place for the event.

Councillor Dunsdon asked if there was an update for the arena. The Christmas schedule has just been released. Minor hockey is still using it for practices. Unless it is shut down then it is required to be staffed by a ticketed BC Refrigeration certified operator 7 hours a day, 7 days a week. Councillor Dunsdon asked if we have advertised for the maintenance position? The position was advertised approx. 8 resumes were received by the Nov 20th deadline, the Arena Manger has reviewed the applications. CAO would like to see if any further Provincial Health Order restrictions are forthcoming in the near future (e.g. total shut down of recreation facilities) that will impact the arena operations and finances before hiring. Councillor Schierbeck would like to reopen the advertisement for the position and remove the distinction between Public Works and Parks and Recreation workers so they are all Public Works who can work at any position. CAO will speak with the Arena Supervisor.

Moved/Seconded to re-advertise the Recreation Attendant job for another two-week period.

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Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Schierbeck – No Report

Councillor Dunsdon – Written Report

- Comments on Interior Medical Transport Society (IMTS). Update
- Imagine Kootenay – Mayor Fromme expressed interest in becoming a liaison if no one from Council is.
- TOTA – new rep for us is Kelly Galaski. She is in the process of finding a local liaison for the West Boundary. Any interest in being the liaison, let him know.
- New Boundary Economic Development organization update
- Library Services – Meeting with Midway Public Library Director, RDKB Area E Director and CAO's.
- Discussion about Community Garden Grant-in-aid will wait until January
- Community Garden is looking into getting power to the garden. Staff is looking into costs associated with setting that service up.

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report

- West Boundary Community Forest meeting, January 12, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom
- A donation of \$5,000 was made to the local food bank from the West Boundary Community Forest.

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Has received Christmas cards from MLA Richard Canning and the Midway Community Association Board of Directors.
- Staff typically has a half day off on Christmas Eve. Given the strain on staff this year and it is usually a quiet morning, Mayor Fromme recommends giving staff the whole day off. **Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway Council grants staff December 24th off with pay

Carried
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Question Period – None

Financial Report – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved /Seconded that the accounts totaling \$37,888.10 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

Carried

Correspondence for Information Only

Moved /Seconded that correspondence for information only items:

- a) Rural Coordination Centre of BC – Rural Site Visits Project
be received and filed.

Carried

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

Moved /Seconded that correspondence for Information Only – to be held for two weeks only items:

- a) Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs – Winter Newsletter - December 2020
b) Interior Health – Healthy Communities Monthly Newsletter

be received and filed.

Carried

Question Period – None

Moved /Seconded to move in-camera at 19:48 hours under section 90(1)(g) of the Community Charter

Returned to the Regular Meeting at 20:03 hours

Moved/Seconded that the following item be declassified from the in-camera meeting.

That Cameron Kamigochi receive a \$3.00/hr wage increase effective January 1, 2021.

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Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 20:04 hours.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer