

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on January 18, 2021 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, Metcalf, Grouette

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

Introduction of Late Items – **Moved/Seconded** to include MADD Message Yearbook Advertising Information under Section 9. Correspondence item e). **Carried**

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the January 18, 2021 regular meeting agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried**

Delegation - None

Question Period - None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the January 4, 2021 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising

Page 6619 – None

Page 6620 – Update on Grant Storzuk, Osoyoos Physiotherapy will be addressed in CAO report.

Page 6621 – None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) 2020 – 2021 Council Committee & Appointment Structure. **Moved /Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway receives and approves the Council Committee & Appointment Structure for the 2020 – 2021 term. **Carried**
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Correspondence

- a) Geoff Bowlby, Statistics Canada – 2021 Census of Population. **Moved /Seconded** be it resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Midway supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community. **Carried**
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Moved /Seconded that Correspondence items:

- b) Diamond Isinger, Girl Guides of Canada – Guiding Lights Across BC, February 22, 2021
c) John Dooley, City of Nelson Mayor – Vaccination Priority for Essential Critical Infrastructure Municipal Employees
d) Haili Pettifer, Softball BC – COVID Relief Funding
e) Stacey Biekx, MADD – MADD Message Yearbook Advertising Information

Be received and filed.

Carried

Administrator's Report – Written Report on file

1. Boundary Creek Line Removal Project – VAST Resource Solutions has provided the Village with a **revised Project Work Agreement and Cost Estimate** for approval for the following required works.
Moved /Seconded to rescind motion #004-2021 from Page 6620 of the January 4, 2021 Minutes:
That the Council approves the CAO to proceed with signing the Dominion St. Crossing Utility Removal Project Management and Environmental Management 'Project Work Agreement No. 18.0170.00/004. **Carried**
011-2021
- Moved /Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves the CAO to proceed with signing the Revised Dominion St. Crossing Utility Removal Project Management and Environmental Management 'Project Work Agreement No. 18.0170.00/004 Contract No: 2021-PWA-ENG-001(R1). **Carried**
012-2021
2. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping, 'Flood Mitigation Planning' 2021 Program – Grant Opportunity.
Moved /Seconded to rescind motion #005-2021 from Page 6620 of the January 4, 2021 Minutes:
That the Council of the Village of Midway approves and supports the Village of Midway making application to Emergency Management BC (EMBC), Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) under the National

Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) funding stream 3: Mitigation Planning in order to complete a 'Structural Flood Mitigation Detailed Design', and further; the Village of Midway will provide overall grant management for this project.'

Carried

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Moved /Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves and supports a \$150,000 funding application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund program under the Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation Planning funding stream, and further; the Village of Midway will provide overall grant management for this project.

Carried

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3. Interior Health / Lab Services – Skype meeting with Joanne Isber, Program Director, Donna Lommer, VP, Clinical & Corporate Services and Hope Byrne, Health Services Director on January 5, 2021 – Mayor Fromme and CAO participated in meeting. They advised they would meet to discuss splitting up the week into 2 days.

Subsequent to the meeting, CAO met with Erica Robinson at the blood lab Friday Jan 15th for a site inspection and discussion. CAO advised that Interior Health is looking at providing a full day service in Midway clinic on Monday's if they receive funding. They expect funding decision to take place in February.

4. Grant Storzuk from Osoyoos Physiotherapy advised there is interest to bring their Physio services back to Midway, wonders if he can use of the space below the doctor's office again for 2-4 days per month. He previously paid \$175 plus GST per month for one day per week use and any extra days he was charged an additional \$43.75 plus GST – Tabled from the previous meeting.

Moved /Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway offers Grant Storzuk from Osoyoos Physiotherapy a rate of \$200 plus GST per month and any extra days used at an additional \$43.75 plus GST.

Carried

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See amendment to extra days rate regular meeting of Feb 1, 2021

5. FireSmart Project Meeting – CAO, Fire Chief and Consultant held a meeting to discuss Midway's project activities and timelines to align with the project deadline.

6. Stephanie Boltz resignation letter to the Board of the Kettle River Museum
Evelyn Biro – Bunkhouse Hostess - letter of resignation to the Village

CAO met with Steve Stewart, President Kettle River Museum Society on January 13th. The Board will meet to discuss the position, and job description. Because the society was not aware the Bunkhouse position was also vacated, they will be discussing this along with the museum.

7. Kettle River Museum – Statement for October 16, 2019 – October 16, 2020.
8. CAO is meeting January 19th with Gus van Loenen Tuesday and architect to discuss the proposed complex project.
9. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Operations Centres & Training 2021 Program Funding opportunity. Fire Chief Daloise, Fire Chief Terashita, CAO Feist and Higashi are meeting January 20th to discuss the possibility of a joint funded project. Fire Chief Daloise is spearheading this project and CAO will provide further information at next meeting.
10. RDKB Housing Needs Report presentation – Jada Basi / City Spaces RDKB's retained consultant for the Housing Needs Assessment will be presenting the report to Council virtually at 7pm, February 1, 2021 Council meeting.

11. Arena – Report on usage of the arena for the 2020/21 season up to January 15, 2021

For the period January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

- Revenue	\$ 39,417.43	(This amt includes the \$23,287 GIA from the RDKB)
- Expenditures	<u>134,192.87</u>	
Total	- 94,775.44	

For the period September 1, 2020 – January 15, 2021

- Revenue	\$ 5,493.56
- Expenditures	<u>55,237.43</u>
Total	- 49,743.87

Moved /Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway closes the Boundary Expo Recreation Centre for the remainder of the season, effective Monday January 25, 2021.

Carried

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Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Grouette – None

Councillor Dunsdon – Written Report on file

- Boundary Services Committee
 - Midway cost for 2021 - \$4342
 - Still pursuing Community Forest with Dan Macmaster
 - Have a look at investgrandforks.com
 - Boundary Community Ventures. A society with directors (Area E, D & C)
 - Grand Forks arena down about \$45,000 in revenue, Border Bruins may shut down.
- RDKB Board Meeting

- Explained what a consent agenda is
- Internet speed test. RDKB needs the info to apply for a high speed upgrade. Links can be found on the Village website or Facebook page
- An offer has been made to a replacement for Theresa Lenardon
- COVID – Interior Health region has about 72 cases per day. 62,000 vaccinations so far
- Expect about a 2.31% budget increase for RDKB
- Where do we stand on asset management eg) library, museum. The Village has reserve funds.
- Where do we stand on Council Remuneration for 2021? It will increase with the Cost Of Living Allowance. COLA still to be determined.
- Implications of Fire Chief salary on 2021 budget? CAO hasn't heard from RDKB regarding it, but if their budget is increasing 2.31% then their contribution (\$95,000) could rise by the same amount. If we don't use the entire amount for Rural Fire Protection Services operations then the remaining money could be used towards salary of the Fire Chief.
- Is the Fire Truck paid for? Yes, all trucks are paid for.
- Changes for water, sewer cost increases for 2021? CAO hopes to leave water and sewer utility costs the same as 2020.
- RDKB is doing a Fire Dispatch Network Radio Coverage Assessment. \$35,000 grant.
- Training staff for EOC. Grant money will pay. We need to take advantage
- New Draft Building Bylaw is now available. Building inspection 1.6% budget increase.
- Still want to change grant in aid process.

Councillor Schierbeck – None

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report

- West Boundary Community Forest
 - Next meeting February 23 via Zoom.
 - 3 permits ready to go
 - Wilgress Lake property assessment was \$222,800.00
 - Dan Macmaster is applying for Federal funding to cover incremental tree planting due to COVID.
 - Wilgress Lake is covered by their Third Party coverage.
 - The distribution of funds has been amended. Previously, 90% of profits go to the shareholders and 10% goes to non-profit donations with a cap of \$30,000 on the 10%. The \$30,000 cap has now been removed provided it is still within the 10%. Scholarships are not a part of the non-profit donations distribution and they have also increased from two \$1000.00 scholarships to two \$2500.00 scholarships.
 - Looking at purchasing portable bridge or culvert to use out in the field, it would be a joint venture with Vaagen. It would be most cost effective than continuing to rent one. The estimated cost would be approximately \$15,000, which would pay for itself quickly vs continuing to rent.

Mayor Fromme – None

Question Period – None

Financial Report – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved /Seconded that the accounts totaling \$49,594.01 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 – December 2020
- b) Interior Health – Public Service Announcement – Interior Health improving access to community mental health and substance use support

be received and held on file.

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) BC Natural Resources Forum – Federal Ministers Joining #BCNRF21 Program

Be received and held on file

Carried

Question Period – None

Moved /Seconded to move in-camera at 20:00 hours under section 90(1)(a) of the Community Charter

Returned to the Regular Meeting at 20:13 hours

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

That the Council of the Village of Midway directs Office Staff to re-advertise the vacant Office Receptionist position

Carried

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 20:13 hours.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer