

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

Absent: Councillor Metcalf

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

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the February 16, 2021 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation – West Kootenay Boundary Community Investment Co-op – Donna Wilchynski, Marketing Director via zoom
The West Kootenay Boundary Community Investment Co-op (WKBCIC) is a member owned, locally controlled, and governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The newly formed co-op finances business located in the West Kootenay Boundary with the purpose of promoting economic, social, environmental and community impacts. Donna outlined how the Co-op functions and how a contribution from the Village would benefit both the Village and local businesses or entrepreneurs.

Mayor Fromme and Council thanked Donna Wilchynski for her presentation. A printed copy of her slideshow presentation will be kept on file.

Zoom call ended at 19:25 hours

Question Period - None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the February 1, 2021 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising

Page 6625 – None

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New and Unfinished Business – None

Correspondence

Moved/Seconded that correspondence

- a) Diane Langman, Chair, RDKB – Letter of Support for The Corporation of The City of Vernon
- b) Antonio Bebic, External Relations, Fortis BC – Advanced Gas Meters Update
- c) Fred Haynes, Mayor, District of Saanich – Actions to Address the Overdose Crisis

be received and filed.

Carried

- d) Nancy Matthews, Advertising Rep, The Royal Canadian Legion – Military Service Recognition Book.
Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway supports the BC/Yukon Command/The Royal Canadian Legion by sponsoring a 1/10 page advertisement, at a cost of \$261.90 + \$13.10 GST = \$275.

Carried

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- e) John Horgan, BC Premier – 2020 Virtual UBCM Convention. **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file. **Carried**
- f) Brian Gregg, SitePath Consulting Ltd for Telus – TELUS Request for Letter of Support from the Village of Midway – Universal Broadband. **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway provides a support letter for the TELUS Application to the Universal Broadband Fund.

Carried

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Administrator's Report – Written Report on file

1. Boundary Creek Line Removal Project – Project 1 and 2 update.
2. Survey – Spoke with Brock Pendergraft respecting cost estimates for surveying the 2.5 ha of airport lands that the ALC previously approved to be removed from the ALR.
Respecting the property the Village purchased east of the Community Centre, does Council wish this property to be consolidated with the Community Centre property? **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves staff to proceed with applications to remove the interior lot lines for the Community Centre and consolidate with the adjacent property. **Carried**
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3. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation Planning 2019 - Final Report that is due 28th of February is currently being worked on for submission to UBCM. Once submitted and approved the municipality should receive the final payment.
4. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation Planning 2021 – Application for Mitigation detailed design drawing is in process, deadline for intake is February 26, 2021.
5. Annual Municipal Audit – Week of March 29th, staff are presently preparing for the audit to submit for this year's virtual audit. Councillor Dunsdon asked whether this audit would be postponed as opposed to a virtual audit. A virtual audit is more work for staff at probably the same rate.
6. Budget preparations – CAO and Fire Chief reviewing both fire service budgets. FC is waiting for information on fire equipment before finalizing at which time, CAO will submit to James Chandler, RDKB. Public Works Foreman has just submitted his budget, CAO to review items with the Foreman.
7. MoTI electronic meeting held February 10th to discuss highway conditions and maintenance protocols – In attendance was Hugh Eberle, District Manager/Ministry of Transportation and Highways; Scott Maxwell, General Manager and Greg McNeil, Project Manager / Yellowhead Road & Bridge (YRB) Kootenay-Boundary division; Cpl. Peters Midway RCMP, Fire Chief Daloise Midway Fire & Rescue, Mayor Fromme, Councillor's Grouette and Metcalf and CAO.
8. West Boundary Recreation – Proposed Restructure – Update
9. FireSmart – The first of two interagency meetings has been organized for 2pm on Wednesday February 17th between emergency service provider stakeholders – This was outlined as one of the funded activities on the grant application.
10. Website Stats – Staff has provided Councillor Dunsdon with access to the Google Analytics page for the Village website.

Mayor and Council Reports**Councillor Dunsdon** – Written Report on file

- Boundary Services Committee
 - Okanagan Film Commission took in around \$48.8 Million last year. Apparently towns can apply to them for a film production template for potential filming. 25 productions took place last year.
 - Provincial grants to libraries have been frozen since 2010. Could we look at 2% lift to grant in aid for the Library and Museum? Hope to bring financial statements from both to the next meeting and propose some help from the COVID funds.
 - Recommendations to AKBLG and UBCM in terms of resolutions, eg) 1. Increase funding for libraries, 2. Expand allowable cut for community forest, 3. More Village say in forest practices in our watershed, 4. More Village say in land use applications in our watershed.
 - RDKB financial info package, Midway proposed costs for 2021.
 - Animal control letter needs to go to RDKB. We are interested and want to look at costs for such an endeavour.
- Board of Directors
 - West Kootenay Boundary Community Investment Co-op. There are 12 in the province like this. You invest in the co-op and the money is used to promote and develop local businesses.
 - What money do we have in our Community Forest Account? Do we have a community investment policy for these funds? CAO answered yes to both questions.
 - Set up a spending policy for the COVID funds.
 - One year contract extension for 9-1-1. Jan 1 2021 to Dec 31 2021 with RDCO and RDKB.
 - New building bylaw has been adopted.
 - Do we have an architect for the Community Centre? Still looking into it, would like to get more than one option.
 - Upload a thank you video for Theresa Lenardon. She retires at the end of February. Mayor Fromme said he will organize a recorded zoom for Council so they can participate without a mask.

Councillor Grouette – Verbal Report

- Felt the meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure went well. Would like to see the phone number for YRB to report poor road conditions put in our newsletter and on the LED board every fall and winter.

Councillor Schierbeck – Verbal Report

- Would like Staff to reach out to Global Broadband Inc, who is working on behalf of Telus. The ground around the poles they are replacing along Hartland Ave and Dominion St is not being cleaned up. There is concern that when Spring and Summer comes those areas will be problematic for residents and Public Works staff when it comes to mowing. CAO will ask the Public Works Foreman to speak to them.
- The 5 short videos (1 min) are completed. Will get them sent to Staff for distribution on our website and social media accounts.

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- What is Council's thoughts on the presentation by the WKBCIC? Council would like to be patient regarding considering participation and CAO would like to obtain legal opinion regarding municipalities financially assisting local businesses.
- Is participating in a FireSmart video tomorrow morning. If Council has any topics they want mentioned, let him know.
- Would like to send condolences to former City of Greenwood Mayor Ed Smith's family.

Question Period – NoneFinancial Report – NonePlanning – NoneBudgets/Accounts

Moved /Seconded that the accounts totaling \$76,035.06 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 – January 2021
- Kootenay Carshare Cooperative – Here's what you missed
- BC Council of Forest Industries – COFI 2021 Virtual Convention
- AKBLG – 2021 AKBLG AGM and Convention

be received and held on file.

Carried

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

Question Period – None

Moved /Seconded to move in-camera at 20:15 hours under section 90(1)(a) of the Community Charter

Returned to the Regular Meeting at 20:31 hours

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 20:35 hours.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer