

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on March 1, 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  
Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk

**Introduction of Late Items** – None

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved /Seconded** that the March 1, 2021 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Delegation** – None

**Question Period** - None

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the February 16, 2021 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**Business Arising**

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Page 6630 – None

**New and Unfinished Business**

- a) Kettle Valley Fire Protection Advisory Committee – re: Board Vacancy – Owen Stewart (Midway rep) and Ross Elliott (at large rep) have resigned as members of the advisory board. Local representatives need to live in Midway and appointed by Council and cannot be on the fire department. Suggestions were submitted, staff will contacted suggested persons to see if they are interested in being the Midway representative on the committee. Director Gee and Mayor Fromme are working on the chair vacancy.
- b) Sewer Line Extension Request (Johansen) – Request to move the access point further west along central avenue in closer proximity to their home approximately 190 feet and for the Village of Midway to cover the costs of the works. Public Works obtained a cost estimate for Council's review. Cost estimate to extend service 74 m including supplies, bedding materials, labour, backfill and cleanup - \$15,500 this does not include taxes, or any items such as flagger costs or unknown underground obstructions or infrastructure issues. CAO's report outlines the Village of Midway Sanitary Sewer Regulations and Subdivision Bylaw's state, service connections shall be installed by the Village at the expense of the Owner: After reviewing all information, it was:

**Moved/Seconded** the Council of the Village of Midway does not approve the Johansen's request to extend the current sewer line connection at the cost to the Village of Midway.

**Carried**

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Staff directed to advise Johansen's that Cost of the extension to be borne by the property owner

**Correspondence**

**Moved/Seconded** that correspondence

- a) Brenda Locke & Jack Singh Hundail, Councillors, City of Surrey – Surrey's Police Transition be received and filed.

**Carried**

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

1. Global Broadband Inc, Pole Replacement – Update from Admin Asst.
2. Street Light LED Project – Update from Deputy Clerk
3. FireSmart – Update on first of two interagency meetings between emergency service provider stakeholders
4. Community Centre Upgrade Project –

- *Green Municipal Funds – (GMF)*

The GMF grant is calculated as a function of the loan (grant = 15% of loan disbursed). We were originally approved for a loan of \$735,660 which was based on 80% of the total eligible costs. The approved grant amount was 15% of the loan or \$110,340. The loan amount from GMF is reduced with other confirmed granting sources and the grant amount of 15% is based on the reduced loan disbursed.

Because the loan and the grant are not disbursed until the end of the project with a grant holdback until 12 months of environmental data (building energy use data) has been completed and submitted, it is not worthwhile to continue with the GMF application if the loan amount is reduced down, reducing the grant down as well. We would also need to take into account that the amount of interest on the loan, for GMF purposes is not considered an eligible program expense.

As an example, if a total project cost were \$ 1,656,870 and were reduced by other funding sources

$$\begin{array}{r} 1,185,660 \\ \underline{400,000} \\ \$ 71,210 \end{array}$$

And the funding gap was

Then the GMF loan would be based on the funding gap of \$71,210 and the grant amount would only be based on 15% of the \$71,210 loan amount.

In consulting GMF Program Officer and providing an option without the GMF loan, she advised it makes sense - and there is no reason to take out a loan if we have received enough grants to cover or almost cover our project costs without interest.

In order to opt out, GMF requires a letter confirming withdrawing from the GMF funded project.

**Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway withdraw from the Green Municipal Funds funded project 'Midway Community Centre Energy Efficiency Upgrades.'

**Carried**  
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- *Community Energy Leadership Program (CELP)* – \$68,000 committed funding is based on specific energy efficiency retrofits for the MCC expansion project. We need to commit that the project will substantially be completed by December 31, 2021. Because of the large amount of projects, pandemic issues and staffing challenges, the Village will not be able to commit achieving CELPS timeline to complete the community centre upgrades by end of this year.

CAO has a meeting coming up this week with the Fraser Basin Council who program manage the funds for the Province, and they require an answer to commit to the deadline or withdraw.

**Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway withdraw from CELP funding program in the amount of \$68,000.00 for the MCC expansion project.

**Carried**  
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- *Heritage Canada – Legacy Fund* – As a result of this past year challenges Heritage Canada has amended the agreement extending the project completion date to 2023. Originally the agreement stipulated the completion by May 15, 2022. This amended date aligns much better with ICIP's timeline for completion.
5. Subdivision and Development Permit Applications – submitted – CAO has submitted referrals for subdivision submitted to highways and utilities for review and comment.
  6. CEPF 2018 Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation Planning final report due Sunday, February 28, 2021 completed and submitted.
  7. CEPF 2021 Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation Planning Program funding application for the 'Structural Flood Mitigation Detailed Design Documents' completed and submitted.
  8. Public Works positions applications are being reviewed for shortlist for interviews.
  9. Office Assistant position applications have been reviewed and shortlists will be contacted this week to set up interviews.
  10. CAO and Deputy Clerk will be telephone conferencing with Auditors on March 3rd regarding remote audit this year.

**Mayor and Council Reports**Councillor Grouette – No ReportCouncillor Schierbeck – Verbal Report

- Video on the arena will be uploaded to the website soon.

Councillor Dunsdon – Written Report on file

- Do we have a hiring policy?
- Policy revisions – should we be looking at – CAO advised that we have had all our policies updated and once staff has completed review they will be submitted to council for approval.
- Vaccine rollout -Mayor updated
- Fire Budget for Kettle Valley Fire Protection Service – attached
- How are we doing budget wise – CAO passed out reserve fund statement with interest to December 31, 2020
- East West confrontation over grant in lieu from dam revenues
- Big White master plan, comments from Area E – attached
- Covid restart money, ideas on allocation, operation contingency maybe?
- Resolutions to AKBLG – see attached

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Meeting with Highways, YRB and emergency services staff-Mayor update. Emergency services are meeting to discuss protocols and responsibilities at accident scenes
- Mayor FireSmart video interview will be posted on our social media sites
- Fire services committee meeting – Next year the RDKB will consider a 25% increase to the KVFP service area ratepayers requisition.
- Community Forest update

**Question Period** – None**Financial Report** – None**Planning** – None**Budgets/Accounts****Moved /Seconded** that the accounts totaling \$31,412.85 be drawn on the general account and be paid.**Carried****Correspondence for Information Only****Moved /Seconded** that correspondence for information only items:

- a) Okenge Morisho, Deputy Minister & Tara Faganello, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs – January 2021 Regional Calls Summary
- b) Brian Lutz, Coordinator, Communications and Marketing, Royal Canadian Legion – Request for Submissions of Veterans

be received and held on file.

**Carried****Correspondence for Information Only - to be held for two weeks only** –**Moved /Seconded** that correspondence for information two weeks:

- a) Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs – BC Parks Discover Camping 2021 Reservations Opening
- b) RDKB – January 2020 Board Highlights

be held for two week and destroyed.

**Carried****Question Period** – None**Moved /Seconded** to move in-camera at 19:38 hours under section 90(1)(a) of the Community Charter**Carried**

Returned to the Regular Meeting at 19:45 hours

**Moved** that the meeting be adjourned at 19:46 hours.\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer