

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on March 15, 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 Metcalf, Dunsdon, Grouette

Absent: Councillor Schierbeck

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

Introduction of Late Items – Moved/Seconded to include Grand Funding Opportunities – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) and Community Resiliency Investment Program (CRIP) under Section 8, New and Unfinished Business item a). **Carried**

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the March 15, 2021 regular meeting agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried**

Delegation – None

Question Period - None

Adoption of Minutes

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

Business Arising

Page 6631 – None

Page 6632 – None

Page 6633 – None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Grand Funding Opportunities – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) and Community Resiliency Investment Program (CRIP)

1. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) – Application Intake deadline March 26, 2021

Moved/Seconded to rescind motion 018-2021 from the February 1, 2021 meeting:

“WHEREAS the Council approves and supports the development of a joint Village of Midway and City of Greenwood Emergency Operations Centre:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Midway be authorized to submit a joint Midway/Greenwood application to the Union of BC Municipalities for up to \$50,000 under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Emergency Operations Centres & Training program funding stream.

AND FURHTER THAT the Village of Midway staff will be responsible for overall grant management.

Carried
026-2021

Moved/Seconded

“WHEREAS the Council approves and supports the development of an Emergency Operations Centre:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Midway submit an application to the Union of BC Municipalities for up to \$25,000 under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund / Emergency Operations Centres & Training program funding stream.

AND FURHTER THAT the Village of Midway staff will be responsible for overall grant management.

Carried
027-2021

Staff is directed to contact the City of Greenwood to inform them that the Village of Midway will be applying for the grant on our own.

2. Community Resiliency Investment Program 2021 – FireSmart Program under the Economic Recovery Funding Stream – Application Intake Deadline this Friday March 19, 2021

Moved/Seconded

“WHEREAS the Council approves and supports the Midway Residential FireSmart and Skill Development Project:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Midway submit an application to the Union of BC Municipalities for up to \$150,000 under the Community Resiliency Investment Program / Economic Recovery Funding Stream.

AND FURTHER THAT the Village of Midway will be responsible for overall grant management.

Carried
028-2021

Correspondence

Moved/Seconded that the Village of Midway supports the following:

- a) Jamie Ross, Mayor, Village of Belcarra – Belcarra Council Motion – Endorsement of 9-8-8 Crisis Line Initiative
- b) Christine Fraser, Mayor, Township of Spallumcheen – Support for 988 Crisis Line

Carried
029-2021

Moved/Seconded that correspondence

- c) Walt Cobb, Mayor, City of Williams Lake
 - i. Stronger Sentencing for Prolific and Repeat Offenders
 - ii. Vaccine Distribution
- d) Jonathan X. Cote, Mayor, City of New Westminster – Support for Laid-Off Hotel and Tourism Industry Workers
- e) Provincial Tree Planting Program and COVID-19 Protocols
 - i. Tara DeCourcy, District Manager, Selkirk Resource District
 - ii. Diane Nicholls, ADM Chief Forester, Office of the Chief Forester

be received and filed

- f) William Bowen & Lynn Rud, 630 Gertrude St – Tree on Village property. After discussion it was **Moved/Seconded** that The Village of Midway will not authorize the removal of the tree at the Village’s expense until it can be assessed and deemed a dangerous tree. The homeowner may remove the tree at their own cost by a qualified and insured company if they wish.

Carried
Carried
030-2021

Administrator’s Report – Written Report on file

1. Boundary Creek – Amended Project 1 Water/Sewer Main Line Install – Update
2. Boundary Creek – Project 2 Water/Sewer Mainline Removal – Update
3. FortisBC – Council invitation to attend a virtual meeting March 30, 2021
4. FireSmart – Arrangements for tree chipping day were made for Sunday March 14th, was a big success with well over 50 property owners registered. The Fire Dept will be going around Tuesday March 16th to take the piles that the chipping company did not get to.
5. FCABC Road Rescue Grant Program – Fire Chief Daloise application submission to FCABC Road Rescue grant program has received funding approval in the amount of \$20,000 for the purchase of Hurst Cutters, as well as training.
6. Medical Clinic – Radon Mitigation – Test results pre-mitigation was 724.8 Bq/m3. Test results post mitigation laboratory reported March 12, 2021 is 85 Bq/m3.
7. CEPF 2021 Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation Planning Program funding application for the ‘Structural Flood Mitigation Detailed Design Documents’ – Application submitted, received confirmation application under review, applicants should hear back by end of June.

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Met with Cpl. Peters of the Midway RCMP, there has been a change back to a standalone detachment which changes the way decisions are made within the RCMP Detachment in the region. The procedure has been streamlined and as a result he will have more autonomy when it comes to decision making.
- Spoke with Frontline Consultant for the FireSmart project, previously the most participation from a municipality on a chipping day was 38 in Peachland. She considered it a huge success to have almost 60 households participate (there were a few piles they cleaned up that had not registered with the Village). Councillor Dunsdon is interested in seeing if something like this could be run every couple years.
- Parkview Manor will no longer be offering the Assisted Living suites. The reason is they are vacant most of the time and do not get compensation from IH while vacant. There is a wait list for the Independent Living suites.
- Visited the dentist in Grand Forks and was informed by staff that they will not be returning to the Midway office. Should Council take the initiative to recruit another dentist? Would like the issue added to New and Unfinished Business at the next meeting.
- Will not be able to attend the Community Forest Shareholder’s meeting this Thursday. Would like to discuss the vacancies on the board so the members of Council in attendance are all on the same page.

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report

- Next West Boundary Community Forest meeting is March 30th 6:30pm at the Midway Community Centre.

Councillor Grouette – Verbal Report

- Observed Fire Chief Daloise on the job, and would like to commend and acknowledge the great job the Fire Chief did handling a difficult situation with ease and profession.

Councillor Dunsdon – Written Report on file

- Staff to advertise the bus system to Grand Forks in the council newsletter?
- How do we handle insurance for Village entities? For the local groups (e.g., Library, Museum) the Village purchases content insurance through the Village's insureds, then bills back for this cost. Property Insurance is paid for by the Village for our facilities. Volunteers (e.g. Board Members) are covered under the Village's Policy through MIABC as Associate Members, however, paid employees are not eligible to be covered.
- Any ideas on COVID restart money. E.g. Revenue shortfalls. Council could look at a larger grant-in-aid for 2021?
- Restructure of Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development - Letter / any thoughts?
- Food print out, for information.
- Could the Village help out with the purchase of a commercial greenhouse for the Community Garden? The approximate cost is around \$30,000, structure would be 25' x 50' and would be contained within the existing fenced area. It would operate about 1.5 months before and after the usual growing season, it would not run over the winter. Just looking for interest. If Council is open to the idea, more info can be brought to next meeting.

Question Period – None**Financial Report** – None**Planning** – None**Budgets/Accounts****Moved /Seconded** that the accounts totaling \$144,482.17 be drawn on the general account and be paid.**Carried****Correspondence for Information Only****Moved /Seconded** that correspondence for information only items:

- Sandy Elzinga, Manager of Community Economic Development, Community Futures Boundary – Invite to an online Smart Specialization Project Workshop, Apr 27th and 28th
- Hope Byrne, Health Services Director, Laboratory, Okanagan, Interior Health – Midway Blood Lab
- Kate Barchard, Corporate Officer, City of Pitt Meadows – Fair Taxation from Railway Operations & Industrial Parks

be received and held on file.

Carried**Correspondence for Information Only - to be held for two weeks only** – None**Question Period** – Staff to look into when street sweeping will commence.**Moved /Seconded** to move in-camera at 20:04 hours under section 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter**Carried**

Returned to the Regular Meeting at 20:20 hours

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

That the Council of the Village of Midway authorizes staff negotiate a rate with the City of Grand Forks for planning services to be brought back to the Council for review and approval.

Carried**031-2021****Moved** that the meeting be adjourned at 20:21 hours._____
Mayor_____
Chief Administrative Officer