

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on April 6, 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, Schierbeck

Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer
Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk

Introduction of Late Items – Moved/Seconded to include Planning Department City of Grand Forks - DVP quote under Section 8), New and Unfinished Business item b).

Carried

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the April 6, 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 15, 2021 regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Page 6634 – None
Page 6635 – None
Page 6636 – None

New and Unfinished Business

a) Dental Services – Recruitment – after discussion it was

Moved/Seconded that staff directed to contact the BC Dental Association for more information regarding Dentist recruitment.

Carried

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b) City of Grand Forks – DVP application completion quote –

Moved/Seconded that the quote from the City of Grand Forks to assist with current DVP application be accepted.

Carried

033-2021

CAO to advise City of Grand Forks of council's decision.

Correspondence

- a) (i) City of North Vancouver – re: **Help Cities Lead Campaign** – Request to support the initiative.
(ii) City of Port Moody – re: **Helping Cities Lead Campaign** – Request to support the initiative.
(iii) City of Victoria – re: **Helping Cities Lead Campaign** – Request to support the initiative.

Moved/Seconded that correspondence a(i)(ii)(iii) be received and filed.

Carried

b) District of Sicamous – re: **Aquatic Invasive Species Enforcement** – Increased and stricter enforcement measures.

c) District of Sicamous – re: **Invasive Asian Clams** – Request to UBCM to lobby the Province to designate Invasive Asian clams (*Corbicula fluminea*) as a prohibited aquatic invasive species.

Moved/Seconded that council support both resolutions from the District of Sicamous.

Carried

034-2021

Staff to forward letter of support regarding **aquatic invasive species** enforcement as well as **invasive Asian clams**.

d) City of Prince George – re: **BC Hydro and Power Authority: 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application** – Opposition to BC Hydro's proposed 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application.

Moved/Seconded item d) 2020 street lighting rate application be rec'd and filed.

Carried

- e) City of Prince George – re: **Opioid Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan** – Request the Gov't of Canada to declare the overdose crisis a national public health and develop a comprehensive overdose action plan.
Moved/Seconded that council support request to Government of Canada to further its work through the implementation of a National Overdose Action Plan. **Carried**
035-2021
- f) Canadian Union of Postal Workers – re: **Request for Support by Endorsing Delivering Community Power-**
Correspondence table to next regular meeting for further discussion.
- g) Boundary District Curling Club – re: **Request for some relief of Utility Charges.**
Moved/Seconded that the utility water rate be changed to a residential rate of \$240.00 per year. **Carried**
036-2021

Further discussion regarding financial hardship of BDCC be brought up at budget discussion. Staff to advise BDCC of rate reduction for water utility charge and direct them to RDKB Director Gee and other avenues for grant in aid help offset cost of other utilities like gas, electrical.

Administrator's Report – Verbal

1. Interviewing and reference checks for public works and office staff positions
2. Community Forest Meeting update – CAO to contact Mayor Noll, City of Greenwood, regarding advertising of vacant board position
3. Ministry of Environment meeting with Staff – CAO will update when more information is received.
4. TOTA Consultant Virtual Meeting – Mayor to update

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report

- Next West Boundary Community Forest meeting is May 4, 2021, 6:30pm Wilgress Lake Education Centre – Councillor Metcalf will confirmation location

Councillor Grouette – Verbal Report

- Regional Hospital meeting – lots of Capital Project which will benefit our area

Councillor Dunsdon -Written Report on file

- Record Management Plan – does the Village have one? CAO advised we do
- Reminder to council and gallery that all meetings are being taped
- BC Safe restart grant opportunities
- RDKB Boundary Freshet dashboard
- Boundary Forest Watershed Stewardship Society Info
- Community Garden board will be attending as a delegation to council in the near future regarding purchase of greenhouse.
- Dr. Silva will be locum at the Midway Medical Centre in April

Councillor Schierbeck – No Report

Mayor Fromme – Verbal report

- CAO and Mayor met with consultant working with TOTA regarding new signage for the rail trails. He advised that it should be neutral signage. Do we have any design ideas that we would like to see on the trails? TOTA is working towards making it a non-motorized trail and is working with ATV clubs for alternative trail use for ATV etc.
- Editor of Boundary Creek Times – invitation to Mayor to write an article twice a month on Midway News. Mayor Fromme advised he could write about promotions, activities, projects etc. Council would like to have further discussions on this invitation.
- Councillor Dunsdon suggested the Village thank Cpl Peters for his presence in the community and surrounding area, he has received many comments on this presence making people feel safer. Mayor Fromme will make sure he passes message to Cpl. Peters.

Question Period – None

Financial Report – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved /Seconded that the accounts totaling \$96,004.89 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

Carried

Correspondence for Information Only**Moved /Seconded** that correspondence for information only items:

- a) AGLG 2020/2021- re: **Annual Report**
- b) (i) The Midway Public Library Association – re: (unaudited) **Financial Statements to December 31, 2020**
- (ii) Midway Public Library Association – re: **2021 Operating/Program Budget**
- c) Union of BC Municipalities – re: **2019 CEPF: Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation Plan**
– re: **Final Report and Financial Summary** – Notice of approval
- d) Midway Partnership Fund – re: **Advisory Committee Minutes of March 16, 2021**
- e) Midway Partnership Fund – re: **List of Advisory Committee Members as of March 16, 2021**

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) Interior Health – re: **Healthy Community's** – Monthly Newsletter (fwded to Council via email)
- b) Interior Health – re: **Covid-19 vaccine administered throughout IH** – Information Bulletin

be received and destroyed after two weeks.

Carried**Question Period** – None**Moved /Seconded** to move in-camera at 19:53 hours under section 90(1)(c) of the Community Charter**Carried**

Returned to the Regular Meeting at 20:09 hours

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 20:10 hours._____
Mayor_____
Chief Administrative Officer