

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on May 3, 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. This meeting is being recorded.*

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** – None

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded** that the May 3, 2021 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Delegation** – Public Works Foreman – Written Report

Public Works Foreman was in attendance to present his April report. A summary of items in the report were:

- Buildings – maintenance
- Administration – budgets and interviews for new staff
- Equipment – repairs and inspections
- Public works yard – cleanup
- Risk Management – season risk management plan
- Landfill/Tree Recycling facility – permitting and sludge beds
- Cemetery – update
- Parks – general cleanup
- Water – triple usage since winter – lots of people already irrigating and watering outside of allowable hours
- Sewer – work done on blowers and grinder pump. Augured sewer main on central avenue. Hired a contractor for sewer extension on central avenue, should begin in the next couple of weeks.
- Lots of inquiries on vacant property – some will require highway crossings and subdivisions – what are Council's thoughts on contracting all of these project out?
- Streets – sweeping completed. Pricing on paving and repairs. Ordered dust control. Will be grading as soon as a little more moisture.

Staff to look into changes to bylaw to allow property owners to be responsible for all work and costs to get connections to their property. Public Works Foreman will contact Dean at City of Grand Forks to see how they handle water/sewer hookups.

Council asked Foreman Boltz where we are at with the expansion of the Riverfront Park – This is up to council to decide on what projects they want done.

**Question Period** - None

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Business Arising**

Page 6641 – CAO updated council on planning report received from Grand Forks Planner on Lyall Street Development, she will review report and update council.

Page 6642 – None

Page 6643 – None

**New and Unfinished Business**

- a) Agnes Srahulek – Access to property at 344 Hartland Avenue – CAO and Mayor went to view the property in question. After discussion it was

**Moved/Seconded** that staff directed to advise Agnes Srahulek if she wishes to make improvements to access her property, council does not have any concerns with this as long as it is at her own costs.

**Carried**

**Correspondence**

- a) Guy Owens – Discharge of Firearms bylaws – Mr. Owens would like to see the discharge of firearms bylaw updated to include all property within the municipal boundaries. There are a number of larger parcels excluded from the bylaw at this time and he feels that with the cannabis facility and more traffic up Myers and Fritz road the bylaw should include all property within the boundaries.

Councillor Grouette declared a conflict of interest as he has property in the included portion of the Discharge of Firearms Bylaw and left room at 1949 hours

After discussion it was **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file request for all property within the boundaries to be included in the Discharge of Firearms bylaw

Motion defeated tie vote

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council approve request to have all properties within the Village of Midway included in the Discharge of Firearms Bylaw.

**Carried**

**\*Rescinded\* 042-2021**

*Councillor Metcalf opposed*

Councillor Grouette returned to the meeting at 1955 hours

The second request from Mr. Owens was to expand our boundaries to include the cannabis facility.

**Moved/Seconded** request be received and filed.

**Carried**

- b) Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commissions-three-digit number for suicide crisis support  
**Moved/Seconded** request be received and filed.

**Carried**

- c) Town of View Royal – Request for authority and training for Hospital Security Staff  
**Moved/Seconded** request be received and filed.

**Carried**

- d) Fort Erie – Federal Government providing transparency with regard to plans to reopen the Canada-US Border  
**Moved/Seconded** request be received and filed.

**Carried**

**Administrator's Report** – Project Tracking Form to May 3, 2021

CAO presented council with a project tracking form update to May 3, 2021

Council wish to table the project tracking from until next meeting giving time for council review.

**Mayor and Council Reports**

Councillor Grouette – No Report

Councillor Metcalf – Community Forest meeting May 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. at Wilgress Lake Education centre.

Councillor Schierbeck – No Report

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal Report

- Travel savings for RDKB has been substantial due to COVID restrictions
- Riverfront Park Camping – do we have a policy for use regarding following COVID rules. CAO explained that we are following all Provincial Health Order and IH health region.
- Quote for greenhouse for C

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Theresa Taylor from Integrated Family Services is working on a housing needs plan for the boundary area
- Meeting with RCMP was cancelled
- Highway 3 Mayor's Coalition – lots going on in different parts of the Province regarding wildlife protection along highway
- Looking at cell service and charging stations all along the highway 3 corridor

**Question Period** – None

**Financial Report** – None

**Planning** – None

**Budgets/Accounts**

**Moved/Seconded** that the accounts totaling \$39,985.78 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

**Carried**

**Correspondence for Information Only** - None

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

**Question Period** – None

**In-camera** – None

**Moved** that the meeting be adjourned at 2010 hours.

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Chief Administrative Officer