

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on April 19, 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
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the April 19, 2021 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation – None

Question Period - None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the April 7, 2021 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

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New and Unfinished Business

- a) Canadian Union of Postal Workers-Request for support for Delivering Community Power – Tabled from last meeting. After discussion it was, **Moved/Seconded** that this item be received and filed. **Carried**
- b) West Boundary Community Forest Shareholders – Board of Directors appointments and articles. CAO presented legal advice received and informed Council that any changes made to any of the West Boundary Community Forest articles, it must be done by a WBCF Shareholder's resolution. CAO was asked to coordinate a Shareholder's meeting to clarify the wording on the Board of Directors advertisement.

Correspondence

- a) Mayor's Office -City of Penticton- B.C. Government's Use of Provincial Paramourncy to Undermine Local Government Bylaws. **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway supports the City of Penticton **Carried**
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- b) City of Victoria – Consideration for support of motion for laid-off hotel and tourism industry workers. **Moved/Seconded** that this item be received and filed. **Carried**

Administrator's Report – Written report on file

1. UBCM – Project Midway Community Centre Expansion and Energy Efficiency Retrofit – Received an accelerated payment in the amount of \$379,411.
2. Community Resiliency Investment FireSmart Program – Final reporting on April 30, 2021.
3. Annual Audit – We have been working with the auditors over the past two weeks to complete our annual audit. Draft financial statements will be submitted after the auditor complete the audit.
4. Budget – CAO will be working on budget over the next few weeks. Will put together a budget package for Council meeting review and discussion.
5. Planning – CAO is working with the City of Grand Forks help to prepare them with information on the DVP. They are proposing a process for moving forward, this is respecting activities, reports, public notification areas, etc. CAO has been keeping the property owner updated.
6. Property inquiries – All staff have been exceedingly busy with public and realtor inquiries respecting properties in Midway. An indicator that the Public Works department are going to be busy this year with sewer and water hookups and road development.

7. Bylaw Enforcement – Report to Mayor and Council January 1 – April 19, 2021. Bylaw Enforcement – Course completions
8. Julia McDonald – Request for the old customs building in the airport. Council requests more information on the purpose intended by Julia.
9. Dental Recruitment – BC Dental Association re: Have initiated conversation with the BC Dental Association Assistant Director
10. HeritageBC – Heritage Legacy Fund – Midway CPR Station Museum Roof Replacement – re: The grant application deadline is April 30th and initially Phil Cameron was going to prepare an application for submission, however, Public Works are behind in their work. During a meeting with Steve Stewart and John Kolhauser from the Kettle River Museum Society, the CAO was advised that the Museum Society has hired Wendy Higashi as their new museum curator. Wendy has agreed to take on preparing an application for and on behalf of the Village (our building). HeritageBC will fund 50% of the costs up to \$25,000.

Moved/Seconded

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Midway approves and supports a funding application to HeritageBC under the Heritage Legacy Fund, Heritage Conservation Program to replace the roof on the CPR Station Museum building in order to preserve and protect the integrity of an important and valuable historical resource in Midway.

AND FURTHER that Wendy Higashi, Kettle River Museum Curator prepare and administer the funding application for and on behalf of the Village of Midway.

Carried

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11. Kettle River Museum Society – CAO meeting with Steve Stewart and John Kolhauser, Kettle River Museum Society – Funding assistance request. CAO would like to discuss this further at the budget meeting and will bring the financial documents they have provided.
12. Public Works Foreman will report at the May 3rd meeting.

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Fromme – Verbal report

- Thursday April 22, 2021 @ 12:30pm, Mayor Fromme, City of Greenwood Mayor Barry Noll and RDKB Area E Director Vicki Gee will be meeting with the RCMP at the Midway Detachment. Is there anything Council would like him to bring up? Councillor Dunsdon has heard from residents that they are happy seeing the RCMP patrol through town and would welcome the officers to engage in friendly conversation. CAO would welcome liaison meetings like she had with the previous Corporal.

Councillor Schierbeck – Verbal Report

- With the weather getting nicer, would like to see the Watering Restrictions reminder be placed in the Municipal Newsletter again.

Councillor Dunsdon -Written Report on file

- Midway Museum receive a \$1000.00 Grant in Aid from RDKB Area E.
- Museum should be made aware to look into registering as a Visitor's Centre. The Visitor's Centre in Rock Creek received \$10,000 a year in grant funding.
- Advertise ICBC at Village Office in the West Boundary Connect and Kettle Valley Echo.
- Echo will go into all West Boundary residents' mailboxes for free.
- Apparently there have been some changes to the Provincial Nominee Program.
- Midway Public Library got \$4000.00 in Grant in Aid from RDKB Area E.
- Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT) has changed its name to Economic Trust of the Southern Interior (ETSI).
- Reminder to read land acknowledgement and reminder that the meeting is being taped at the start of our meetings.
- RDKB Highlights, I will forward them to all Council. If you have any questions raise them at our meetings.
- Some concerns about regional housing study. Eg) data collection and statistics
- Community Garden still working on a greenhouse proposal from Harnois Industries. Should be completed in two weeks.
- Freshet dashboard from RDKB is updated every Thursday.
- Any word on plans for Riverfront Expansion?
- Any word on Community Hall upgrade. Eg) Architect, Building Manager.
- Did anyone ask for permission to remove the large tree in front of one of the RCMP houses? No, only trees on Village property (i.e., boulevards) need permission to be removed. Trees or bushes on private property can be altered as the property owner sees fit.

Councillor Grouette – None

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report

- Next West Boundary Community Forest meeting is May 4, 2021, 6:30pm at the Wilgess Lake Education Centre. There will be a tour of the area and as Shareholders in the WBCF, all members of Council are invited to attend.

Question Period – None

Financial Report – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved /Seconded that the accounts totaling \$80,978.99 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

Moved /Seconded to move in-camera at 19:37 hours under section 90(1)(a) of the Community Charter

Carried

Returned to the Regular Meeting at 19:46 hours

Moved/Seconded that the following items be declassified from the in-camera meeting:
Employee hiring – Administrative Assistant/Reception and Public Works Positions

Moved/Seconded that the Council approves Rhonda Shangraw for the part-time Administrative Assistant/Reception position with the Village of Midway at a starting wage of \$22.00 per hour, 35 hours a week, 6 month probation period.

Carried

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Moved/Seconded that the Council approves Jeremy Reid for the full time Public Works position subject to an approved criminal record check with the Village of Midway at a starting wage of \$28.84 per hour, 40 hours a week, 6 month probation period.

Carried

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Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 19:47 hours.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer