

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on May 17, 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 Dunsdon, Grouette, Schierbeck

Absent: Councillor Metcalf

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

Introduction of Late Items – Moved/Seconded to include Special Meeting of April 25, 2021 (Page 6644) & Special Meeting of April 29, 2021 (Page 6645) under Section 6 – Adoption of Minutes & Section 7 – Business Arising. **Carried**

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the May 17, 2021 regular meeting agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried**

Delegation – None

Question Period - None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the April 25, 2021 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the April 29, 2021 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the May 11, 2021 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising

Page 6644 to Page 6649 – None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Village of Midway – Letter of Support, City of Grand Forks – Development Approvals Program Grant Application. After discussion it was **Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway supports the City of Grand Forks' Development Approvals Program Funding Application. **Carried**

043-2021

- b) Kettle River Museum – Request for Additional Funds. After discussion it was **Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway approves the Kettle River Museum's request for an additional one-time funding request of \$22,000. **Carried**

044-2021

- c) Dr Jesse Thompson – Filing Cabinet Storage in Lower Level Medical Centre – Request from Doctor. After discussion it was **Moved/Seconded** that Council directs staff to research what happens to old medical records and to table further discussion on this matter to the next Regular Meeting when more information is obtained. **Carried**

045-2021

Correspondence

- a) Vivian Uimonen & Ted Theelen – 611 9th Ave, Midway BC. In order to become compliant within the Zoning Bylaw and remove a Notice on Title registered to her property, a travel trailer and two vehicles need to be temporarily moved. Vivian Uimonen has requested to move the vehicles temporarily on the undeveloped portion of Eholt St between Ninth and Palmerston Avenue for approximately one month. After discussion it was **Moved/Seconded** that Council grants Vivian Uimonen's request provided she enters an agreement with the Village of Midway where if the Village will have the rights to remove her vehicles at her costs should she not comply with the dates for removal. **Carried**

046-2021

- b) Jennifer Eaton – Grad 2021 Parade. **Moved/Seconded** that Council approves the 2021 BCSS Grad Class to organize a parade through the Village of Midway. **Carried**

047-2021

- c) Chris Danyluk & The Midway Community Association – Canada Day Fireworks. The Midway Community Association would like to organize a Canada Day fireworks display. Concerns with enforcement challenges and concerns respecting the long range forecast with this dry spring raising the possibility that a fire ban could be imposed by Canada Day which would not permit a fireworks display. Fireworks order requiring to be placed prior to having more information regarding the 2021 wildfire season. The current PHO orders would also not permit this kind of event. Despite the suggestion to have people remain in their vehicles or socially distanced, the reality is the event will draw people from all over the area and enforcement of socially distancing and mask use will become challenge. After discussion it was

Moved/Seconded that Council agrees with the Fire Chief's concerns and respectfully declines the MCA's request to host Canada Day Fireworks Celebration this year.

Carried
048-2021

Fred Grouette leaves at 19:19 hours

- d) RJ Grouette – Exemption from proposed changes to no shooting bylaw. After discussion it was

Moved /Seconded to rescind motion #042-2021 from Page 6647 of the May 3, 2021 Minutes: *That the Council approve request to have all properties within the Village of Midway included in the Discharge of Firearms Bylaw.*

Carried
049-2021

Moved /Seconded that the Council directs staff to research Indigenous people's hunting rights, consult with RCMP, Conservation and affected property owners.

Carried
050-2021

Fred Grouette returns at 19:24 hours

- e) Barbara Murray – Resolution: Moratorium on Wolf Hunting in BC. **Moved/Seconded** that this item be received and filed.

Carried

Administrator's Report – Written report on file

1. Dentist Recruitment – Update (attached email) *Does the Council have any expectations?* Council directs CAO to place all correspondence on file, they wish not to be involved in the recruitment of a dentist. Mayor Fromme would like to continue recruitment process.
2. DVP / Planning – CAO has been working with Planner retained by Grand Forks on an as-needed basis on the Development Variance Permit application process:
 - May 12th, Notices mailed out the notices to those property owners who live adjacent to or near (within 30 metres) the proposed property, notice also posted on our website.
 - May 28th, Written submissions must be received in our office no later than 4:30 pm on May 28th.
 - June 1st, Those that wish to appear as a delegation must contact the Village Office, prior to June 1st in order to receive an electronic meeting invite.
 - June 7th, A report/recommendation to Council is being prepared for the June 7th regular meeting for Council's consideration and decision.

Planner has contacted the developer and has provided an update.
3. Sanitary Sewer / Water Regulations Bylaws – Last meeting Council heard from the Public Works Foreman the changes he would like to make for service connections. CAO has directed the Public Works Foreman to review both the water and sanitary sewer bylaws, do research and get information from other communities and to outline the changes he would like to see in the bylaws for office staff and legal review prior to bringing to Council.
4. Receptionist/Office Assistant – Rhonda Shangraw has completed the 27 hour ICBC Autoplan Basics course and is now able to complete Autoplan transactions on her own. She is continuing ICBC education under supervision for non-basic transactions.

Moved /Seconded that the Council approves a \$0.75/hr increase to Rhonda's hourly rate effective May 13, 2021.

Carried
051-2021

5. Financial Reporting – The May 17, 2021 reporting is completed and submitted.
6. Planning – Council has directed CAO to set up a planning meeting regarding paving, Riverfront Park Expansion Planning and Housing.
7. Workplace Bullying and Harassment Training – Scheduled for Friday May 21, 2021 for all staff and council. Staff (inside and outside workers, Bylaw, Fire Chief, Fire Dept Officers, Janitorial, Victim Services) will be held in the morning and Council's session will immediately follow after that. CAO will confirm the time.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Dunsdon – No Report

Councillor Grouette – No Report

Councillor Schierbeck – No Report

Mayor Fromme – No Report

Question Period – None

Financial Report – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that the accounts totaling \$55,221.19 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

Carried

Correspondence for Information Only

- a) West Boundary Community Forest – Shareholder Dividend. **Moved/Seconded** that a staff sends a thank you letter to the WBCF and this item be received and filed.

Carried

Correspondence for Information Only – to be held for two weeks only

Moved/Seconded that correspondence for information only item:

- a) Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia – Accomplishments Update Spring 2021 be received.

Carried

Question Period – None**In-camera**

Moved/Seconded to move in-camera at 19:38 hours under section 90(1)(c) (Labour relations or other employee relations) of the Community Charter.

Carried

Returned to the regular meeting at 20:09 hours

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

Midway Property (53 Acres – mountain), DL 781, SDYD – Florence Street

Moved/Seconded

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Village of Midway approves the property owners counter offer for the 52.26 acre property, legally described as, 'that part of District Lot 781 lying to the east of Sub Lot A (Plan DD856) of said District Lot 781 Similkameen Division Yale District and lying to the south of the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway as shown on Plan DD683 Similkameen Division Yale District except the southerly 60 feet thereof – PID 014-871-963 for the sale price of \$344,000.

AND FURTHER that these funds for the purchase are to be paid from the West Boundary Community Forest Dividends Reserve.

Carried

052-2021

Human Resources – Fire Chief Daloise

Six month probation is up May 17th. **Moved/Seconded** that Fire Chief Daloise receives an additional annual salary increase of \$2,700 as per his employment agreement.

Carried

053-2021

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 20:10 hours.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer