

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on July 19, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 661 Eighth 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, Metcalf

Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer
Rhonda Shangraw, Administrative Assistant

Public: Judy Willsey

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the July 19, 2021 regular meeting agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

Delegation – None

Question Period - None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the June 21, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

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New and Unfinished Business

- a) Councillor Dunsdon – Recommendation that Council send a letter to our MLA and our MP stating that the Village Council supports a full independent investigation into the particulars surrounding the deaths of indigenous children at residential schools; Further that the letter be copied to the City of Greenwood and City of Grand Forks. **Moved/Seconded** that Council send a letter to our MLA and MP requesting a full independent investigation, and that letters be copied to the City of Greenwood and City of Grand Forks.

Carried

064-2021

Correspondence

- a) Fred and Jane Marshall – re: The use and discharge of firearms in rural areas of the Village of Midway. **Moved/Seconded** that this item be received and filed.
- Carried**
- b) Corporation of the District of Saanich – re: UBCM Resolution on a Replacement BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program. **Moved/Seconded** that this item be received and filed.
- Carried**
- c) The Corporation of the District of Peachland – re: BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP). **Moved/Seconded** that this item be received and filed.
- Carried**
- d) James Smith – re: that the Mayor and Council support Kettle River Ranch and the town economics to look into the archives of his commercial property to determine if there is an approach for the lot and to push Highway Transportation to approve use of unpermitted approach. **Moved/Seconded** that Council support James Smith request.
- Carried**
- 065-2021
- e) James Smith – re: Town Speed Limits. CAO will provide James Smith with response from highways regarding the speed limit.

- f) Steve Williams, President BCAS-10-7 Association/Society – re: BC Ambulance Service Crisis. **Moved/Seconded** that Council support the request to encourage the Provincial Government to put the BC Ambulance Service back in the hands of Emergency Services Commission under the Ministry of Health. Further Council approves the CAO to set up a meeting with UBCM and Roly Russell to be contacted regarding the concerns. **Carried**
066-2021
- g) Agnus Srahulek – re: Property Access 344 Hartland Avenue. **Moved/Seconded** that council support request from Agnes Srahulek, on a temporary basis to use the lane as access to her property and place her car shelter behind her house. **Carried**
067-2021

Administrator's Report – Written report on file

1. Kettle Valley Fire Protection Service Advisory Committee – Ross Elliott resigned as the KVFP Service Committee Chair and Owen Stewart resigned as the Village of Midway's representative on the Committee. Director Gee has asked Ron Everson to chair and Mayor Fromme has asked Terrance Fehr to represent Midway on the Advisory Committee. Council resolution required: To approve the recommendation of Mayor Fromme to appoint Terrance Fehr to represent the Village of Midway on the Kettle Valley Fire Protection Service Advisory Committee. **Moved/Seconded** that Terrance Fehr represent Midway on the Advisory Committee. **Carried**
068-2021
2. West Boundary Community Forest Inc., - Notice to fill the vacant Director position still requires to be addressed. Alternate BoD from the respective communities elected officials requires to amendment to the Articles. The Shareholders require to hold a Special Business Meeting to approve a special resolution outlining the wording changes respecting adding the Alternates. The lawyers are working on the special resolution. Once the resolution is received, a meeting of the Shareholders will be scheduled to approve the special resolution for filing with the lawyers. After this is filed the lawyers will amend the Business Corporations Articles and then the Shareholders can resolve to approve the appointments of the alternates (these also need to be filed with the lawyers). At this time, the Council can decide on who will represent Midway from the Council as alternate on the WBCF Board of Directors, and appoint the alternate. This appointment must be made by resolution.

Councillor Grouette volunteered. **Moved/Seconded** that Councillor Grouette will be the alternate on the WBCF Board of Directors. **Carried**
069-2021
3. FIA and SOFI reporting is complete, has been submitted and has received approval. Chief Administrative Officer is working on the Annual Report.
4. Midway Community Centre Retrofit and Upgrade Project – re: Proposal from Wendy Higashi for Project Management services. CAO recommends to approve. Councillor Schierbeck made motion to send this to RFP, there was no second. Councillor Grouette feels Wendy Higashi is local and capable, let's get moving on the project. Councillor Dunsdon has concerns but agrees with the need to get moving on the project. CAO feels Wendy would do a great job, she is energetic and creative. Councillor Schierbeck feels she has no experience in this type of project. **Moved/Seconded** that Council approves Wendy Higashi for Project Management Services. **Carried**
070-2021

Councillor Schierbeck opposed

5. Kristina Anderson, Watershed Planner/RDKB has been communicating and providing information with the Boundary Chief Administrative Officers in Grand Forks/Greenwood and Midway regarding the Boundary drought conditions. The province has elevated the drought level for the Kettle to a Level 4. Kristina will continue to participate in the regional Provincial Drought update meetings weekly and will provide updates and notice of any pending changes. Staff has updated the social media sites and has placed additional water conservation tips to the website. Notice has also gone out by news flyer.
6. Boundary Creek Line Removal Project – September is fast approaching, Chief Administrative Officer has been in contact with the Engineers for an update. The engineers are still waiting for final approval of the Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) from FLNRO. Once the CEMP approval is given by FNRO an RFP will be put together for the work. We have received the Archaeological Overview Assessment (AOA) and Preliminary Field Reconnaissance (PFR) from the consultants. They did not see anything of concern and the AOA outlined no further archaeological work is warranted for the proposed development.
7. Chiller/Condenser Replacement Project – CAO provided update.
8. Canada Summer Jobs – The Village placed advertisement for the summer student position for the public works/parks position - Matthew Dunham was interviewed and hired for the position that started July 5th and will end September 3rd.
9. UBCM Meetings – Three meetings have been requested. Two meetings request for discussions on the Community Forest and Forestry is with Premier Horgan and Minister of Forests. Request to meet with the Minister of Solicitor General for discussions on RCMP issues.

10. Discharge of Firearms – Chief Administrative Officer and Conservation Officer met on Friday. Interesting information was provided by the Officer. The office had issues with the computer server all day Friday, so CAO requests that Council delay their decision on the Firearms Bylaw in order to give the CAO time to prepare a report and options.
11. Voyent Alert – Cam and Fire Chief have taken basic Voyent Alert training July 14th, on how to set up alerts region and location specific and other basic functions. They are expected to take advanced training July 19th. Once training is complete, the Village will go live, and will let the public know how to register to receive alerts for the Village of Midway and area.
12. Tree recycling facility – Staff have decided that due to misuse of the facility, to lock the gates at the facility once again. Anyone requiring to drop off their yard and garden waste must request a key at the office where their name will be recorded.
13. Fritz Rd. paving quote was provided to BZam Vice President as requested, as well as the BZam Site Manager.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Dunsdon

- Do we want to expand to Area E, D, C? Mayor Fromme will be involved in a Zoom meeting on July 26th with the Ministry of Forest. If it doesn't affect what we have now, let's consider the benefits. Councillor Dunsdon will pass this onto Councillor Metcalf to follow up and get details.
 - Would council be interested in a presentation regarding the Poverty Action Plan a strategy to reduce poverty in the Boundary. Council would be interested, Councillor Dunsdon to set up a presentation.
 - MRDT could we involve our campsite in this venture?
 - Boundary Community Ventures food hub in Greenwood, has purchased reefers that can be rented out.
 - Making an offer on highway property? Council showed interest, CAO recommended it be an in-camera discussion
 - Is Council happy with Councillors Dunsdon's representation with RDKB? Yes
 - Volunteer appreciation party? Community Garden would host, CAO reported \$1000 available to cover expenses. Date will be set in the future, once the balance of COVID restrictions lift, to allow more people to attend.
 - AKBLG in Radium October 1-3, 2021. **Moved/Seconded** to approve expenses for 3 Council members and spouses to attend. **Carried**
- 071-2021**
- Forest Ink Summary, CAO to forward information to Councillors via email
 - Yard waste is being dumped at Community Gardens now that staff has locked gates
 - Survey for Youth Council to be filled out.

Councillor Grouette

- Feeling very positive about the Hospital Board
- Upgrades to the Trail hospital are on budget and schedule, 1st floor is complete. Most work will be complete by fall.
- Valuable lessons have been learned due to COVID on how to deal with infectious diseases. Design in emergency rooms is going to change. Grand Forks is second in line for major revamping.
- Nelson is in negotiations for a Senior Care Facility – 75 beds, 36,000 sq. ft.
- Existing equipment that is reaching the end of their cycle throughout district, is on the list for funding.

Councillor Schierbeck – No Report

Councillor Metcalf

- Received \$100,000.00 dividend from Community Forest.
- Community Forest doing very well.
- Voiced the need to speak with Dan regarding joining Area's E,D, and C as mentioned by Councillor Dunsdon

Mayor Fromme

- Training taken for the Provincial Nominee Program
- See's where participation in project would be very tenuous
- Wondering if we should submit an application again, but received an email today stating no applications are being accepted right now.

Question Period – None

Financial Report – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that the accounts totaling \$314,108.24 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

Carried

Correspondence for Information Only

- a) City of Mississauga – re: Call on the Government of Canada to terminate its appeal of the 2019 Human Rights Tribunal Ruling, ordering Ottawa to pay compensation to First Nations Children and their families, separated in a chronically underfunded child welfare system that sees Indigenous children making up more than half the children in foster care even though they comprise only 7% of all the children under the age of 15 in Canada.
- b) Province of BC – Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch – Policy Directive No: 21-11 re: Cannabis Licensing Regulation Amendment – Delivery of Non-Medical Cannabis from Cannabis Retail Stores and Curbside Pick-up Repeal of Worker Qualification Regulation – removal of Security Verification Requirement for Cannabis Workers and Transition of Mandatory Training Requirements to the Cannabis Licensing Regulation
- c) Province of BC – Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch – Policy Directive No: 21-12 re: Extending Authorization of Distilleries, Breweries & Wineries to manufacture, package, sell and donate alcohol-based sanitizer and hand sanitizer.
- d) Province of BC – Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch – Policy Directive No: 21-13 re: Previous Temporary Policy
- e) Province of BC – Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch – Policy Directive No: 21-14 re: Sale and delivery of mixed drinks for off-site consumption with the purchase of a meal for take-out or delivery.
- f) Province of BC - Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch – Policy Directive No: 21-15 re: Liquor Retail Store sales to Special Event Permit (SEP) holders
- g) Province of BC - Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch – Policy Directive No: 21-16 re: Prescribed circumstances for extension to dormancy for Cannabis Retail Store (CRS) licences; and additional changes to the CRS Terms and Conditions Handbook, amendments to the CLR and Cannabis Control Regulation (CCR), and the repeal of Cannabis Control and Licensing Transitional Regulation (CCLTR)
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- i) BC Honours & Awards – Call for nominations – Medal of Good Citizenship.

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) RDKB – Board Highlights June 24, 2021
- b) Interior Health – re: Preparation for Extreme Heat and Wildfire Smoke
- c) Thank you – Tannis Killough

be received.

Carried

Question Period – None

In-camera – None

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 19:58 hours.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer