

Mayor Fromme opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on August 16, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway, BC

Due to the Covid-19 virus and occupancy limit of the Council Chambers until further notice the public is restricted from attending local government meetings in-person. Public members can attend these meetings virtually via Zoom link. 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 Grouette & Dunsdon
Absent: Councillors Schierbeck & Metcalf
Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant
Public: Judy Willsey, via Zoom

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the August 16, 2021 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation – None

Question Period – None

Adoption of Minutes

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

Carried

Business Arising

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New and Unfinished Business

- a) Volunteer Appreciation Day Nomination – **Moved /Seconded** that Council accepts the nomination of the Midway Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department for the 2021 Volunteers of the Year with an honourable mention to Finley Kamigochi.

Carried

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Correspondence

- a) The BC Conference of the Brethren Church (Boundary Community Church) – Request for 2022 Permissive Tax Exemption. **Moved /Seconded** that Council of the Village of Midway approves the request from the BC Conference of the Brethren Church (Boundary Community Church) Boundary Community Church for 2022 Permissive Tax Exemption to be included into the Bylaw to exempt properties used for public worship from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2022.

Carried

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It is to be noted that the Permissive Tax Exemption value for the Boundary Community Church is estimated to be \$137.35.

Administrator's Report – Written report on file - Summary Below

1. Fire Dept. Apparatus – July 25, 2021 Auction Sale Summary – Total revenue received after fees - \$27,846.40
 2. Arena Compressors – The Village has received an offer of \$11,000 from Kelowna Curling Club for the two compressors and two oil pots. **Moved /Seconded** that Council approves the sale of the two compressors and two oil pots to the Kelowna Curling Club.
- Carried**
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3. Memorial Park Bench – The Sherbinin family are looking at having a memorial bench in made in honour of their late father/husband George. They are requesting that if they have the bench made, would the Village would cover installation and ongoing maintenance costs? Council would like Public Works Staff to report back to Council with installation costs, thoughts on material to be used for the bench and estimated maintenance time/cost.
 4. Bylaw Enforcement Officer – Report to Mayor and Council – April 19 – August 3, 2021.
 5. Vaagen Fibre Canada – Hog Fuel Piles – The Fire Chief and Chief Administrative Officer met with Vaagen Fibre's Plant Manager for discussions on the reoccurring hog fuel fires and prevention measures.
 6. Midway Blood Lab – Interior Health are hoping to start the extra lab day on Monday, August 22nd.
 7. Council Presentation - Planning Proposal – re: DL 781 – Due to other commitments, Dan Macmaster, Fibre Manager/Vaagen Fiber Canada will be attending the September 7th regular meeting to present a planning proposal to the Council.
 8. Provincial Drought Level – Kootenay Boundary Regional Drought Level Update – The Kettle is at Level 5 on the Province drought level scale. This is the highest level and reflects the severity of the conditions. The Province is asking all water users to find ways to reduce water use as much as possible beyond previous 50% voluntary reductions.
Public Works Foreman has not done July's totals yet, however, he has noticed a big difference. He reported on August 12th that the last couple days prior were half the amount, around 1200-1400 m3/day. Parks have reduced irrigation for trees and bushes, and have turned watering off where just grass would be watered.

9. CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Supports – Community Resiliency Investment Project that was completed in March. The final report submitted was reviewed and approval in the amount of \$19,213.85 which represents full payment for the project and is based on 100% of the total eligible costs.
10. HeritageBC Legacy Fund – CPR Roof Replacement Project – The Village’s application to Heritage BC in the amount of \$17,000 for the ‘Midway CPR Station roofing project received approval.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Grouette – No Report

Councillor Dunsdon – Written Report on file

- Forest proposal letter. Additions provided by the Mayor for letter.
- Fireworks banning, have we done that? Yes, it’s Provincially banned and also outlined in our bylaw.
- Do we have any control over the tree farm or hay farmers regarding water use? The Province regulates agriculture and will implement restrictions if drought conditions continue to decline.
- What is the state of our aquifer? Staff will request report from Public Works.
- Driveway issue for Agnus Srahulek, update? Her request to access her property off the alley way was approved at the last meeting.
- Property adjacent to highway?
- Volunteer of the Year/Community Garden Corn Roast. Midway Volunteer Fire/Rescue Members nominated. Public Works to organize the tables and chairs? Food details and cooking will be looked after by the Community Garden, receipts will be submitted to the office.

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- It has been requested that Council decides on a name for the property south of Fritz Rd. Topic to be revisited when a full Council is present.
- Community Futures in Camerise. Spoke with Donald Mitchell of Maximoto Inc and Gold Mountain Wineries, he would like to set up an in person meeting with Council to present his business plan for integrating the Camerise berry into the economy of the Village of Midway. Mayor Fromme will contact Donald to see if any alternative dates are available as the two he provided did not work for Council and CAO.

Question Period – None

Financial Report – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that the accounts totaling \$80,449.41 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

Moved/Seconded that correspondence for information only items:

- a) Interior Health – August 2021 Healthy Communities Newsletter (E-mailed to Council)

be received and filed.

Carried

Question Period – None

In-camera

Moved/Seconded that the Council move In-camera under section 90(1)(c) of the Community Charter at 19:36 hours. **Carried**

Judy Willsey leaves meeting.

Returned to Regular Meeting at 20:07 hours

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 20:07 hours.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer