

Acting Mayor Dunsdon opened the regular meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on September 20, 2021, Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 661 8th Avenue, Midway, B.C.

Due to the Covid-19 Virus the occupancy limits of the Council Chambers are restricted, as a result, the public is invited via zoom meeting link. We wish to advise all participants that 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: Councillors Dunsdon, Metcalf, Schierbeck
Councillor Grouette absent

Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer
Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk

Delegation: None

Public: Judy Willsey, Julian Willsey via zoom

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the September 20, 2021, regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Question Period – None

Adoption of Minutes

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

Carried

Business Arising

Page 6671 – None

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New and Unfinished Business – None

Correspondence

- a) Regional District of Mount Waddington – re: Help rebuild Lytton – received and filed
- b) City of Langley – re: Appointment of Directors to Regional District Board – received and filed

Mayor Fromme arrives at 1903 hours.

- c) Stephanie Harpur – re: Request special booking for Bzam at the Riverfront Park for 4 weeks and Council tour of Bzam facility. After discussion it was:

Moved/Seconded that council approves Bzam Management request to occupy three RV spaces at the riverfront park at the regular rate of \$35/day each power site or \$30/day each non-power site per day for a period of and no longer than 14 days stay with an option to renew for another 14 days if necessary. When the water is shut off the rate will drop to \$20.00 per night for the second 14 day period.

Carried

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Staff to advise Stephanie Harpur that the water and sani-dump will be shut off prior to freeze up.

Mayor Fromme takes over the meeting at 1910 hours.

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

1. Memorial Park Bench – Further to the last regular meeting report where the CAO advised the Sherbinin family are looking at having a memorial bench in made in honour of their late father/husband George. **Moved/Seconded** Council approves covering the installation costs of the memorial park bench donation for the Sherbinin Family. **Carried**
2. Ferry Border Station – Request for Water Service Connection – Deputy Clerk looked into our responsibilities respecting our conditional water licence and the water sustainability and water protection act, and she spoke with a Senior Water Authorization officer who confirmed we are not permitted to remove water from BC into another country. Ferry Border County authorities have been advised.
3. Provincial Drought Level – Kootenay Boundary Regional Drought Level – While things are (hopefully) starting to change and concerns lessen respecting the drought levels, the RDKB Watershed Planner and the Province will continue providing updates. At this time, residents are still restricted to watering 1 hour / day and watering between the hours of 6pm & 10am.
4. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation– The Federal government has announced September 30th would be a paid statutory day for federally regulated employees. In honour of the survivors and victims of the residential school system, as well as their loved ones does the Council wish to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th by closing their office and facilities.

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Moved/Seconded that in recognition and to remember the tragic history and legacy of residential schools, and to honour the survivors and victims of the residential school system, the Council of the Village of Midway has declared September 30th as an annual paid statutory day in recognition of 'National Day for Truth and Reconciliation'. **Carried**

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5. Campfire Ban – re: The Fire Chief has decided to lift the ban on campfires within Midway effective noon on Saturday, September 18th. Open burning is still prohibited at this time
6. Equipment Finance Loan – Municipal Finance Authority of BC has approved the Equipment Finance Loan for the PPE, SCBA's and Hose Tester.
7. YRB – Annual pre-winter virtual meeting. Mayor Fromme will attend as well as CAO and Fire Chief. CAO will check with Public Works Foreman to see if he would like to attend.
8. FortisBC Rebate – Village received an energy efficiency rebate from FortisBC in the amount of \$3,840 for LED lighting at the arena.
9. Firearms Prohibition Bylaw – Letter received requesting that Council update the bylaw prohibiting discharge of firearms within the entire boundaries of Midway. After review of all information received it was **Moved/Seconded** that the Council will not make any further changes to Bylaw 207 "Discharge of Firearms bylaw" and all amendments thereto.

Carried

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10. Arena Chiller/Condenser Update – Update from Rob Millar, Project Manager for Trane is they hope to get started on the construction of and pouring the concrete slab next week.

Mayor and Council ReportsCouncillor Metcalf – No ReportCouncillor Schierbeck – No ReportCouncillor Dunsdon – Verbal Report

- Tables and chairs from the Community Garden Appreciate day are still at the garden. The chairs are in bad shape
- Puncture vine – received report of this invasive vine in the area. Barb Stewart of Boundary Invasive Weed Society has been notified.
- Area E agreement with library has been completed
- Radio Service – study will be available in November.
- Freya Phillips, Senior Energy Specialist, RDKB may be of help with the Community Hall Renovation Project.
- Grant in Aid Process – What is happening with this service? CAO will look into.

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Update on 3 Ministry meetings regarding Ambulance, Forestry and RCMP - CAO will do a comprehensive report on the meetings.
- Mayor Fromme to meet with CAO and Wendy Highashi, Project Manager, regarding Community Hall Renovation Project.

Question Period – Julian Willsey - clarification on wording in CAO's report respecting firearms prohibition or discharge of firearms prohibition.

Financial Report – None**Bylaws & Policies** - None**Planning** – None**Budgets/Accounts****Moved/Seconded** that the accounts totaling \$60,214.56 be drawn on the general account and be paid.**Carried****Correspondence for Information Only****Moved/Seconded** that correspondence for information only items:

- a) Ambulance Paramedics – re: Emergency Paramedics and Dispatchers: Who we are and what we do!
- b) RDKB – re: Building Inspection Reports to end of July 2021
- c) RDKB – re: Building Inspection Reports to end of August 2021
- d) Emergency Management BC – re: EM legislation timeline extended to fall 2022

be received and filed

Carried**Correspondence for Information Only – to be held for two weeks only****Moved/Seconded** that correspondence for information only items:

- a) RDKB – re: Board Highlights – September 2021
- b) Minister of Children and Family Development – re: Foster Family Month in BC
- c) Interior Health – COVID-19 Orders related to events

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 1938 hours. **Carried**

Judy Willsey and Julian Willsey leave meeting.

Returned to Regular Meeting at 2004 hours

Bzam Management – Tour of Facility and Harvest Party – CAO to contact Stephanie Harpur, Site Supervisor advising that we appreciate being given the opportunity to have a tour but at this time Council is unavailable. Staff to get more details on the Harvest Party from Stephanie Harpur and report to council.

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 20:30 hours.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer