

Mayor Fromme opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on December 6, 2021, Midway Community Centre, 692 Seventh Ave., Midway BC

Due to the Covid-19 Virus the occupancy limits of the Council Chambers are restricted, as a result, this meeting was held in the Midway Community Centre to meet the social distancing requirements that cannot be met in the Council Chambers.

The public is welcome to attend either in-person or via virtual means. 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: Mayor Fromme, Councillor Dunsdon, Schierbeck
Councillor Grouette arrived 19:01
Councillor Metcalf arrived 19:03

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

Delegation: Wendy Higashi, Project Manager Midway Community Centre Retro & Upgrade Project

Public: Judy Willsey

Introduction of Late Items – None

Councillor Grouette arrived 19:01

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the December 6, 2021, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as amended to *reschedule delegation Barb Stewart Boundary Invasive Species Society to January 4, 2022, meeting.* **Carried**

Delegation – Summary of Presentation

Wendy Higashi, Project Manager, Midway Community Hall Retro-fit and Upgrade Project was in attendance to provide Council with timeline of the design and development phase of the project.

Councillor Metcalf arrived 19:03

- Met with CAO regarding history of the project, grants, plans
- Start researching for Heritage Legacy Grant
- Prepare RFP for an Architectural firm
- Issue RFP October 18, 2021
- Prepared News Release/federal and provincial approval
- Site review meeting with firms November 1, 2021
- Evaluation proposals – December 1, 2021
- Submit recommendation to Council for December 6, 2021, meeting
- Award contract no later than December 8, 2021
- Complete grant reports
- Contact ICIP to update on the proposed construction start date of July 2022
- Meeting with Council and CAO
- Project start up meeting with the Architect December 15, 2021

Mayor Fromme thanked Wendy for her presentation

Question Period – None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the November 15, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Page 6687 – None

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New and Unfinished Business

- a) Craig Baird / Canadian History EHX re: Town Sponsorship Podcast Episode – Mayor Update. Mayor Fromme still has not heard back from Craig Baird/Canadian History EHX – item tabled until further information received.
- b) Lavina Rojas – Consumer Fireworks. Fire Chief comments – Councillor Metcalf stated that the Village already has a bylaw that prohibits the possession of fireworks in the Village does it not? CAO stated that yes, but further federal legislative changes would provide a further safety buffer to areas surrounding the Village. After discussion and reviewing the Fire Chiefs comments it was **Moved/Seconded** that the Village support the petition to call upon the Government of Canada to support the exploration of permanent legislative changes around the use of fireworks that would result in improved community safety and well-being. **Carried**

Councillor Metcalf opposed

- c) Airport Hangar Lease for 2022 – Greenpeaks Resource Management – Tabled to next meeting: Staff to check on what Bugeaud was pay in the adjacent hanger space and report back to Council.

- d) 2022 Schedule of Council Meetings
Moved/Seconded that the 2022 regular Council meeting schedule be adopted as presented. **Carried**
- e) Boundary Pharmacy 2021-2022 Lease Agreement
Moved/Seconded that the lease between the Village of Midway and Boundary Pharmacy Inc for the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022, be approved with the tenant paying the rental amount of \$425.00 plus GST per month. **Carried**
108-2021
- f) Community Centre Upgrade, Expansion and Energy Efficiency Retrofit – News Release. **Moved/Seconded** that Council accept and approve publishing the news release for the Community Centre upgrade, expansion and energy efficiency retrofit successful funding. **Carried**
109-2021
- News release to go into the local paper and Village newsletter
- g) Design Consultant Services for the Midway Community Centre – VOMMCC-2021-10 – Award Contract for design services.
- Two submissions were received. The proposals received were from Cover Architectural Collaborative Inc and Sahuri Associates Architecture Inc.
 - Both were reviewed and evaluated by the CAO and Project Manager
 - Recommendation is that the Village award Cover Architectural Collaborative Inc total bid price of \$166,270 plus GST.
- Moved/Seconded** that Council award the contract to Cover Architectural Collaborative Inc to provide design services through to project completion including construction contract administration and post construction for the Midway Community Centre Upgrade and Retrofit project in the amount of \$166,270 plus GST. **Carried**
110-2021
- h) Council Committee & Appointment Structure 2021 to 2022
Moved/Seconded that Council accept the Council committee & Appointment Structure for the 2021-2022 term as presented. **Carried**
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Correspondence

- a) AKBLG 2022 Convention and First Call for Resolutions – rec'd and filed
- b) Bill Dingwall, City of Pitt Meadows Mayor – Unfair Taxation Benefitting Railway and Industrial Operations – rec'd and filed.
- c) Mike and Pat Dumaresq – Pruning of Overgrown Trees on Fourth Ave & Access to Fourth Ave/Hartland Ave Lane from Gertrude – CAO spoke to Public Works Foreman he cannot make a recommendation on the approach to the lane off Gertrude with the snow – table item for review in the spring after the snow melt. Staff to advise Mr. and Mrs. Dumaresq.
- Pruning overgrown trees on Fourth Ave – staff to check with the Dumaresq to see if they have received any further information from Shaw whether they will clear branches from overhead cable lines?
- d) Margaret Beddall – Laneway Access – Staff to forward letter to Mrs. Beddall advising that Council's decision is to have the laneway open to provide access to Agnes Srahulek residence.
- e) Interior Health – re: Harm Reduction Services at Emergency Support Service Centres – rec'd and filed.
- f) AKBLG – re: Engagement Opportunity – Modernizing Provincial Forestry Policy (emailed to Council Nov 29, 2021) – rec'd and filed.
- g) School District No. 51 (Boundary) – Notice of Board Meeting Agenda Item, December 14, 2021- Council feel it is important to have a Council representative participate in the discussion regarding the consultation process for reconfiguring Midway and Greenwood Elementary School into one school.

Moved/Seconded that Councillor Grouette will represent the Village of Midway during the consultation process for reconfiguring the Midway and Greenwood Elementary School into one school. **Carried**
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Administrator's Report –

1. Midway Public Library – re: Sasha Tauzer/Librarian and Board members – Will be coming to the December 20th Council meeting for a short presentation on what the library has been up to and the services they are offering.
2. Fire Chief Daloise – re: Fire Department Report to the Council December 20, 2021, meeting.
3. Public Works Foreman – re: Public Works Foreman Report to the Council December 20, 2021, meeting.
4. Apartment Complex – re: Gus van Loenen has contacted the office to advise that he is going to start construction on an apartment strata complex on his property on Lyall Street. He will be constructing the complex to align with the municipalities zoning bylaws. CAO will be meeting with Mr. van Loenen for land planning discussions.

5. Midway Community Centre – Lot lines cancellation and land consolidation completed by the surveyors; all documentation has been submitted to Land Titles for registration. Because the parent building already encroaches into the laneway, the new addition will require approval of the Board of Variance, however, prior to an application the municipality may require closing a portion of the laneway. CAO has been researching historical information to find out what approvals took place in 1967 when the Community Centre was built.
6. West Boundary Fire Service – Fire Chief Daloise and CAO attended a virtual meeting with RDKB Deputy CAO, Greenwood CAO, Big White Fire Chief Cormack and Don Jolly, Response Specialties Consulting (RDKB retained consultant). This was the first planning meeting session. Agenda items; Discussion expectations / outcomes for study; schedule of work and project / Investigation and work at each department (benchmark of today's standard). As this was the first meeting with not much information provided prior to the meeting on what the intentions were for this service study, it was more informational and will give the committee a better idea of what to expect in subsequent meeting discussions.
7. Floodplain Bylaw – In speaking with Kristina Anderson, RDKB Watershed Planner they had included in their NDMP grant application funding amounts to partner and assist other regional district municipalities in drafting new floodplain bylaws. RDKB has retained the services of Lui Carvello, Lawyer & Registered Professional Planner.

All required information and documentation from the Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping, and Flood Mitigation Plan project has been forwarded to initiate the start of our bylaw drafting.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Metcalf - No Report

Councillor Grouette – No Report

Councillor Dunsdon – Written Report – Summary

- Presentation from Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation and Forest Enhancement Society of BC
- Spending plan for Covid restart funds
- Increased traffic flow on Highway 3
- Imagine Kootenay – Investment advertising tool for small communities
- Wildsafe BC
- Bylaw Enforcement Officer – Any progress? CAO advised that she will be meeting on Wednesday with CAO from Greenwood and RDKB on this and will report back to Council.
- Pickle Ball court – can discuss as a budget item
- Need to make sure our community is prepared for climate change issues - Need to make sure our drainage ditches and maintained
- Land Acknowledge – maybe change ours to read “We acknowledge that our gathering takes place on the unceded and traditional territory of the indigenous peoples of that region as well as the Metis people whose footprints have marked these lands”
- Electronic Meetings – the province has issued guidelines with respect to procedures bylaw
- Some vandalism on signage at Midway Library
- Thanks to Gary for Midway video project

Councillor Schierbeck -Verbal

- Why did the public works not plow the municipality on Saturday?

Mayor Fromme -Verbal

- Council reminded that some Community Forest Dividends to go into Midway Partnership Fund
- Mayor Fromme will submit a write up for the newsletter on the Santa celebration which was held at the Museum on December 4, 2021.
- Holiday for staff on December 24, 2021 –

Moved/Seconded that Council approve staff day off with pay on December 24, 2021.

Carried

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Question Period – None

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies

- a) Policy No. 398 – Memorial Bench Policy. First draft of the policy presented to Council. Deputy Clerk to revise the policy to include acceptable bench guidelines.
- b) Bylaw No. 537, 2021 – A Bylaw to amend the Sewer Service Rates – For Three Readings

Moved/Seconded that bylaw 537, 2021 a bylaw to amend the sewer service rates for the Village of Midway be read a first time this 6th day of December, 2021. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that bylaw 537, 2021 a bylaw to amend the sewer service rates for the Village of Midway be read a second time this 6th day of December 2021. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that bylaw 537, 2021 a bylaw to amend the sewer service rates for the Village of Midway be read a third time this 6th day of December 2021. **Carried**

- c) Bylaw No. 538, 2021 – A Bylaw to amend the Water Service Rates – For Three Readings

Moved/Seconded that bylaw 538, 2021 a bylaw to amend the water service rates for the Village of Midway be read a first time this 6th day of December 2021. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that bylaw 538, 2021 a bylaw to amend the water service rates for the Village of Midway be read a second time this 6th day of December 2021. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that bylaw 538, 2021 a bylaw to amend the water service rates for the Village of Midway be read a third time this 6th day of December 2021. **Carried**

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that the accounts totaling \$141,265.81 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for Information Only

Moved/Seconded that correspondence for information only items:

- a) Katrine Conroy, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – re: Response to UBCM Meeting discussions and update.
- b) Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier – re: Response to UBCM Meeting discussions.
- c) LCRB – re: Policy Directive No 21-23 – Amendments to regulations for the Rural Licensee Retail Store (RLRS) licence class

be received and filed

Carried

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

Moved/Seconded that correspondence for information only to be held for two weeks only item:

- a) RDKB – Board Highlights November 25, 2021
- b) RDKB – Temporary changes to recycling in the RDKB due to highway closures from flooding.

be received and filed

Carried

Question Period – None

In-Camera

Moved/Seconded that the Council move in-camera under section 90(1)(i) of the Community Charter at 2010 hours. **Carried**

Judy Willsey leaves the meeting.

Returned to Regular Meeting at 2029 hours

Moved that the meeting be adjourned

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer