

Mayor Fromme opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on January 4, 2022, 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.

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.

Present: Mayor Fromme, Councillor Dunsdon, Grouette, Schierbeck
 Absent: Councillor Metcalf
 Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer
 Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk
 Delegation: Barb Stewart, Manager / Boundary Invasive Species Society
 Steve Stewart, President and Wendy Higashi, Curator / Kettle River Museum Society
 Public: Judy Willsey, Tamara Lovett

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the January 4, 2022, regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation – Summary of Presentation

Barb Stewart – Boundary Invasive Species Society was in attendance to give an update on the invasive weed program and update on the riparian restoration project. The society works with a variety of partners to protect agriculture and recreation resources from further impact by invasive species.

- Education is key – prevent the spread, protect habitat, restore ecosystems and report infestation
- Number of locations were remediated
- Riparian restoration along river trail shows successful survival rate. Hawthorne trees as well as some of the ponderosa pines. She feels that the trees are established enough that watering may be discontinued.
- Funding acknowledgement
- Bylaw Enforcement on private property – Duty to control noxious weeds – it is the occupier’s responsibility to control noxious weeds growing or located on land and premises occupied by that person.
- Looking at goat herds as an effective control for hoary alyssum

Kettle River Museum Society – Steve Stewart, President as well as Wendy Highashi, Curator was in attendance to give year in review report.

- Thank you for one-time funding
- Tourist Information Centre – Wendy will look into
- Always looking into funding for various project and upgrades

Mayor Fromme thanked both delegations for attending the meeting

Barb Stewart, Steve Stewart and Wendy Higashi left the meeting 20:40 hours

Question Period – None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the December 20, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Page 6693 – None

Page 6694 – None

Page 6695 – None

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New and Unfinished Business

- a) Tom Schmidt, Cool Creek Energy – re – Block F, Hwy 3, Business Proposal – request for council’s input and/or approval on cardlock proposal – discussion took place on area proposed for development. After discussion it was **Moved/Seconded** that Tom Schmidt, Cool Creek Energy be invited to meet with council for further discussion on January 17, 2022,

Carried

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- b) Elections 2022 – Appointment of Chief Elections Officer (Penny Feist) and Deputy Chief Elections Officer (Tami Peters)

Moved/Seconded pursuant to Section 58 (1) of the Local Government Act the Council appoints Penny Feist Chief Election Officer and Tami Peters Deputy Chief Election Officer for conducting the 2018 General Local Elections.”

Carried

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Correspondence

a) District of Lillooet – BC Wildfire Prevention – Request for support

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway supports the District of Lillooet in their call to the federal and provincial governments for better forest management and wildfire prevention by assessing current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working and to re-evaluate and change those that are not.

Carried
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Administrator's Report – No Report

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Grouette – No Report

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal Report

- Community Garden will be looking for a grant-in-aid from Village for approximately \$8,000 to cover the construction of the greenhouse
- Feeding deer in the community is becoming a big problem – staff to continue educational information in newsletter
- CAO advised the Conservation Officer will be visiting the community
- Looking into solar for the community garden as alternate power source.
- Greenhouse is to arrive in the community mid-January – requests assistance from Public Works to unload and storage space in the hangar.

Councillor Schierbeck – Verbal Report

- Official Community Plan – CAO advised that it has not been adopted yet, issue with the ALC decision on land exclusion requiring mapping changes, this has just been addressed late this last year.
- Water/Sewer Infrastructure to Village property west of arena for possible development – we have talked about this before – CAO advised that Council needs to decide on the type of development plan and the land also removed from ALR

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Met with Vicky Gee, Area E Director, Mayor City of Greenwood as well as RCMP regarding RCMP housing shortage in Midway. Mayor will continue to advocate for the RCMP on this issue so the RCMP can get permanent members to our community.

Question Period –

- Judy Willsey asked if there will be a public meeting prior to the OCP being adopted. CAO advised that a public meeting was already held, however, if the Council wishes another public meeting could be held prior to adoption.
- Judy Willsey advised that the motion was not clear from last meeting regarding letters released from confidential to non-confidential part in-camera meeting as it did not state what they were regarding? Mayor Fromme explained the letters concerned Dr. Thompson.

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies -None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that the accounts totaling \$94,772.77 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 – None

Question Period – None

In-Camera

Moved/Seconded that the Council move in-camera under section 90(1)(c) labour relations of the Community Charter at 20:12 hours.

Carried

Judy Willsey and Tamara Lovett leave the meeting.

Returned to Regular Meeting at 20:20 hours

Moved/Seconded to declassify the Chief Administrators contract covering the year 2022 from in-camera meeting of January 4, 2022, from confidential to non-confidential:

Carried

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 20:21 hours