

Mayor Fromme opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on December 20, 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.

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, Metcalf
Absent:	Councillor Schierbeck
Staff:	Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant
Delegation:	John Boltz, Public Works Foreman Michael Daloise, MVFR Fire Chief
Public:	Judy Willsey

#### **Introduction of Late Items** – None

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved /Seconded** that the December 20, 2021, regular meeting agenda be adopted as amended to exclude the *delegation* *Sasha Tauzer, Chelsey Boersma-Scott & Lynda Anderson-Thibault, Midway Public Library from the agenda.* **Carried**

#### **Delegation – Summary of Presentation**

John Boltz, Public Works Foreman presented a written report (on file) for his bi-annual report. He summarized the report for Council and the following items were discussed:

- Water and Sewer services down Seventh Ave across from the airport and for the Riverfront Park expansion
  - Would be a Capital budget item, best to plan early in 2022 to schedule the necessary crews
- Arena Update. There was an issue with the plumbers flushing the brine from the lines.
  - Staff working hard to clean up the mess. Plumbers are not expected to return to finish the job until the new year. Best case scenario would be a mid-January installation completion.
- Fritz Rd Dust Control and Paving
  - BZAM is willing to cost share the paving for the portion of Fritz Rd adjacent to the residential area, Village has eligible Gas Tax funds to use for our share. Councillor Dunsdon will inquire with the RDKB if they are willing to pitch in as BZAM's facility is outside Village boundaries and the RDKB is getting the property tax benefit.
  - Staff to set up meeting with BZAM VP of Production, Council and the Public Works Foreman
- Lights and Banners along Florence St
  - The poles along Florence St through town are owned by Fortis and they do not allowed anything to be put on them. Staff to ask Fortis if there is an agreement or permit which allow the Village to display banners or lights on their poles.

John Boltz leaves at 19:17 hours

Michael Daloise, MVFR Fire Chief presented a written report (on file) to go along with a PowerPoint presentation. The report gave a summary of 2021 for the Fire Dept. Highlights of the report include:

- Membership retention
- Acknowledgement of the retired and current members
- Public Relations events
- Training and new equipment
- Response data
- Grant Funding

Another branch pickup/chipping day is included as part of another CRIP Grant that is pending funding in 2022. Fireworks for future events (ie. Canada Day) would be completely dependent on the conditions at the time of the event. Fire Chief would like to keep the posts on the Facebook page to critical information and less about department promotion.

Michael Daloise leaves at 19:41 hours

#### **Question Period** – None

#### **Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the December 6, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

#### **Business Arising**

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**New and Unfinished Business**

- a) Airport Hangar Lease for 2022 – Greenpeaks Resource Management – **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves to enter into a one (1) year agreement with Greenpeaks Resource Management for lease of the east side of the airport hangar located at 785 Seventh Avenue for the period starting January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 at a monthly rate of \$250 plus GST.

**Carried**  
114-2021

**Correspondence**

**Moved/Seconded** that Correspondence items:

- a) Erin Ryan, BC SPCA – BC SPCA offer of support: changes to rodenticide use in Midway
- b) Ron Palmer, Interfor – Forest Stewardship Plan
- c) Rachel Dumas, District of North Saanich – Elected Officials – Parental Leave

be received and filed

**Carried**

- d) Tom Schmidt, Cool Creek Energy – Block F, Hwy 3. Business Proposal – Request for Council's input and/or approval. After reviewing the proposal, Council direct staff to set up a meeting with Tom Schmidt to further discuss the proposal. Further discussion tabled to next meeting.

**Administrator's Report –**

1. Boundary Invasive Species Society – Barb Stewart will report to Council at the January 4, 2022 Regular Meeting.
2. Audit – Staff are prepping for our annual required audit that is booked for the week of March 7, 2022. It will once again be a virtual audit. CAO's from Midway/Greenwood will be meeting with the auditor principal for discussions on Community Forest items.
3. Apartment Complex – re: CAO met with Mr. van Loenen – His plans are to start construction as soon as possible on 3 storey / 22 unit apartment strata complex with an underground parkade that will comply to all municipalities bylaws.
4. Midway Community Centre – Land consolidation has been registered with the Land Titles office. Project Officer and CAO held a Startup meeting with the Architects from Cover and Engineers from Harmony, WSP, Falcon and CWMM. Items discussed: confirming all required previous project information has or will be shared, project schedule, confirm scope, next steps.
5. EMBC – Boundary Creek Water and Sewer Line Remediation Project – Update.
6. Kettle River Museum Society – Curator is applying for a New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) grant in the amount of \$23,194 under the community-based funding stream. The purpose is to bring the washrooms in the main museum to code making them accessible and more energy efficient, the project will also include upgrading the washroom heaters. The project is 100% funded by the program.

The KRMS requests from Council a letter of support for their application.

Recommendation:

*'That the Council of the Village of Midway approves and supports the Kettle River Museum Societies application to New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) under the Community-based funding stream in order to upgrade the washrooms in the Kettle River Main Museum Building.'*

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves and supports the Kettle River Museum Society application to New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) under the Community-based funding stream in order to upgrade the washrooms in the Kettle River Main Museum.

**Carried**  
115-2021

7. Bench Policy – re: The Deputy Clerk is still researching information in order to put together a draft policy for Council's consideration and review. It will not be coming to Council until the second meeting in January.
8. Midway Public Library – Municipal Insurance Association (MIA) – Amended Service Provider Agreement – see Deputy Clerks memo and recommendation.

**Moved/Seconded** that the service provider agreement between the Village of Midway and Midway Public library be amended to read:

With respect to the provision of various services including day to day operations of the Midway Public Library on behalf of the Named Subscriber, including Mother's Day Event, Kettle River Memorial Run, hosting Children's Programs, Reading Club, Computer Classes, Adult/Children Workshops, Author Tours and other events that may arise from time to time at the direction of Village Staff or Council.

**Carried**  
116-2021

9. Bylaw Enforcement – Letter from the City of Greenwood (attached). Greenwood's letter to Council followed after the meeting Greenwood and Midway CAO's had with the RDKB Deputy CAO

Greenwood & Midway CAO's met subsequent to the meeting between the three jurisdictions to discuss. Both CAO's feel this service will not work with one enforcement officer covering a very large geographical area from Christina Lake through to Big White (excluding Grand Forks). The Bylaw Enforcement Officer would be stationed out of Grand Forks, requiring knowledge of multiple different bylaws from each of the jurisdictions. If the service does not work, it will be very difficult to get out of the service.

**Recommendation:**

*'That the Council of the Village of Midway receive the City of Greenwood's December 10, 2021, letter re: Municipal Peace Officer Recruitment; and further that Council direct staff to begin recruitment of a new municipal bylaw enforcement officer to be shared equally with the City of Greenwood'*

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway receive the City of Greenwood's December 10, 2021 letter re: Municipal Peace Officer Recruitment; and further that Council direct staff to begin recruitment of a new municipal bylaw enforcement officer to be shared equally with the City of Greenwood.

**Carried**  
**117-2021**

10. Midway Lab Service Expansion – Received word from Interior Health, the Midway Lab Services will include Monday as of January 10, 2022 blood lab services from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm
11. RCMP Lands – 885 Highway 3 – CAO received email from Public Services and Procurement Canada / Real Estate Advisor. In 2018, the Council expressed interest on this property. After going through a very lengthy process, the Federal government are ready to move forward with the property disposal process. CAO will be meeting with the lead from the department on Indigenous Engagement in the new year for an update on the status of the file or perhaps what the next steps are.
12. Office Position – Village received 8 applicants, staff reviewed and interviewed three shortlisted. Staff recommends offering the Office Assistant/Receptionist position to Tamara Lovett at a starting wage of \$22/hr with increases of .75/hr after successfully completing each the Autoplan and Driver Services certifications.

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council approves the Staff recommendation, and that Tamara Lovett be offered the Office Assistant/Receptionist position at a starting wage of \$22/hr with increases of .75/hr after successfully completing each of the Autoplan and Driver Services certifications.

**Carried**  
**118-2021**

13. Council Committee & Appointments – re: Amendment to Council Committee & Appointment Structure 2021 to 2022 required to include Councillor Grouette as Alternate to the West Boundary Community Forest under Miscellaneous Appointments.

**Moved/Seconded** That the Council approves an amendment to the Amendment to Council Committee & Appointment Structure 2021 to 2022 under Miscellaneous Appointments to include Councillor Grouette as Alternate representing the Village of Midway on the Board of the West Boundary Community Forest.

**Carried**  
**119-2021**

**Mayor and Council Reports**

Councillor Dunsdon – No Report

Councillor Grouette – Verbal Report

- Attended the School Board meeting, discussions respecting the amalgamation of the Greenwood and Midway Elementary Schools was very brief and just the start of the consultation process. There will be a public meeting in January where more details will be provided. Councillor Grouette will attend and record and report back to Council.

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report

- Midway Video - Staff to replace the posted Midway video with the new updated version on the main page of the website. It should be made available to the RDKB and TOTA as well.
- Does the Museum close and turn off utilities in the winter? Usually yes, however this year the curator is working in the office. The utilities cost is off-set by the insurance cost not increasing as a vacant building.

Mayor Fromme – Verbal

- RDKB Area E Director – Vickie Gee, City of Greenwood Mayor – Barry Noll and Mayor Fromme will be meeting with the RCMP Corporal and his supervisor. Does Council have any additional questions or concerns they want discussed?
- Has been approached by the Boundary Creek Times to submit a letter about the year ahead for Council. Is Council ok with Mayor Fromme doing this? Which topics should be addressed? Community Centre Upgrade, Riverfront Park expansion, housing, recreational property across the river, encouragement of public input for the preliminary budget meeting, hopefully finalize the OCP and reminder about municipal elections in Oct 2022.

**Question Period** – None

**Financial Report** – None

**Bylaws & Policies**

- a) Bylaw No. 537, 2021 – A Bylaw to amend the Sewer Service Rates – Final Reading

**Moved/Seconded** that bylaw 537, 2021 a bylaw to amend the sewer service rates for the Village of Midway be **ADOPTED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

**Carried**  
**120-2021**

b) Bylaw No. 538, 2021 – A Bylaw to amend the Water Service Rates – Final Reading

**Moved/Seconded** that Bylaw 538, 2021 a bylaw to amend the water service rates for the Village of Midway be **ADOPTED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

**Carried**  
121-2021

**Planning** – None

**Budgets/Accounts**

**Moved/Seconded** that the accounts totaling \$43,518.39 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

**Carried**

**Correspondence for Information Only**

**Moved/Seconded** that correspondence for information only items:

- a) LCRB – re: Policy Directive No 21-24 – Extension of temporary authority for BC liquor manufacturers to direct deliver liquor to retail customers from registered off-site storage locations
- b) RDKB – RDKB receives \$700,000 for green bin collection program in the West Kootenay
- c) RDKB – Building Inspection Reports to end of November, 2021
- d) Jim Snetsinger, Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia – Winter 2021 Accomplishments Update

be received and filed

**Carried**

**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)(i) of the Community Charter at 20:18 hours. **Carried**

Judy Willsey leaves the meeting.

Returned to Regular Meeting at 20:31 hours

**Moved/Seconded** to declassify the following letters received at the December 6, 2021 and December 20, 2021 In-camera meetings, from confidential to non-confidential discussion:

- 1) Rod & Barb Miller
- 2) Angela Popoff
- 3) Pattie Kirschner
- 4) Julie Sharp
- 5) Gene Auger
- 6) Michele Weiberg
- 7) David Yates
- 8) Anne Rayner-Gould
- 9) Rod Gould
- 10) George Anshetz
- 11) Diana Boyles
- 12) France Laird
- 13) Danny Delisle
- 14) Barbara Brown
- 15) George & Sue Hayes
- 16) Beverly Roy

**Moved** that the meeting be adjourned at 20:32 hours

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Chief Administrative Officer