

Mayor Fromme opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on January 17, 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
Councillor Metcalf arrived at 19:02 hours

Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer
Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk
Tamara Lovett, Receptionist/Admin Asst.

Delegation: Tom Schmidt - Senior Account Executive, Cool Creek Energy Ltd

Public: Judy Willsey, Tasha Ho, Tia Nordstrom, Stephanie Neufeld

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the January 17, 2022, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as amended to exclude the *delegation of Chelsey Boersma-Scott & Lynda Anderson-Thibault, Midway Public Library* from the agenda as well amend In-Camera section of Community Charter to read 90 (1)(i). **Carried**

Delegation – Summary of Presentation

Midway Public Library – Submitted 2021 Library Director Report. Unable to attend as delegation.

Tom Schmidt - Senior Account Executive of Cool Creek Energy Ltd. in attendance to present a business proposal and to query Council about interest in a bulk cardlock fuel station to be located at Block F, Plan KAP88, District Lot 501.

- Proposes egress off of Palmerston.
- Will include a 3-section tank, on a concrete pad with lights present and overnight access available.
- Expected to utilize only 1/3 of the lot for development with no plans for remainder of the lot but is open to suggestions or ideas for the remaining area.
- They also have land available to them in Greenwood if Midway Council not interested.
- Traffic is present on Palmerston but does not expect significantly more.
- Thanked Council for their time and will wait to hear from CAO regarding interest or concerns.

Tom Schmidt left meeting at 19:08 hours.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the January 4, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising

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New and Unfinished Business - None

Correspondence

- a) School District No. 51 (Boundary) – Anna Lautard, Superintendent of Schools re: Invitation to attend a virtual open Informational meeting regarding the potential closure of Midway Elementary School. Councillor Grouette will discuss further under his report.
- b) Midway Community Association – Board of Directors re: HEPA filters request in Community Hall
Moved/Seconded that Council respectfully declines request, advising this will be part of the renovations of Community Hall set to commence soon. **Carried**
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Administrator's Report – Verbal Report

- Bazam will be present for a Virtual presence during the February 7th, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. They will present updates on what is occurring on-site as no Site Manager is present at this time.
- Midway Community Hall Retrofit – At present the south end of the Community Hall encroaches on the lane right of way. The new construction will also encroach on the lane right of way.

Moved/Seconded that the staff move forward with an application for the setback application to the Board of Variance, along with commencing partial lane closure and rezoning process. **Carried**
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- Banners on Poles – FortisBC does not allow any posting of objects on any of their FortisBC poles due to safety and liability issues. A request was voiced to make to contact with Telus with regards to accessing their poles along Florence street for hanging banners or information.

- Animal Control Service – RDKB is presently establishing their contract with the Commissionaires to provide services for Animal Control and have put forward a proposal to provide one day a week service for monitoring animal complaints and enquires for dogs and most livestock issues but not cats. Collection and impoundment will be provided in service. The proposed service cost is calculated on a proportional cost based on assessed property values. The proposed cost for Midway would be \$7,169 while Greenwood would have a cost of \$4,513 for the exact same service. A concern for cost of service was voiced, Councillor Dunsdon will attend the January 25th RDKB committee meeting to further discuss the proposed costs. Councillor Dunsdon will update council at next regular meeting.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Metcalf – No report

Councillor Grouette – Verbal Report

- The proposed closure of the Midway Elementary school is a big concern. A petition has been circulating and has well over 400 signatures. Shutting small schools and busing the kids is not an incentive to draw young families to the community. Councillor Grouette is looking to utilize the Midway Community Hall to gather like-minded community members to participate in the proposed Zoom meeting on January 24th. Council approved hall use, Councillor Grouette will look after event organizing.

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal Report

- Radio Study for the Fire Department has not been done due to topography/access issues.
- Library Funding – Folding library funding into West Boundary Rec. CAO to contact Director Gee on this.
- Pickle ball courts in Midway – Exploring the possibility and costs of establishing courts. At present the Grant funded tennis courts located at the High school do not have adequate linage for pickle ball. There has been some opposition to redesigning the courts. Councillor Dunsdon will look into costs and requirement for courts and report back to Council.
- Community Forest reserve fund bylaw – Councillor Dunsdon requested bylaw be put on next addenda for discussion purpose.
- The Fire Department Budget presentations – Councillor Dunsdon would like to know if Fire Chief can make presentation to the RDKB regarding work plan for KVFPFA. CAO will check with Director Gee.
- Water Licences are required for Well Use for Commercial Businesses has a deadline for March 1st, 2022. It is undetermined if businesses are aware of this deadline.

Councillor Schierbeck – No Report

Administrator's Report – Additional Note

- A report from the Arena manager – The programmer is in working on the Chiller. If all goes well, staff will start flooding the deck on Monday, January 24th. No painting or lines will be established. Need to get the plant up and running to provide training on operation and maintenance of new ice system.

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Mayor Fromme asked Councillors for opinions on Cool Creek Energy establishing a bulk fuel cardlock. Discussion provoked concerns for Palmerston road surface endurance, along with access/entrance upgrade needs. Positive aspects of revenue and commercial use were noted. Stipulations of lighting, overnight parking, bathroom and garbage potential at site were discussed.

Moved/Seconded that Council approve business proposal with stipulations of lighting, signage, no overnight parking, washroom facility and garbage disposal to be included.

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- Select Committee will report to Wendy Higashi. Group to include Leslie Walker, Elaine Fromme, Catherine Stewart, John Hibberson and Martin Fromme. Request for interested persons to sit on committee was advertised in the Village newsletter.

Moved/Seconded that Select Committee members appointed for non-structural modification decisions to Community Centre Renovation project include Leslie Walker, Elaine Fromme, Catherine Stewart, John Hibberson and Martin Fromme.

Carried
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Question Period

- Tasha Ho inquired about the possibility of painting the bulk fuel tanks with artist murals, to possibly blend in.
- Tasha Ho suggested purchasing a portable Air filtration system that could be moved from the Community Hall to other Midway owned locations like the Village Office, when needed.
- Tasha Ho suggested posting on Village Facebook page or social media when calling for committee member applications.
- Tasha Ho asked if the Midway Council if they would be able to write a letter of support for not closing the Midway Elementary school. Councillor Grouette will inform Council of Zoom informational discussions and report back to Council before letter can be written.
- Judy Willsey was concerned about the set up in the Midway community hall for a group member Zoom discussion and was assured that new equipment was available for better virtual interactions.

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies -None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that the accounts totaling \$109,659.36 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

Carried

Correspondence for Information Only

Moved/Seconded that correspondence for information only item

- a) Minister of Transportation – re: Municipal Speed Limits
- b) Girl Guides of Canada – re: Lighting up buildings exteriors and interiors windows in colour blue

be received and filed.

Carried

Correspondence for Information Only – to be held for two weeks only – None

Question Period – None

Judy Willsey, Tasho Ho, Tia Nordstrom, Stephanie Neufeld and Tamara Lovett leave the meeting at 19:55 hours.

In-Camera

Moved/Seconded that the Council move in-camera under section 90(1)(i) – Legal, of the Community Charter at 19:55 hours.

Carried

Returned to Regular Meeting at 20:13

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 20:13 hours

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer