

Mayor Fromme opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on February 7, 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 & Metcalf  
 Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant  
 Delegation: Dan McMaster, West Boundary Community Forest  
 Mike Hoffman, Vice President of Cultivation, BZAM (via Zoom)  
 Public: Laurie Tritschler, Boundary Creek Times (via Zoom)

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

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved /Seconded** that the February 7, 2022, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

#### **Delegation**

Mike Hoffman had not joined the Zoom meeting yet, so Council proceeded to Dan McMaster's presentation.

**Dan McMaster – West Boundary Community Forest** – Dan presented Council with the 2021 WBCF Dividend of \$500,000. Dan thanked Council for the ongoing support of the shareholders (Village of Midway & City of Greenwood). Dan believes this is the start of great things the Community Forest can do. Council thanked and congratulated Dan for his hard work.

Dan McMaster left meeting at 19:07 hours.

Due to technical issues with the Zoom call, Council continued the meeting and paused their discussion of item c) of New and Unfinished Business so Mike Hoffman could begin his presentation.

**Mike Hoffman, Vice President of Cultivation, BZAM** – Mike provided Council with a summary of last year's season: soil and water were exceptional, leading to an excellent product. The crop was six to seven times higher than the expected yield. Previous issues reported by Council to BZAM have been remediated with new management, reduction of temporary staff and introduction and investment of automated machinery. Mike will be looking at hiring local for the positions that come available going forward. BZAM is still interested in cost sharing the paving of the section of Fritz Rd behind the residential area. They prefer to be able to make quarterly payments on their share as opposed to a lump sum payment. Mike wished to extend a thank you to the Village Public Works staff who have continued to do an exceptional job on the snow removal this winter. Mayor Fromme advised Mike to continue communication with the CAO regarding the road paving.

Mike Hoffman left the Zoom meeting at 19:32 hours

#### **Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the January 17, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

#### **Business Arising**

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Page 6701 – None

#### **New and Unfinished Business**

- a) Tom Schmidt, Cool Creek Energy – Council Letter. Council discussed the letter from Tom Schmidt, expressing his concern with the bathroom facilities that was previously requested by Council for the Card Lock site. The concern is that washroom facilities quite often become taken advantage of, vandalized and are more trouble than they are worth. The best-case scenario is the trucks stop for fuel and move along. After discussion, it was **Moved/Seconded** that Council will request that Cool Creek Energy installs a porta-potty onsite that will be serviced weekly. **Carried**
- b) Linda Tynan, AKBLG – 2022 AKBLG Convention in Nelson. **Moved/Seconded** that Council approves Councillors Dunsdon, Grouette and Metcalf to attend 2022 AKBLG Convention in Nelson, April 22-24, 2020. **Carried**
- c) Community Forest Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 521, 2020. After discussion, Council will review the contribution to the Midway Partnership Fund and table further discussions until the next meeting.

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#### **Correspondence**

**Moved/Seconded** that correspondence for information only item

- a) Town of Fort Erie – Molecular Testing to Enter Canada
- b) Village of Cumberland – re: Request for Support for Private Members Bill C-216

be received and filed.

**Carried**

**Administrator's Report** – Written Report

## 1. Midway Community Centre Retrofit and Upgrade

Architect Contract - Received draft contract for review from Cover Collaborative Architects – We are waiting for another copy of the draft outlining the amendments from our review prior to signing.

Geotechnical Engineering Services - While there was previously a geotechnical study performed by Deverney Engineering Services, it has been confirmed that the report remains valid as presented, however, the project still requires geotechnical field services in order to ensure that the recommendations in the assessments are being carried.

Quotes received for geotechnical services

WSP Engineering \$22,255

Crowsnest Engineering \$3,795

**Recommendation:** *That the Village of Midway approves the proposal from Crowsnest Engineering for the geotechnical engineering consulting services for the Midway Community Centre Retrofit & Upgrade project for the total fee of \$3,795.*

**Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway approves the proposal from Crowsnest Engineering for the geotechnical engineering consulting services for the Midway Community Centre Retrofit & Upgrade project for the total fee of \$3,795.

**Carried**  
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2. Banners on Poles – Following the last meeting, staff have initiated a request to Telus, at this time not response has been received yet.

3. Heritage BC Legacy Fund re: Further to grant funding approval for the restoration of the Midway CPR Station roof project. The Village received approval for costs up to \$34,000 of which HeritageBC will pay 50% or \$17,000. The work is to be completed this year. The Village received three quotes as follows:

Pownall Construction and Form Rental - \$40,476.06 (Village's portion \$23,4760)

Gravity Roofing - \$35,700 (Village's portion \$18,800)

Two Rivers Roofing Ltd. - \$26,775 (Village's portion \$13,3875)

**Recommendation:** *That the Council of the Village of Midway approves awarding the restoration of the Midway CPR Station roof project to Two Rivers Roofing for the total amount quoted of \$26,775.*

**Moved/Seconded** That the Council of the Village of Midway approves awarding the restoration of the Midway CPR Station roof project to Two Rivers Roofing for the total amount quoted of \$26,775.

**Carried**  
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*Councillor Schierbeck opposed*

4. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Fire Chief Daloise would like to apply for funding up to \$25,000 through the Community Emergency preparedness Fund, Emergency Operations Centres & Training funding stream. The intake deadline is February 25, 2022 and requires a support letter from the Council. The intention is to apply for equipment and training for an EOC Centre:

**Recommendation:** *That the Council of the Village of Midway approves and supports an application to the Union of BC Municipalities for up to \$25,000 under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund/Emergency Operation Centre & Training program funding stream and that the Village of Midway will be responsible for overall grant management.*

**Moved/Seconded** That the Council of the Village of Midway approves and supports an application to the Union of BC Municipalities for up to \$25,000 under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund/Emergency Operation Centre & Training program funding stream and that the Village of Midway will be responsible for overall grant management.

**Carried**  
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5. Arena Chiller – Public Works/Arena and CAO met with the Trane (contractor) respecting the issues and concerns with what has transpired to date during the construction of the new chiller and the current state of the new glycol installed. As a result, with the rink seal not adequately flushed from the system prior to injecting the new glycol, this has created a murky brown putty substance, that has caused a significant amount of staff time to remove, and clean both the chiller strainer, and side stream cartridge filter (approx. 5 times per day).

6. Audit Preparations are underway – Deputy Clerk and CAO held a meeting with the auditor, March 7<sup>th</sup> is the audit start date.

**Mayor and Council Reports**

Councillor Schierbeck – No Report

Councillor Dunsdon – Written Report

- Attended a governance workshop on the morning of Jan. 26. Looked at strengths and weaknesses of the WKR over the past 3 years. Worthwhile and we should be looking at a similar option for our Council.
- Presentation from Selkirk College, "Selkirk Innovates" based on rural economic development. Speaker was Dr. Sarah-Patricia Breen who looks at local rural economic development in an advisory and support capacity.
- Kettle Valley COVID numbers, people with two doses is 72%. This is below the provincial average.
- Work plan for 911 is approved but cost is yet to be determined.
- Vivian Hurley is the new RDKB Communications Officer.
- Alternate Approval Process for Kootenay Boundary Waste Management Loan Authorization Bylaw is now going forward. Staff will be linking info to our website and Facebook page.

- What is the budget status for us here in Midway? Timelines and processes. CAO has met with Fire Chief regarding budget and still waiting on a report from Public Works.
- What about direct deposit for all salaries instead of cheques? Staff will bring back a report regarding implication of direct deposit for employees.
- RDKB tax implications for the Village of Midway (attachment on file).
- Transport issues for garden greenhouse materials, also need a grant in aid of \$8000.00. Will bring it up at budget meeting.
- Bank Fees, do we take credit cards for Village business? Regional District has been dealing with high fees. Village transactions are only debit, cash or cheque.

#### Councillor Grouette – Written Report

##### **Midway Elementary Closing**

- Attended the School District's Zoom meeting regarding the closure of the Elementary School at the hall with 10 Midway residents.
- General feeling from the attendees is that the School Board has made up its mind.
- A committee has been formed that will be making a presentation to the School Board, hoping to work with the School Board to find solutions.
- The committee has been informed that they have the support of Council.
- A letter will be written, in support of the committee. It will be distributed to Council for their review before published.
- Next School District meeting will be February 24, 2022 @ 6pm, currently scheduled to be at the BCSS gymnasium.

##### **Hospital Board Meeting**

- Susan Hewat elected as Chair for 2022, Lisa Pasin elected as Deputy Chair for 2022.
- \$3.8M in expenditures approved as part of our IH budget of \$9.5M.
- Boundary Hospital will receive \$95,000 to relocate chemo treatment within the facility
- A new Laboratory Chemical Analyzer will be purchased at a cost of \$109,000.
- Staff shortages were a lively topic as well as poor messaging from the Provincial Government and IH regarding COVID.

Laurie Tritschler left the Zoom meeting at 20:02 hours

#### Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report

- Next West Boundary Community Forest meeting February 22 at Greenwood City Hall
- From previous WBCF meeting: Dan McMaster has secured \$78,000 from the Provincial Government to be applied to mitigation in the Beaverdell area. Dan also got \$5,000 from BC Timber Sales for signage at Wilgress Lake.
- Funding intakes starts February 15, 2022 and closes April 15, 2022.
- Bursary applications will be accepted from April 1, 2022 to May 20, 2022.
- Fuel mitigation on the newly purchased property on Fritz Rd will begin in the Spring.
- Is there a stipend that we can provide to Dan and his team for all their hard work? The WBCF Board could amend his contract which would adjust the dividends, but it would require approval from both Greenwood and Midway's members. Councillor Metcalf will bring it up at the next WBCF meeting and report back to Council.
- There was a good turnout at the Elementary School Sunday morning for a photo op in support of keeping the school open.

#### Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Invited to a virtual workshop on collaboration through the OCAD University on March 1, 2022.

#### **Question Period** – None

#### **Financial Report** – None

#### **Bylaws & Policies** – None

#### **Planning** – None

#### **Budgets/Accounts**

**Moved/Seconded** that the accounts totaling \$91,995.87 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

**Carried**

#### **Correspondence for Information Only**

**Moved/Seconded** that correspondence for information only item

- BC Honours and Awards – Order of British Columbia – 2022 Call for Nominations
- RDKB – Building Inspection Reports to end of December 2021
- Sam Steele Society – Invite to Same Steele Days 2022
- RDKB – Building Inspection Reports to end of January 2022

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

- Province of BC – re: The Honourable John Horgan, Premier – Invitation to watch the Opening of the Third Session of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Parliament of BC and Speech from the Throne.

be received and filed.

**Carried**

#### **Question Period** – None

**In-Camera**

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council move in-camera under section 90(1)(k) – negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service, of the Community Charter at 20:12 hours. **Carried**

Returned to Regular Meeting at 20:29 hours

**Moved** that the meeting be adjourned at 20:29 hours

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer