

Mayor Fromme opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on February 22, 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
 Tamara Lovett, Office Assistant
 Public: Laurie Tritschler, Boundary Creek Times (via Zoom)
 Don Smythe

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the February 22, 2022, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation – None

Question Period – None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the February 2, 2022 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Page 6702 – None

Page 6703 – None

Page 6074 – None

Page 6075 – None

Page 6706 – None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Community Forest Reserve Fund Bylaw N0. 521, 2020 – Councillor Schierbeck had some concerns about Provision 3 wording and if the wording was concise enough. Councillors agreed that wording was sufficient. Mayor Fromme was concerned about restricting the Village to ensure that the Provision 4 statement “enhance economic development” would signify that any funds will help the Community and not be used for Operational budgets of the Village. All were in agreement. Further discussions included a question raised by the CAO on when to discuss allocating funds to the Midway Partnership Fund should be made. Councillors agreed that the decision should be made at a Budget Meeting rather than a general meeting.
- b) Direct Deposit for Village Staff (memo) – Councillor Metcalf was concerned with memo costs as he was in a discussion with Heritage Credit Union staff and was lead to understand that there were not costs associated with direct deposit payroll. CAO Feist stated that Muniware software requires a new payroll Module which is the most significant cost. CAO Feist stated that she will have further discussions with Deputy Clerk Peters regarding costs noted in the memo.

Correspondence

Moved/Seconded that correspondence items a) to c).

- a) AKBLG – re: Call for Resolutions – no resolutions were put forth.
- b) Peter Julian, MP New Westminster/Burnaby - re: (BC) Seeking support and public endorsement for Bill C-229 – **Moved/Seconded** to table item to the March 7, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- c) The City of Victoria – re: Support for the legal challenge of the Government of Quebec – Bill 21 Against the discrimination of freedom of religion in Quebec’s Bill 21 – An Act respecting the laicity of the State. –

Carried

be received and filed.

Carried

- d) Neil Miller – re: Off Road Park

Moved/Seconded – A motion was made for the Village to respond Neil Miller, with a letter stating that we do not have acceptable areas as requested but will provide other possible options for them.

Carried

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Administrator’s Report – None

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Metcalf – Had nothing new to report as Community Forest meeting was scheduled at the same time as this Village meeting and he was not able to attend both. Councillor Metcalf stated that Dan McMaster from the Community Forest program had a very well done letter writing campaign.

Councillor Grouette - Midway Elementary Closing meeting is set for February 24, 2022 at BCSS and Councillor Grouette will represent the village. A draft letter of support was written to School District 51 from the Village council. Councillor Dunsdon requested that the letter should be revised before sending. The letter, in support of the committee, will be revised by CAO Feist, then emailed to the Board before the meeting and will be presented to the floor by Councillor Grouette, at the meeting.

Moved/Seconded - A motion was made to support the committee by way of a letter from the Village Council. **Carried**
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Councillor Dunsdon – Wanted to table most of his report until the next scheduled meeting, however he wanted to discuss one item. Councillor Dunsdon wanted to confirm what decision the council made with regards to the proposal from the RDKB on shared costs of Animal Control. Council decided that the costs and services provided from the RDKB were not acceptable. CAO Feist was concerned that if there was a Commissionaire service instead, there would still not be a specific location in the village to impound problem animals. The nearest location would be Grand Forks. CAO Feist will speak with James Chandler from the RDKB more about this issue. **Moved/Seconded** - A motion was made to not accept the RDKB proposal for the Regional Animal Control shared costs.

Carried
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Councillor Schierbeck – No report

Mayor Fromme – Made the Council aware that he and his wife penned a personal letter to the School Board in support of not closing the Midway Elementary School. Mayor Fromme advised the council he would distribute a copy to the Councillors if they were interested.

Question Period

Don Symthe, a Midway resident, had some questions and comments about previous Council meetings.

- Mr. Smythe has past experience as an animal control officer and stated that the Village will have to deal with more public backlash if an impound facility is located outside of the Village.
- Was interested in why Councillor Schierbeck was opposed to awarding the restoration of the Midway CPR roof project to Two Rivers Roofing and Councillor Schierbeck stated he was wanting to keep it more local.
- Wanted to know at know about the Arena Chiller issues and if it was at the Village's expense. CAO Feist stated that glycol is being flushed out and the filters are being changed accordingly. This is not a Village expenditure.
- Councillor Metcalf clarified questions about the location of fuel mitigation being done on the Village property located near Fritz road.
- Was unclear on what cheque #20220125 for \$1,995 made out to Jesse James Bobcat Service was for. CAO Feist clarified that the costs were for snow removal at the Kettle Valley firehall and at the golf course for Fire Tanker access to the quick-fill stand pipe.

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that the accounts totaling \$205,231.46 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 Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation – re: StrongerBC: A Plan for Today, a Vision for Tomorrow (Council received via email)
- b) Vaagen Fibre Canada – re: Forestry Achievement Report – Issue 002

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) Vaagen Fibre Canada's Spring 2022 Achievement Report (Council received via email).
- b) RDKB – Board Highlights – February 9, 2022

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 19:31. **Carried**

Don Smythe and Tamara Lovett left the meeting at 19:32 hours

Returned to Regular Meeting at 20:06 hours

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 20:07 hours