

Mayor Fromme opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on March 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,

Councillor Schierbeck & Metcalf absent

Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer
Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk

Public: None

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

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

Carried

Business Arising

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New and Unfinished Business

a) Direct Deposit for Village Staff Payroll – Deputy Clerk outlined two options for the Village on Direct Deposit. Option 1 would be manually release system through Heritage AFT and Option 2 would be EFT payroll module from our software vendor. After discussion from council, they opted to not go with either option. CAO suggested that all staff and Council can install the app on their iPhone for e-deposit of their payroll cheque.

b) Peter Julian, MP New Westminster/Burnaby-Seeking support for Bill C-229 - **Moved/Seconded** that correspondence be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Correspondence

Moved/Seconded that correspondence items

a) City of Cranbrook – Request for Provincial Government to increase funding for public libraries –

Moved/Seconded that the Village of Midway support the resolution which calls for UBCM to lobby the Province/Ministry of Municipal Affairs to increase its public library funding to address regulatory requirements as well as offsetting the inflationary increases to operating costs.

Carried

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Staff to forward letter of support.

Administrator's Report – Verbal Update

Community Centre – update – decision needed on structural layout of roof design – CAO requests for a special meeting of council to be setup for March 10th at 3:00 p.m., Council Chambers to address and make a decision on the Community Centre roof structural design.

Wendy Higashi, Director, Midway Museum had applied for a New Horizon Grant for washroom upgrades in the Museum and has been successful in receiving \$24,000.00 for this project.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal Report

WildSafe BC is the provincial leader in preventing conflict with wildlife through collaboration, education and community solutions.

Councillor Dunsdon feels we should contribute a \$1,000 GIA for this program. After discussion it was

Moved/Seconded that the council give a GIA in the amount of \$1,000 for the WildSafe BC Program.

Carried

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- Goat Control for noxious weeds – Councillor Dunsdon will investigate further for Village Property west of the arena.
- Animal Control – Village of Midway has opted to not be included in this RDKB service
- Council Meetings – is the community aware? How they can attend council meetings and if so, where do we have this information available to our community members? Do we have it on the website and council newsletter where it is easily accessible? It is important for the public to know where and how they can attend meetings.
- Councillor Dunsdon will bring back further information on bias decisions and inclusion in council code of ethics.
- Gina McKay – Forestry Management – Councillor Dunsdon will get more information on this.
- Census Results – has the Village received their census results? CAO will check.
- March 17th – Councillor Dunsdon will attend Library AGM.
- Cardlock – have we received any further updates? CAO advised we have not.
- Would like to see money set aside in budget for Volunteer Appreciation Day in mid-August.

Councillor Grouette – Verbal Report

- School Closure – meeting update
- Next school closure meeting is scheduled for March 10th at Greenwood Elementary School
- Committee will be meeting March 9th
- Councillor Dunsdon brought up early childhood education and holistic teaching regarding small schools and community engagement as important teaching tools.

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Attended Economic Development Workshop
- Presentation on Land Trust
- Budget discussion – need for more planning services – CAO advised that the Village has received large subdivision proposals and staff does not have the time nor the expertise for development of this scale. CAO requested approval to hire a planner on a fee for service by project as needed basis.

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves the CAO's recommendation to retain the services of a land planner on a fee for service as needed by project. **Carried**

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Question Period - None

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that the accounts totaling \$81,529.07 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for Information Only

Moved/Seconded that correspondence for information only item

- Town of Oliver – BC Wildfires Petition – Letter of Support
 - Village of Chase – BC Wildfires Petition – District of Lillooet
- 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)(k) – negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service, of the Community Charter at 19:39. **Carried**

Returned to Regular Meeting at 19:57 hours

Letters from In Camera meeting regarding replacement doctor be moved from confidential to non-confidential. Staff to acknowledge letters were received from Dennis Radford and Susan Hayes.

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 19:59 hours

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer