

Mayor Fromme opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on April 19, 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 basement in order 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, Councillors Dunsdon, Schierbeck, Grouette & Metcalf  
 Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Tamara Lovett, Office Assistant  
 Delegation: Fire Chief, Mike Daloise  
 Public: Judy Willsey

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

##### **Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded** that the April 19, 2022, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as amended.

**Carried**

**Delegation** – Fire Chief Daloise presented to Council his reasons for wanting to use his own personal vehicle for emergency response. Chief Daloise advised costs for lights and sirens would be \$2,300 and would be split between the Midway and KVFP service operation budgets. The installation of the equipment would be done by Chief Daloise at no extra cost to the Village. Councillor Schierbeck asked whether or not there were others who could be available if he was out of service. He has available Duty Officers who have access to the Command vehicle if he is away from the Village for extended times or short time period where he could possibly access an event if he had his own vehicle. He felt that it wasn't appropriate to use the Command vehicle to take his dogs for a walk or run to the dump with a load of garbage in the Command vehicle. A quick update on the fire department was given. A grant funded; new battery-operated combo tool used for road rescue arrived. The Fire Smart program has one person hired and working with a second person being interviewed shortly. At present there are approximately 40 people on the department, with a fairly consistent number coming to practice. The recent wildfire west of the scales was attended by 14 members during the mid-day event.

Chief Daloise leaves at 19:14 hours

#### **Question Period** – None

##### **Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the April 4, 2022, regular meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

##### **Business Arising**

**Page 6715** - Councillor Metcalf inquired if Nathan Harpur renewed the proposed lease agreement. CAO Feist confirmed that the lease was sent for his review and comments. If he has any questions to contact her.

Chris Esselink, CMP was scheduled to assess the Midway Medical clinic basement for use for her certified footcare service.

**Page 6716** - No word had been received from Mitch Beaulieu on leasing the hanger space for storage of his Cessna 172.

**Page 6717** - None

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

- a) Fire Chief – re: Request to equip and use own personal vehicle for responding to emergency incidents – Decision required.

Councillor Grouette stated that he trusts the Fire Chief's judgement and started a motion to request the installation of the requested equipment. Councillor Schierbeck had concerns that the Village already has a command vehicle for use purchased by taxpayers, he didn't understand why the Fire Chief would require his own vehicle to be outfitted and expect that insurance and other expenses would be extra costs. CAO Feist expressed concerns with liability issues in case of an accident occurring with his private vehicle going to an incident. An agreement would need to be drafted by a lawyer and doesn't know if that would totally absolve the village from liability. Also, there was concern expressed about acceptable requirements for lighting placement on private vehicles. CAO Feist advised CVSE did not approve the placement of the strobe lights on the windows of the previous FC's personal vehicle, they required a permanent roof mounted light bar, where at least two lights were visible to the front and two lights to the back. CAO to research and get clarification for this requirement. Decision tabled until clarification on emergency light placement, and legal ramifications.

##### **Correspondence**

- a) Nature Canada – re: Recognize the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Oceans Day on June 8, 2022 and supports national and international efforts to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030 – Request for support resolution.

**Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway will support international efforts.

**Carried**

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- b) District of Sicamous – re: Opposition of Luxury Tax on Recreational Boats – **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file.

**Carried**

**Correspondence – continued**

- c) District of Sicamous – re: Invasive Mussel Defense Program  
**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway support the district of Sicamous' action list to continue the Ministry funding of the Invasive Mussel Defence Program. **Carried** **035-2022**
- d) Midway Community Association
- i) Request for \$2,500 funding for appreciation dinner for the retired Fire Chief. Mayor Fromme stated that due Covid restriction due recognition was not given for years of service and is also in appreciation for all the Fire Dept. members.  
**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway support funding up to \$2500 for the appreciation dinner. **Carried** **036-2022**
- ii) Request for funding to cover the expenditures for the Canada Day celebrations. Expenditures will include BBQ dinner, music or band with previous costs in 2019 around \$750.  
**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway support funding of up to \$1200 for the Canada Day celebrations. **Carried** **037-2022**

**Administrator's Report – Written Report**

1. Bylaw Officer Shared position with the City of Greenwood – Tabled until the next meeting.
2. Midway Upgrade and Retrofit
  - a) In discussion with the architect and engineers there is still room for a walk-in cooler but at a reduced size than originally requested. A 6x8 or 6x6 cooler would increase the bar size to original length and some wasted space would accommodate a cooler comparable to the one presently downstairs. By April 29<sup>th</sup> the design drawings should be 70% complete and fully completed by May 11<sup>th</sup>. Once 100% complete a class c estimate will be provided.  
**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approve the recommendation to reduce the size of the 8x8 ft. walk-in cooler to 6x8 ft cooler and to increase the size of the bar by 2 feet. **Carried** **038-2022**
  - b) Exterior Siding options – the MCC Renovations Committee recommendation is for Concept 1 colour option Topiary Green for the exterior colour.  
**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves the Community Centre Renovations Committees recommendation for the exterior siding colour option Topiary Green. **Carried** **039-2022**
3. Fire fuel Mitigation work on the south side of Kettle River in DL 781 will begin shortly with tree spacing, pulp removal and 'fire proofing' being planned. Dan Macmaster will create a PDF for distribution to the Midway residents and for social media. The intention of the logging is not for volume, but for fixing up the land and providing a fire break.

**Mayor and Council Reports****Councillor Schierbeck – No Report****Councillor Dunsdon**

- a) Wants to know if the Village would consider providing housing for health care workers, similar to what the RCMP does for its members in town. A possible consideration for future discussions. CAO Feist stated that Wendy Whelen is the planner that helped with the DVP last year, she is working on one 3-lot subdivision application and will follow with another 14-lot subdivision application. The developer for the 3-lot subdivision is proposing to place new modulars on each lot this year.
- b) Bill 28 passed in the fall now there is power to take away tenure away from current holders. The Timber Supply is being cut and wondered if there are any discussions with the Community Forest group. Councillor Metcalf stated that Dan Macmaster is currently working on acquiring some of the that timber supply.
- c) Stated that he has had his first in-person meeting with the Regional District, and it is intended that they will continue to have alternating zoom meetings.

**Councillor Grouette** – Attended the hospital district meeting, as the City of Grand Forks is having issues with no notifications from Interior health regarding limited service, closing of ambulatory beds and reducing emergency services the meetings have been quite heated.

**Councillor Metcalf** – Stated that Community Forest funding request applications close tomorrow (April 20), decisions will be made and a summary of the outcome of the Boards decisions will be brought to the next meeting. Councillor Metcalf also want to know when Council could return to council chambers to hold meetings. CAO Feist stated that advertising had to be made for two (2) consecutive weeks before any change to the venue could be made.

**Mayor Fromme** – Is setting up a meeting with Darren Pratt and Theresa Taylor. He is wondering if any councillors would be interested in attending the meeting to discuss how relevant to our situation a Land Trust would be. Councillor Dunsdon will sit in on the meeting.

**Financial Report** – None**Bylaws & Policies** – None**Planning** – None

**Budgets/Accounts**

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves accounts totaling \$56,754.89 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

**Correspondence for Information Only**

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

- a) Fort St John – re: Extended Hour Child Care for Shift Workers
- b) Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch – re: Policy Directive No: 22-05 – Temporary Expanded Service Area, extension of provisions
- c) Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch – re: Policy Directive No: 22-06 – Expiry of the authorization for manufacturers to use their establishments to manufacture, package, sell and/or donate alcohol-based sanitizers.
- d) Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch – re: Policy Directive No: 22-07 – Managed Alcohol Programs.
- e) Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch – re: Policy Directive No: 22-08 – Liquor products sold in manufacturer on-site stores.
- f) Building Inspection Report – re: February 2022 Month End Report
- g) Building Inspection Report – re: March 2022 Month End Report
- h) RDKB – re: Boundary Freshet Dashboard – April 13, 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 items:

- a) Candy Keillor, Community Engagement Specialist – re: Proclaim June 19<sup>th</sup> – Longest Day of Smiles

be received and filed.

**Carried**

**Question Period** – None

**In-Camera** - None

**Moved** that the meeting be adjourned at 19:38 hours

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer