

Mayor Fromme opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on May 2, 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
Councillor Metcalf arrived at 19:02 hours

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

Delegation: None

Public: Judy Willsey

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved /Seconded that the May 2, 2022, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Question Period – None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the April 19, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Page 6718 – None

Page 6719 – None

Page 6720 – None

Councillor Metcalf arrives at 19:02 hours

New and Unfinished Business

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

CAO has contacted casual legal services requesting clarification on legal ramifications the municipality may be looking at and/or anything we need to know before a decision is approved. No reply has been received to date, so Council wished to defer decision to next meeting to await opinion from casual legal services.

Correspondence

- a) Telus – re – Honouring a Legacy of Uniting People Across Canada. Retiring our payphones

Moved/Seconded correspondence be received and filed.

Carried

Administrator's Report – Written Report-summary below

1. Bylaw Officer Shared position with City of Greenwood – Greenwood CAO has received approval from his Council to negotiate an employment rate of up to \$32.00 per hour – does Council approved CAO to do the same? Council asked if references were checked – CAO would contact Greenwood CAO to see if he checked with previous employers regarding references. Council wishes to table to next regular meeting until reference checks have been done.
2. Midway Community Centre Upgrade and Retrofit – update.
3. Midway 52 acres property located south of Kettle River in DL 271 – fuel mitigation project – update.
4. Planning Consultant - CAO met with Wendy Whelen and she has accepted taking on consulting services for the Village of Midway on a project basis. Council asked what is the duration of contract and rate of pay? CAO advised it is \$70.00 per hour and she is contracted to December 31, 2022, on a project-by-project basis. After discussion it was:

Moved/Seconded That the Council of the Village of Midway approves to retain Wendy Whelen under a planning consulting agreement to assist with processing development applications and addressing land issue associated with new development proposals in the Village of Midway, including Official Community Plan amendments, zoning amendments, subdivision applications, preparing bylaws, road closures, dedication, and liaising with various ministries, consultants, developers, contracts, customers, residents and internal departments as required and approved by the Village of Midway.

Carried

041-2022

5. Footcare Services – Medical Clinic Lower Level – CAO met with Chris Esselink and showed her the available space in the clinic lower level. She would like to retain one room specific for her business and she will only require one day per week.

Moved/Seconded That the Council of the Village of Midway approves to rent space in the lower level of the clinic to Christine Esselink for \$200/month plus GST for one day per week (Thursday) for footcare service.

Carried

041-2022

6. Regional District Kootenay Boundary Emergency Management – Mark Stevens, Manager of Emergency Operations and Carlene Pires, Emergency Program Coordinator held a Spring Emergency Management check in meeting with CAO Thursday. Update.
7. Budget Preparations – CAO has been working on budget and will be setting up a series of meetings for budget discussions-CAO will setup meeting dates.
8. Election Bylaw – Bylaw review – Staff will be updating the bylaw to reference the correct sections of LGA, are there any other changes that Council would like to see? Council will review the bylaw.
9. Deer – complaints from a resident respecting deer in town. Staff will start drafting a bylaw that addresses feeding wildlife in the community for presenting at a future council meeting. Councillor Dunsdon will also check other municipalities bylaws regarding deer issues (Cranbrook has a bylaw).
10. Chipper – City of Nelson is selling a commercial chipper to Village of Midway for \$17,500.00. Fire Chief spoke with Dan Macmaster from Community Forest who has committed to go in half for the chipper, the Fire Department and Public Works will split the other half of the purchase price.
11. Meeting on May 2, 2022, with Teresa Taylor/Darren Pratt Housing Coordinator at Boundary Family Services – re – Community Land Trust. CAO and Mayor Fromme gave an update on meeting.

They would like to come and meet with Council and the public who are interested, possible meeting date of June 6th regular meeting or May 30th special meeting to explain what Community Land Trust is and how it creates and preserves opportunities for low- and moderate-income households. After discussion it was:

Moved/Seconded that a Special Meeting be set up for May 30, 2022, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers to hear presentation on Community Land Trust. **Carried**

Staff to advertise meeting for any members of community who may be interested in attending the meeting.

12. May 13, 2022, Public Services and Procurement Canada – May Leung, Real Estate Advisor, Indigenous Engagement -re: RCMP property for divestiture 885 highway 3.
13. May 13, 2022, meeting with Lannon DeBest, KB Executive Director IH; Dr. Natanna Dixon-Warren, KB Senior Medical Director, Mayor Fromme re: Sustainable Health Care in West Boundary.
14. Dr. Fisher – Lease of Airport Hangar space for his Cessna Airplane one half (1/2) of the western one half (1/2) of the East Hangar, for \$200.00 per month plus GST.

Moved/Seconded Council approve lease of one half of the western one half of the east hangar to Dr. H. Fisher for \$200.00 per month plus GST, from May 3, 2022, to July 15, 2022. **Carried**

042-2022

15. Grant Thornton – 2022 Audited Financials – presentation at a Special Council Meeting

Moved/Seconded that Grant Thornton, Auditors, to be present the 2022 audited financial statement at a Special Council Meeting on May 12th, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers. **Carried**

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal

- Update on AKBLG conference
- Bill 28 – New forest legislation aims to transfer forest tenures to First Nations and open opportunities to smaller players, also modernizing forest policy.

Councillor Grouette

- AKBLG – Provincial Government – Indigenous/Native relations having a seat at every table/voice
- Neil and Hilda Kopp – concern of leaning pine tree – CAO will get public works to do another assessment of the tree.

Councillor Dunsdon – Community Garden is going to contribute a \$1,000 bursary to the KV Bursary and Scholarship Society and feels that Council should increase their contribution as well. After discussion it was

Moved/Seconded that Council increase the Village's contribution to \$1,000 to the Kettle Valley Bursary and Scholarship Society. **Carried**

043-2022

Mayor Fromme asked the question of what specifically the Village's gas tax funding is going towards at the Community Garden. Councillor Dunsdon advised that it is paying for the Greenhouse, installation of the Greenhouse and new electrical service. Were all items approved by Council? CAO advised that she has budgeted the amounts in the 2022 budget.

Councillor Schierbeck – No Report

Mayor Fromme – Zoom Meeting regarding Sylix people – Mayor Fromme is pursuing development of entwined trees park/learning circle

Question Period – Judy Willsey asked what the feeding deer bylaw entail? Would it be enforced with fines and by the new bylaw enforcement officer? CAO advised that the Bylaw enforcement officer would enforce the bylaw to prohibit the feeding of deer within the municipal boundaries. It could also be an offence with possible fine associated with our ticketing bylaw.

Bylaws & Policies – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves accounts totaling \$91,598.95 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

Carried**Correspondence for Information Only**

Moved/Seconded that correspondence for information only items:

- a) RDKB – re: Boundary Freshet Dashboard – April 20 & 27th, 2022
- b) Ministry of Citizens' Services – Connecting Communities BC.
- c) Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – The provincial Tree Planting Program and Covid-19 Protocols.
- d) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – re: 2022 Spring freshet.
- e) City of Cranbrook – re: Sam Steele Days 2022 – Mayor Invitation (emailed to Mayor)
- f) Midway Community Garden – re: Thank you letter to the WBCF

be received and filed.

Carried

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

Question Period – None

Moved/Seconded Council to move In-Camera – under section 90 (1)(g) litigation at 19:50 hours

Carried

Judy Willsey leaves the meeting

Return to regarding meeting at 20:21 hours

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 20:21 hours

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer