

Mayor Fromme opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on May 16, 2022, Midway Council Chambers, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway, BC.

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 19:09 hours

Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: None

Public: Judy Willsey

**Introduction of Late Items** – None

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded** that the May 16, 2022, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Question Period** – None

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the May 2, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Business Arising**

Page 6721 – None

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Page 6723 – None

Page 6724 – None

**New and Unfinished Business**

- a) Fire Chief – Tabled from the May 2, 2022 meeting: re: Request to equip and use own personal vehicle for responding to emergency incidents. Response from Legal re: liability – Decision  
CAO has received a reply from casual legal services. Their reply received was that they would not advise the Village to pursue this option without further legal consideration. After discussion it was:

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway denies the Fire Chief's request to equip and use own personal vehicle for responding to emergency incidents.

**Carried**

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- b) Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2022.  
Mayor advised that the Financial Statements were presented to the Council by the auditors Grant Thornton and formally approved in the May 16, 2022, special meeting. There were no issues, and the Village is in good financial standing.

**Correspondence** – None

*Councillor Metcalf arrives at 19:09 hours*

**Administrator's Report** – Written Report-summary below

1. Bylaw Officer Shared position with City of Greenwood – Positive comments from the Village of Valemount respecting the candidate's performance, and there was no issues or concerns expressed. Greenwood CAO has received approval from to negotiate an employment rate of up to \$32.00 per hour – does Council approved CAO to do the same? After discussion it was

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves the negotiating rate of up to \$32.00 per hour to match the City of Greenwood.

**Carried**

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*Councillor Metcalf opposed*

2. Elections – Tabled from the May 2, 2022 meeting in order for Council to have an opportunity to review; staff will be updating the bylaw to correct sections of the Local Government Act. Are there any other changes that the Council would like to see in the bylaw? No changes from Council.
3. May 13, 2022 Public Services and Procurement Canada – re: RCMP Property for Divestiture 885 Highway 3 - Meeting with May Leung, Brad Evers, Stephene Cumayas, Real Estate Advisor/Indigenous Engagement and Jennifer CAO, Real Estate Advisor all with Public Services and Procurement Canada.

New regulations: The new process for disposal of real property, requires priority purchase rights be given to First Nations. The group did meet with the Osoyoos Indian Band respecting this land and the OIB advised they are interested. The next step was to meet with the Village who previously expressed interests in the land.

Questions asked that need to be answered by June 6<sup>th</sup>:

- i. Is the village interested in acquiring full or part property?  
Would the village be interested in sharing the land (splitting the land with the OIB)?  
Would the village be interested in leasing the land from the OIB?
- ii. What does the village see for the property, what is the village's purpose for purchasing the land?

CAO advised there is importance of building relationships with First Nations will help build a relationship with the OIB. Council is not interested in entering in a lease on the property . The property would be used for an expansion of the Museum and economic development.

CAO is to advise that the Village's interests would be either the full property or to split the land with the OIB. The Village's purpose for the property would be to subdivide off a portion of the acquired land to consolidate for expansion of the museum property and for economic development.

### **Mayor and Council Reports**

Councillor Grouette – None

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal Report

- RDKB meetings are dealing with code of conduct and decorum issues at meetings. They are considering adding a statement regarding decorum at the beginning of the meetings after their land acknowledgement.
- Does our building bylaw make any reference to the new building code and energy efficient buildings? Building Bylaw needs to be updated and will include consultation with the RDKB Building Inspector to ensure reference to the new building code and energy efficiency and any other required codes are included..
- Has noticed that at the middle of numerous Climate Action Venn diagrams is: Water. Do we promote/encourage xeriscaping? This is mentioned annually in our Water Conservation newsflyer and is included on our social media sites.
- Should the Village consider a dog walking enclosure? Many municipalities have them, Greenwood has one now too. Would be good for visitors to the Riverfront Campground who are not familiar with the municipality and the bylaws. Will bring back again for discussion.
- Pickleball courts are now costing between \$20K-\$30K for a full set up (paved, fenced, nets, etc). Will bring back again for discussion as its popularity is expanding across the province.
- City of Kimberley has an excellent bylaw regarding feeding deer, we could look to theirs for guidance on ours. WildSafeBC and BC Wildlife could also be good resources.
- Safe Restart Funds, RDKB will be allocating money to food banks and two housing societies. Local food bank should be getting \$1600.
- Greenhouse at Community Garden update. Currently growing tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers. Still borrowing power from the airport hangars until a dedicated line can be installed. For the first year, it will not be open to all gardeners. Expanding access will be discussed next year. Everything grown will be sold to help with food sustainability.

Councillor Schierbeck – No Report

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal

- The Midway Trails Society is dissolving, the West Boundary Community Forest will be taking over the maintenance agreement. Tools will be donated to the WBCF as well as the remaining funds will be transferred to the WBCF to be used for trail maintenance.

Mayor Fromme – Verbal

- Last Friday, had a meeting with IH representative regarding an idea to introduce a West Boundary health services hub. The structure would have one of the communities (Midway, Greenwood, Rock Creek) host a hub location with "spokes" in each of the other communities. They were promoting that it would stabilize health care in the area, centralize record retention, make it easier to recruit and improve access to services for all communities. After discussion, it was clear that Council did not support this new venture and requests Mayor Fromme to advise the IH representatives.

CAO Feist – Addition to Administrator's Report

- Spoke with Nathan Harpur regarding the airport lands lease agreement. He would like to clarify the point regarding maintenance of the fence. Fence maintenance would be done at the lessee's expense as required. For example, if he wanted to introduce livestock, fence improvements would be Nathan's expense and not the Village. He also expressed interest in farming the property west of the arena as well as the property north of Hwy 3 and east of the storage units. It would help Public Works as they would not have to mow the large lot west of the arena. Regarding the land to the west of the arena, Council is concerned that it could possibly complicate their request to the Agricultural Land Commission to remove the land from the ALR. After further discussion it was:

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway declines Nathan Harpur's offer to farm the Village property west of the arena and accepts his offer to farm Lot 2, Plan KAP85874 (north of Hwy 3, east of the storage units) for one year.

**Carried**

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**Question Period** – Judy Willsey asked Village to consider placing info in the Municipal Newsletter regarding the risk of deer bringing in ticks to the community through residents feeding them.

**Bylaws & Policies**

- a) Bylaw No. 539, 2022, Five Year Financial Plan ~~2022-2026~~– Final Reading  
**Moved/Seconded** that Bylaw No. 539, 2022, the Village of Midway Five Year Financial Plan 2022 – 2026 be **ADOPTED**  
 this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022. **Carried**  
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- b) Bylaw No. 540, 2022, Annual Property Tax Bylaw No. 540 – Final Reading  
**Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway’s Annual Property Tax Bylaw No. 540, 2022 be **ADOPTED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
 May, 2022. **Carried**  
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*Councillor Metcalf opposed*

**Planning** – None

**Budgets/Accounts**

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves accounts totaling \$85,450.82 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

**Correspondence for Information Only**

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

- a) RDKB Building Inspection Report – re: To the end of April, 2022
- b) RDKB Boundary Freshet Dashboard – re: May 5, 2022 & May 11, 2022
- c) Township of Spallumcheen – re: Luxury Tax on Recreational Boats
- d) Redistribution 2022 Federal Electoral Districts – Proposed new electoral map for BC
- e) Midway Trails Society – re: May 7, 2022 General Meeting – Dissolution of the Society.

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)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service at 20:01 hours **Carried**

Judy Willsey leaves the meeting

Return to regarding meeting at 20:08 hours

**Moved** that the meeting be adjourned at 20:08 hours

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer