

Mayor Fromme opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on June 6, 2022, Midway Council Chambers, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway, BC.

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, Metcalf  
Councillor Grouette absent

Staff: Penny Feist, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Steven Johnson, FireSmart Project Update

Public: Gail Bryan

**Introduction of Late Items** – None

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded** that the June 6, 2022, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Delegation** - Steve Johnson, employed under the CRIP 2021 FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund outlined the program and provided a powerpoint presentation and update of the work that has been completed to date by both himself and Hannah Corfe hired for the project – They have completed 20 out of 60 assessments to-date, identifying potential fire hazards for community residents. Residential homes and properties owned by seniors (65 years of age or older), elders, people with limited mobility or vulnerable populations who cannot undertake mitigation activities are eligible to receive the labour portion of the FireSmart work as part of the grant received.

Steve Johnson left at 19:17.

**Question Period** – None

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the May 13, 2022, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the May 16, 2022, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the May 16, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the May 30, 2022, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Business Arising**

Page (6725) – None

Page (6726) – None

Page (6727-6729) – None

Page 6730 – None

**New and Unfinished Business** - none

**Correspondence**

- a) Nathan Cullen, Minister of Municipal Affairs – re: Request Meeting process for UBCM Convention 2022. Council had no requests for a meeting.
- b) John Horgan, Premier – re: Request Meeting process for UBCM Convention 2022. Council had no requests for a meeting. No local representatives to attend, at this time, due to accommodation shortages.
- c) District of Hope – re: Pricing Policy for Community Forests.

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway write a letter of support for the Pricing Policy for Community Forests.

**Carried**

**Moved/Seconded** that the previous motion: Council of the Village of Midway write a letter of support for the Pricing Policy for Community Forests be rescinded.

**Carried**

Staff to ask Dan Macmaster to a meeting of the Shareholders to speak about the pricing policy concerns and current tabular rate structure for the Community Forest agreements.

**Administrator's Report** – Written report on file.

1. Boundary Freshet 2022 was updated and the downsized to a Level 1 flood threat but will continue to monitor water levels as there is another Weather system expected to arrive around June 11<sup>th</sup>. RDKB EOC is continuing to monitor. Kettle Valley Bursary and Scholarship Society – Council approved to increase to \$1,000 for 2022. Disbursement still needs to take place, Council requires to formally resolve changes on how disbursement will be made if the intent is not to disburse through the Kettle Valley Bursary and Scholarship Society - Councillor Dunsdon to discuss under his report.
2. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) – ISL Engineering would like to have a community meeting in mid-July and CAO will provide further information after she has had discussions with the Engineer.
3. Canada Summer Jobs application has been approved and a job has been advertised on social media, Grand Forks Gazette and forwarded to the high school for circulation.
4. Kettle Valley Golf Club – Received call from Earl Lindsay requesting to know how to go about requesting to transfer the golf course lands to the KVGCC. Formal letter will follow.
5. Financial reporting completed.
6. RCMP/Mayor's/Area E Director/CAO meeting update – Mayor to report.

7. Planning Consultant Wendy Whelen has not been available, and the contract for planning services has not been completed. As a result, the CAO has been in discussions with Sev Ebadi, who has an accredited graduate degree in Community Planning and has worked with the City of Grand Forks on a contract basis, and recent planning work for the City of Greenwood. He is willing to help out with the Village's upcoming planning projects on a contract basis.

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves the CAO's recommendation to not proceed with signing a contract for consulting services with Wendy Whelen, and that the Village contracts Sev Ebadi for planning consulting services on a project bases for the term up to December 31, 2022.

**Carried**  
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8. Midway Community Centre Upgrade & Retrofit Project – Design drawings are close to being 100% complete. A meeting with the architects, engineers, project manager and CAO is expected to take place on June 10, 2022. Once complete the Class B/C estimate will be provided. CAO will confirm dates for final bookings of the Community Centre.
9. West Boundary Community Forest – CAO will schedule the Shareholders AGM with the City of Greenwood.

### **Mayor and Council Reports**

**Councillor Dunsdon** – Written Report - Summary below

- Medical Hub at the Midway Elementary school is just a rumor. Director Gee and Mayor Noll are in favour of a medical hub.
- Bookmarks for the Library using Midway information similar to our handouts.
- Does the village have a solid procurement policy? The Regional District was just starting to formulate one and was curious. The village does have a policy.
- Election workshops for potential candidates.
- Discussed Late Items being presented with same night decision making requirements at meetings. Councillor Dunsdon asked if the Village had a policy. Council procedure policy outlines procedures for Council addressing late items.
- Montrose is currently holding only one regular meeting per month. Propose that Council considers holding one regular meeting per month, with possibly daytime meetings. This may encourage younger working residents to run for council. Would require a change to the procedure's bylaw. Perhaps it could be explored more.
- As there is a change in election policy, will mail-in ballots be an option for Midway? It is not in our bylaw, it is costly and requires strict attention to timelines. Last term the government moved general local election day from the November to October to help capture the issues with people leaving their communities for the winter.
- Was curious as to what was happening with the Covid safe money, where it has gone and what are future spending plans. Covid restart funds are allocated through the budget and a report of the expended funds is required to be reported in the audited financial statements including an outline of what is remaining. The unspent funds are deferred at the end of each year.
- The library is going to pay for an accessibility assessment as access to the basement is an issue. The library could consider the New Horizon Grant for assistance.
- Emergency Communications Report is not ready. Regional Fire Chief Dan Derby is working on the report that should be completed within the next two weeks. The concerns are mainly with those Fire Departments that respond to areas where there are no communications.
- Cooling center last year and wondered how it went. No one utilized it in last year's heat dome.
- Councillor Dunsdon has set up criteria for a scholarship award with the Principal at BCSS. The Village of Midway Community Garden Scholarship amount is \$2000, jointly funded by the Village of Midway \$1,000 and the Community Garden \$1,000. The criteria will include financial needs, grades, community involvement, proven interest in environmental studies and a post-secondary pursuit of environmental studies. This will include university, college or trade schools. The disbursements of funds will be held in trust by BCSS and will be dispersed upon proof of post-secondary registration.

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves the new scholarship titled: 'The Village of Midway Community Garden Scholarship', and further, the Council approves the funds to be held in-trust by BCSS for disbursement to the scholarship recipient upon meeting all criteria outlined.

**Carried**  
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- Receiving positive comments on the FireSmart program.

**Councillor Schierbeck** – Verbal – no written report.

The insert outlining instructions for applying for the Homeowner grant is lacking clear direction. The roll number identification needs clarification. Staff to place instructions in the next newsletter.

**Councillor Metcalf** – Verbal – no written report.

Who requested information about the Land Trust as he felt it should have been brought to Council's attention first, before the public meeting? It was noted that at this stage, the public meeting was just an informative session.

**Mayor Fromme** – Written Report – Summary below

**Land Trust Considerations** were presented with thoughts on addressing the housing needs in our community without depending upon the open market. Models of Land Trust concepts are currently part of our community with Park View Manor and the West Boundary Community Forests. The RCMP housing in Midway has proven to be a good model for stabilizing housing for service providers. Midway has a valuable resource in people and experience that could identify housing needs and make suggestions on structures and layout.

- Recommendations were made
  - Meet with T. Taylor and D. Pratt to discussion land trusts in BC., with more than housing values - could include industrial, agricultural and various other land types.
  - Have another public meeting supported by T. Talyor and D. Pratt who could answer more questions now that the public has had time to consider the information previously presented. Possible community interest survey.
  - Consider a planning meeting with Council representatives, interested residents with support from presenters to create a plan going forward.
  - Determine Council's commitment to the land trust concept.

Council consensus was that a Community Land Trust is not a priority currently. There are presently 3 subdivisions that are in the works at this time which should help address some of the housing needs.

- Ongoing community involvement in community consultation will hopefully enhance public confidence in local government.
- There is no funding in our current budget but there is a window of opportunity to explore trusts and have a formal plan for development when taking the River Front Park and housing lands out of the Agricultural Land Reserve.
- Pickle Ball and Pickle Ball Funding – growing sport and suspect campground visitors would be interested in having closer access to a badminton sized court. Grant options available
  - Community Grant Program
  - PICKLEBALLBC's Community Initiative Grant Program – up to \$500 available.
  - Active Aging Society
  - Gaming Grants
- Recommended that an invitation be sent out to the community to assess an interest in Pickleball.

Discussion was had with no decision being made as there was concern that the high school tennis court use was low and that perhaps pickle ball lines could be added to this court. It was stated that perhaps that was too far from the River Front Park and not an ideal location. Estimated cost for a pickleball court are \$20,000 to \$30,000.

- RCMP Townhall Meeting was put forward so that the RCMP could present, to the community, their objectives and receive feedback regarding policing in our district and municipality.

**Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway sponsor a townhall meeting for the RCMP, and to advertise the meeting in the community newsletter. **Carried**

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**Question Period** – Gail Bryan what are the dog licence fee's collected used for. Fees go to help offset the operational expenses pertaining to animal control.

#### **Bylaws & Policies**

- a) Bylaw No. 541, 2022

**Moved / Seconded** that Bylaw No. 541, 2022, – A bylaw to amend the Village of Midway Local Government Election Bylaw No. 457, 2014, 2022 be **READ A FIRST TIME** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022. **Carried**

**Moved / Seconded** that Bylaw No. 541, 2022, – A bylaw to amend the Village of Midway Local Government Election Bylaw No. 457, 2014, 2022 be **READ A SECOND TIME** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022. **Carried**

**Moved / Seconded** that Bylaw No. 541, 2022, – A bylaw to amend the Village of Midway Local Government Election Bylaw No. 457, 2014, 2022 be **READ A THIRD TIME** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022. **Carried**

**Planning** – None

#### **Budgets/Accounts**

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves accounts totaling \$197,741.88 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

#### **Correspondence for Information Only**

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

- a) Brad Vis, MP Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon – BC Wildfire Petition
- b) RDKB Boundary Freshet Dashboard – re: May 20, May 24, May 30 & June 1, 2022

be received and filed. **Carried**

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

**Question Period** – None

**In-Camera** – None

**Moved** that the meeting be adjourned at 20:28 hours