

Mayor Fromme opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on September 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 Grouette, Metcalf & Dunsdon

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

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

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

Delegation – None

Question Period – None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the August 15, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising

Moved/Seconded to amend Item 7 on the agenda to reflect the correct page number 6742. **Carried**

Page 6742 – None

Page 6743 – None

Page 6744 – None

New and Unfinished Business

a) Carol and Dennis Collins – Community Garden Group Nomination - Volunteer of the Year 2022

Moved/Seconded that Council approve the nomination of The Midway Community Garden Group for Volunteer of the Year 2022. **Carried**

078-2022

b) Midway Flood Mitigation Project – Results from Stakeholder's and Public Sessions – full report on file.

Moved/Seconded that Council of the Village of Midway receive and approve the report as presented from the stakeholder's and Public Input sessions of the Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping and Flood Mitigation Planning Study 2022. **Carried**

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Correspondence

- a) BC Rural Health Network re: Rural Health Care Crisis – Request to meet (emailed to Council Sept. 2, 2022) COA will set up meeting and clarify their request for membership. The mayor and councillor may have an opportunity to speak to their representatives at the upcoming UBCM Convention.
- b) Surf Rider Foundation of Canada re: Support the UBCM resolution EB53 to Prohibit Use of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) in the Marine Environment at the convention resolutions session. **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file. **Carried**
- c) Crisis Centre of BC / Crisis Line Network Members re: Support the UBCM resolution EB 42 – New Provincial Mandate and Funding for 9-1-1 at the convention resolutions session **Moved/Seconded** to receive and file. **Carried**
- d) Canadian Federation of independent Business (CFIB) – re: Request to Meeting at the UBCM Convention – CAO to set up meeting.
- e) Mile Zero Motel / Vickie Konkin, Owner - re: Museum Bunkhouse
Council direction for staff to forward an acknowledgment letter advising that they will follow up after the UBCM convention in order to have an opportunity to meet with CFIB and to research further information respecting the concerns expressed.

Administrator's Report – Written Report on file

- a) Bylaw Enforcement Officer Position – Position has been declined by second applicant due to personal reasons and the position has been re-advertised for a deadline of submission of September 23, 2022.
- b) EMBC/DFA – re: Boundary Creek Water/Sewer Line Removal Project. The Village completed the necessary requirements with the collected information submitted in January of 2021. The FLNRO did not respond until September 21, 2021. Because of the lapsed time the permit is no longer viable. A completely new Fish Collection Permit must be completed as the existing one cannot be amended. Funding was contingent on the project being completed by July 2022. It was not possible to complete the work due to permit issues and the lengthy highwater duration. The EMBC/DFA Project Officer assigned to our file will keep our funding available in order for the works to be completed next year. CAO to submit a cost recovery plan amendment to EMBC for review and approval.
- c) Community Centre Upgrade Project – Special meeting to be set up for 18:00 hours, Thursday, September 8th, 2022.

- d) Joint Council Orientation – Greenwood and Midway CAO's have proposed a November 2, 2022 Council orientation with Frank Leonard as a facilitator. This will provide orientation for all council members.
Moved/Seconded that Council approve retaining the services of Frank Leonard to facilitate a joint Council Orientation for November 2, 2022 to be held in the City of Greenwood. **Carried 080-2022**
- e) UBCM Convention Council Meetings Requested – Requested meetings: RCMP, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, MoF Minister Katrina Conroy (concerns with expanding annual cut with our Community Forest program, available fibre thru purchases of timber sale opportunities, funding for fuel mitigation projects), MoF Staff, and BC Emergency Health Services (BC Ambulance).
- f) Hanger Space – Jim Zales requested rental of entire hanger for vehicle storage for one year with only access for himself and his employees. Presently space is occupied with existing and continuing rentals and will be required for storage of community centre items.
Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway not approve the request to rent the airport hangar to Jim Zales. **Carried 081-2022**
- g) Fire up Ingram Creek – Midway Fire Rescue attended a wildland fire up Ingram creek upon the request of the Ministry of Forest on September 4, 2022.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Dunsdon – written

- There has not been any word on the recreation grants from Area E or the RDKB. There is a 10am meeting on Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 and will bring up the topic.
- Curious about storage and disposal of records/files. What are thoughts on digitizing older information.
- Wondered if the Village has any Freedom of information requests. Noted that the RDKB is finding the task is time consuming.
- Bylaw Officer status – addressed under CAO report
- Status of campground planning – Expect some upcoming information from the UBCM convention as this topic is up for discussion. Need direction so that costs can be included in the budget for the new year.
- Money from the logging of 53 acres – An estimated revenue was submitted for the council meeting by Dan Macmaster.
- Curious about the sani dump revenue – to date \$787.05 has been collected, down from last year.
- Staffing issues, have we advertised for the retiree's position – advertisement submission going in for the following 2 weeks and will be posted on the Village website and Facebook .
- The volunteer appreciation dinner was well attended with approximately 90 people attended. Lots of food, with corn and veggies for sale. It was well done by the garden volunteers.
- Councillor Dunsdon thanked the Village staff for the new flags, along with providing the tables and chairs. The councillor wants to know if new tables and chairs could be purchased as the ones provided are old.

Councillor Grouette – Verbal

- Would Cool Creek be interested in permitting local business to advertise at the bulk station? Small signage or board?

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal Report

- Will be attending the West Boundary Community Forests meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Mayor Fromme – Verbal Report

- Spoke with the local BC Ambulance Unit Chief to understand the issues they are facing and ideas that could be implemented to provide better service for discussion at the UBCM Convention with BCEHS.

Question Period – None

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies

- a) Bylaw No. 543 – Being a bylaw to exempt properties used for philanthropic or other not for profit corporation from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2023. – For Adoption
(Ambulance Station)

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw 543 a Bylaw to exempt properties used for philanthropic or other not for profit corporation from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2023 be **ADOPTED** this 6th day of September, 2022. **Carried 082-2022**

Mayor Fromme removed himself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest at 19:48 hours

- b) Bylaw No. 544 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for public worship from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2023. – For Adoption
(King of Kings New Testament Church and The BC Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church)

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw 544 a bylaw to exempt properties used for public worship from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2023 be **ADOPTED** this 6th day of September, 2022.

Carried
083-2022

Mayor Fromme returned to the meeting at 19:49 hours

- c) Bylaw No. 545 – Being a bylaw to exempt properties used for public athletic or recreational purposes from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2023. – For Adoption
(Boundary District Curling Club)

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw 545 being a bylaw to exempt properties used for public athletic or recreational purposes from taxation on both land and improvements, for the year 2023 be **ADOPTED** this 6th day of September, 2022.

Carried
084-2022

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts - \$79,997.29

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves accounts totaling \$79,997.29 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

Carried

Correspondence for Information Only

Moved/Seconded that correspondence for information only items:

- a) CRTC – CRTC to implement new 9-8-8 number for mental health crisis and suicide prevention
- b) Interior Health – Overdose awareness more important than ever – Op-Ed Submission
- c) Interior Health – Introduction of new Executive Director

be received and filed.

Carried

Correspondence for Information Only – to be held for two weeks only

Moved/Seconded that correspondence for information only items:

- a) Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia – 2022 Accomplishments Report

be received and filed.

Carried

Question Period – None

In-Camera – None

Adjournment

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 19:52 hours

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer