

Mayor Fromme opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on October 3, 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 Schierbeck, Grouette, Metcalf

Absent: Councillor Grouette

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

Delegation: Mike Daloise, Midway Fire/Rescue Chief

Gallery: NONE

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the October 3, 2022, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation - Fire Chief Report to Council. Fire Chief Daloise presented Council with a written report and a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the year to date. Written report and presentation on file.

Councillor Metcalf asked if the FireSmart program would run again in 2023? The program will continue to be promoted but the funding to hire the two workers was from a 2021 grant and it will not be offered again in 2023. There will be other grants to be applied for, but they would not cover the cost of hiring staff to conduct the fuel mitigation work.

Councillor Dunsdon asked if the Fire Chief if he received a copy of the radio assessment report? He did and was not impressed. They want to improve the connection with the dispatch in Kelowna. They've identified a need for an improved radio program for Midway and West Boundary but it wasn't budgeted for.

Councillor Metcalf asked about the new equipment, including donation of a quad by a private citizen. Fire Chief has written a thank you letter and has tried to organize a photo op but the citizen is reluctant to receive the recognition.

CAO asked the Fire Chief to speak on the FireSmart Assessments and Remediation. Fire Chief is not sure if FireSmart Canada is offering the program anymore. One part of the program reimbursed homeowners up to \$500 who did fire mitigation. The second part involved insurance. If a homeowner obtained a certified FireSmart inspection completed, there would be a discount on the fire insurance part of their home insurance.

Fire Chief Daloise leaves at 19:30 hours

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 20, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Special Meeting of September 27, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

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New and Unfinished Business - None

Correspondence

- a) Margaret Pfoh, CEO, Aboriginal Housing Management Association – Invitation to support endorsement.

Moved/Seconded to receive and file.

Carried

Administrators Report

- a) Paving Contract:
Eholt Street between 7th and 8th Avenue – 658 m²
Cleghorn Street between Hwy 3 and 7th Avenue – 2,920 m²
Palmerston Avenue between Cleghorn and Florence Street – 2,744 m²
The amount of \$250,000 was approved through the 2022 capital budget and is an eligible gas tax expenditure.

Public Works Recommendation: *To award the paving contract to Peters Bros. Paving for the total price of \$202,486.00 plus GST as outlined in their quote dated September 27, 2022.*

Moved/Seconded To award the paving contract to Peters Bros. Paving for the total price of \$202,486.00 plus GST as outlined in their quote dated September 27, 2022.

Carried

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- b) Michael Dumaresq, Laneway Access – Gertrude Street - Mr. Dumaresq previously requested approval to have the laneway accessible for his shop. At the time of his request there was snow on the ground and the Public Works could not do an assessment in order to provide opinion for Council review. Since then, Public Works have repurposed some material for the boulevard and the Public Works Foreman advised it will require one more dump truck load of road base to reduce the grade off Gertrude Street, and he does not recommend a culvert.

Recommendation: *That the Council of the Village of Midway approves Michael Dumaresq request for laneway access off Gertrude Street between Hartland and Fourth Avenue to access his shop subject to the Dumaresq' agreeing to pay the cost for the work and material.*

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves Michael Dumaresq request for laneway access off Gertrude Street between Hartland and Fourth Avenue to access his shop subject to the Dumaresq' agreeing to pay the cost for the work and material.

Carried
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Councillor Metcalf opposed

- c) The 2022 Schedule of Regular Meetings outlines that the October 17th Regular Meeting is cancelled. This will be the last regular Council meeting for this Council and if the Council wishes a meeting on this date, a formal motion is required. If Council approves, staff will ensure the rescheduled meeting is advertised.

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves to reschedule the cancelled regular Council meeting to be held in the Council Chambers, October 17th at 7:00 pm

Carried
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- d) CAO requested a formal resolution to approve the purchase of the new computers for the Medical Clinic.

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves the purchase of two new computer systems for the Medical Clinic in the amount of \$4,109 plus IT set up expenses for the clinic. All expenses will be paid by the Village out of COVID restart funds.

Carried
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Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Dunsdon – Written

- Letter of endorsement for MRDT from the Village – For Council consideration.
- Many municipalities are putting Code of Conduct from policy into bylaw. Province will require signing.
- Community Hall renovation, where does this stand? Tender documents will be ready for review by the end of the week.
- RDKB Climate Action Plan is ready for Board approval (hotter, drier summers and warmer, wetter winters).
- Neighbours United. A West Kootenay forum to deal with things like climate change, we might like to sign on.
- So far, we are the only RDKB town that has approved a FireSmart grant application thanks to our Fire Chief.
- Digital process for recruitment. Has anyone heard of e-blast communication?
- Radio survey for fire coverage is now complete and in the hands of all Fire Chiefs.
- Some communities have been talking to insurance agents about giving a break to homeowners who complete the FireSmart assessment and subsequent remediation.
- Have we started a process to advertise for a new CAO? Posting has been placed on the Municipal Information Network and CivicInfoBC, Indeed and other sites. Applications have already been received.
- Some of the big trees in front of the arena are getting some spears on top. Is this a liability issue given some of the winds we have had? Public Works is aware and is waiting for Asplundh to come in to resolved.
- Given the recent announcement from the Provincial Government about affordable housing support, we should look into.

Councillor Schierbeck

- Does the RDKB still distribute the recycling calendars in the mail? Post office issues for mailout.
- Has the Public Works job been advertised? Posting closed on September 30 and 7 applications received. CAO and Public Works will start the application review and interview process.

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal

- The Medical Clinic is having issues with opening files sent to them by MedRecords. It is a known issue that the clinic is actively working on to resolve.
- Who will conduct the interviews for the CAO position? Mayor and Council will be responsible for the recruitment process. Current CAO is available for consultation if the Council would like.
- West Boundary Community Forest grant applications for non-profits is open until October 15, 2022.

Mayor Fromme - Verbal

- After hearing the Fire Chief's presentation, it would be appropriate to send the department a letter thanking them for the dedication to training they have exhibited.
- Urban Systems reiterated their ability to look for grants and fund the project. Staff will clarify with Urban the property discussed.

Question Period – None

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies – None

Planning - None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totalling \$84,476.92 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for info only

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Items:

- a) Midway Senior Citizens Branch #117 – September 14, 2022 minutes
- b) Brian Goldonton, Fire Commissioner, Emergency Management BC – Release of the British Columbia Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards
- c) Mitzi Dean, Ministry of Children and Family Development – October is Foster Family Month in BC
- d) Interior Health – IH Roundtable with Mayors and RHD Chairs, September 21, 2022 Meeting Summary

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Question Period – None

Moved/Seconded that Council move in-camera at 19:57 hours under Section 90(1)(c) Labour/Employee Relations. **Carried**

Return to regular meeting at 20:16 hours

Moved/Seconded that the following items be declassified from the in-camera meeting:

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves the purchase of a vehicle for the Bylaw Enforcement Officer. This would be a shared expense with the City of Greenwood.

Carried

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Councillor Metcalf opposed

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves to offer the position of Bylaw Enforcement Officer to Don Smythe at a starting wage of \$28/hr and will increase to \$30/hr after a 3 month probation period.

Carried

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Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves a wage increase for Phil Cameron from \$29.71/hr to \$33.00/hr retroactive to September 18, 2022, and further that upon successful completion of the Water Distribution certification that Phil receives an additional \$0.75/hr increase.

Carried

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Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway declassifies the In-Camera information from the September 27, 2022 In-Camera meeting respecting the use of the Museum Bunkhouse for accomodation.

Carried

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Moved to adjourned at 20:17 hours

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer