

Mayor McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on November 21, 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 McMynn
Councillors Dunsdon, Metcalf, Pownall & Willsey

Staff: Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Karen Chalmers, Symphony Tourism via Zoom

Gallery: Vickie Konkin, Tracy Cordell, Wendy Higashi, Martin Fromme, Grant Pelkey, Lisa Pelkey

Introduction of Late Items – Delegation, Karen Chalmers, Managing Director Symphony Tourism Services Presentation.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the November 21, 2022, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as amended to include Karen Chalmers, Managing Director Symphony Tourism as a delegation. **Carried**

Delegation – Karen Chalmers, TOTA – Slideshow presentation on file

Karen provided an informational presentation regarding the Municipal & Regional District Tax (MRDT). MRDT is a 2% on the purchase of accommodation imposed in the Boundary on the behalf of the RDKB. The tax is intended to help grow BC revenues, visitation, jobs and amplify BC's tourism marketing efforts in an increasingly competitive marketplace. Revenue from the MRDT has been spent on tourism liaison staff, advertising, trade shows, guidebooks, and signage.

Karen hopes that Council will pass a motion to endorse the renewal of the MRDT.

Mayor McMynn asked how would a smaller operation (ie Bed & Breakfast) would be enforced to pay the MRDT? It would be captured and expected by the BC Government the same way the PST is collected.

Vickie Konkin asked where did the guideline stating only businesses with 4+ rooms would pay the MRDT go? Yes, it has changed to a one room requirement. Karen will send Penny the updated guidelines to share with Council and Vickie.

Councillor Willsey asked Vickie Konkin why that is important to her? She stated she is aware of some businesses in the area who declared they had fewer rooms available in order to avoid paying the MRDT. In the past 4.5 years the Mile 0 Motel has collected approximately \$15,000 in MRDT and she feels there has been little to show for it with regards to bringing customers into Midway.

Vickie asked Karen long stays (28+ days) customers who are eligible to request MRDT back, where does the money come from? Karen said it comes out of the pool of money that the Province collects from all contributors.

Karen Chalmers leaves at 19:30 hours

It was noted that Council must decide on whether to endorse the renewal of the MRDT by November 28, 2022.

Question Period

Vickie asked Council if they saw any benefit of participating in the MRDT and who on Council will sit on the committee to ensure Midway receives the benefits of participating in the MRDT? Council would like to learn more about the program before they commit to endorsing the MRDT.

Vickie Konkin and Tracy Cordell leave at 19:36 hours

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Regular meeting of November 7, 2022 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Inaugural meeting of November 7, 2022 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Special meeting of November 9, 2022 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising

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New and Unfinished Business

- a) Boundary Pharmacy 2023-2024 Lease Agreement – **Moved/Seconded** that the lease between the Village of Midway and Boundary Pharmacy Inc for the period January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024, be approved with the tenant paying the rental amount of \$425.00 plus GST per month. **Carried**
111-2022
- b) Airport Hangar Lease for 2023 – Greenpeaks Resource Management – **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves to enter into a one (1) year agreement with Greenpeaks Resource Management for lease of the east side of the airport hangar located at 785 Seventh Avenue for the period starting January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 at a monthly rate of \$250 plus GST. **Carried**
112-2022
- c) Rural Fire Truck Storage Lease Nov 1/22 – Oct 31/23 – Bill Bosovich/Carol Thom – **Moved /Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves to enter a one (1) year agreement with Bill Bosovich & Carol Thom to lease a portion of their building (shop/garage) located on the lands at 1755 Highway 33, Rock Creek, BC for the storage of fire apparatus and to pay during the term of the lease (November 1, 2022 – October 31, 2023), the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per month. **Carried**
113-2022

- d) Midway Public Library Lease 2023 – 2027 – **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves to enter a five (5) year agreement with Midway Public Library for the period January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2027 to lease 612 Sixth Ave for the purpose of providing Library services and activities to members of the general public.
Carried
114-2022
- e) 2023 Schedule of Council Meetings – **Moved/Seconded** that the 2023 Regular Council meeting schedule be adopted as presented.
Carried
115-2022

Correspondence

- a) Troy Clifford, Provincial President, Ambulance Paramedics of BC – Invitation to meet and follow up on initiatives and solutions and to address paramedic, dispatch and ambulance resources.

Moved/Seconded that the Council accepts the request to arrange a meeting with Ambulance Paramedics of BC. Councillor Pownall will contact and set up the meeting and report back to Council at next meeting.
Carried
116-2022

- b) Agnes Srahulek – Request for snow removal for laneway.

Moved/Seconded that the Council approves the request by Agnes Srahulek to plow the laneway between Hartland and Fourth Ave for this winter season.
Carried
117-2022

- c) Owen Stewart, Greenpeaks Resource Management Ltd – 2023 Forestry Camp facility inquiry.

Moved/Seconded that the Council requests to meet with Owen Stewart to discuss possible solutions.
Carried
118-2022

Administrator's Report

- Public Works Asst. Phil Cameron – Passed the written exam and is now a Certified Water Distribution Level I Operator. Phil intends to start working on his Wastewater Treatment Plant Level I in spring of 2023.
 - The municipalities Water Distribution plant requires a Level I operator and we now have a certified operator
 - The municipalities Wastewater Treatment Plant requires Level II operator
- Well #3 – Twelfth Avenue – Public Works Foreman worked with Precision Pumps to assess Well #3 to determine if it was viable and could be resurrected. Unfortunately, the well is not viable.
- Public Services and Procurement Canada – Real Estate Services – CAO will be meeting with Real Estate Advisors regarding the property east of the museum on Highway 3.
- Council Responsible Conduct Policy – re: Just a reminder for Council members to bring in the signed policy for staff to file.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal

- West Boundary Community Forest Meeting: Wednesday December 7 at 6:30pm at McArthur Centre in Greenwood. Meeting is open to public.

Councillor Pownall – None

Councillor Willsey – Verbal

- Attended RDKB meeting with Councillor Dunsdon
- Attended the YRB Stakeholders meeting, found it very informative and fascinating.
- Was unable to attend the etsiBC Economic Trust of the Southern Interior virtual session, the link would not work. Requests to have invites to virtual meetings emailed so she can click a link and go to the proper site.

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal

- Hospital closure in Grand Forks, ER only is in jeopardy. It is due to a nursing shortage. If one nurse is sick, it could close the ER. If it closes, ambulance will transport to either Trail, Oliver, Penticton, Castlegar, etc. At the discretion of the ambulance, doesn't believe patients will be able to request a preferred location. Oncology, blood services, physiotherapy and X-ray services will remain.
- RDKB is in writing mode, letters to Ministers have already been sent out.
- It was reported that RDKB spoke to Minister of Health, Adrian Dix at the UBCM Convention about re-hiring unvaccinated nurses and the answer was no.

Mayor McMynn - Verbal

- Catherine Stewart who works for Sierra Club Canada, recently worked on saving 6,000 hectares of rainforest and, as a result, saved an entire baboon sanctuary. Would like to send a congratulatory letter from Council. Will obtain more information and report back to Council.
- Attended the etsiBC zoom meeting, they are looking for people to join.
- Would like to arrange meetings with the Spray Park Committee and a new group who are interested in including a BMX track in the newly purchased area across the river.
- Met with Fire Chief, had good discussion.
- Spoke with Matthew Cormier at the ambulance bay, issues to be addressed at upcoming meeting with Ambulance Paramedics of BC.
- Foreign Direct Investment meeting on December 7 via Zoom
- Attended YRB Stakeholders meeting
- Corporal Peters has been promoted to Sargent, unfortunately that means he is leaving in January.
- At the All Candidates Meeting the topic of a Student Council was brought up, should he pursue that idea?

- Has a meeting with Sgt Peters, City of Greenwood, RDKB and Staff Sargent from Kelowna on November 30.
- Housing Ministers meeting was today at 3pm. Spoke about new bylaws for stratas.
- Would like to schedule a meeting with Vaagen Fibre soon.

Moved/Seconded the Council requests to approach Vaagen Fibre to schedule a meeting with Council.

Carried
119-2022

Question Period – None

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies

- a) **Bylaw No. 546, 2022** – A Bylaw to amend the Sewer Service Rates – For Three Readings

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 546, 2022, A Bylaw to amend the Sewer Service Rates for the Village of Midway be read a first time this 21st day of November, 2022. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 546, 2022, A Bylaw to amend the Sewer Service Rates for the Village of Midway be read a second time this 21st day of November, 2022. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 546, 2022, A Bylaw to amend the Sewer Service Rates for the Village of Midway be read a third time this 21st day of November, 2022. **Carried**

- b) **Bylaw No. 547, 2022** – A Bylaw to amend the Water Service Rates – For Three Readings

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 547, 2022 – A Bylaw to amend the Water Service Rates for the Village of Midway be read a first time this 21st day of November, 2022. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 547, 2022 – A Bylaw to amend the Water Service Rates for the Village of Midway be read a second time this 21st day of November, 2022. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 547, 2022 – A Bylaw to amend the Water Service Rates for the Village of Midway be read a third time this 21st day of November, 2022. **Carried**

Planning - None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totalling \$96,146.64 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for info only

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Items:

- LCRB – Policy Directive No 22-14 – Producer Retail Store licence class (farm-gate sales), open packages, and sale of plants
- LCRB – Policy Directive No 22-15 – Temporary authorization for Liquor Primary establishments to open early during the 2022 FIFA World Cup, November 20 – December 18, 2022
- Heritage Credit Union – A Member Guide for Heritage Credit Union (full information booklet available on file)
- Midway Senior Citizens Branch #117 – November 9, 2022 minutes
- Midway Community Association – November 15, 2022 minutes

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

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

- Ramaish Shah, BC Assessment – Congratulations in the 2022 Local Government General Elections (e-mailed)
- Roly Russell, MLA Boundary-Similkameen – Congratulations from MLA Roly Russell (e-mailed)
- Kootenay Boundary Regional Drought Level Update – November 10, 2022
- Neil Lilley, BC Emergency Health Services – A welcome from BCEHS

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Question Period – None

Martin Fromme, Wendy Higashi, Grant Pelkey and Lisa Pelkey leave at 20:16 hours

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 20:16 hours under Section 90(1)(c) Labour/Employee Relations. **Carried**

Return to regular meeting at 21:08 hours

Moved to adjourned at 21:08 hours

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer