

Mayor McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on December 5, 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  
Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Owen Stewart, Greenpeaks Resources Management Ltd.

Gallery: Martin Fromme, Ron McIntyre, Kim McIntyre

#### **Introduction of Late Items**

1. Wendy Higashi - application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program for a greenhouse.
2. Councillor Dunsdon requests Making a List of Council Priorities for 2023.

**Moved/Seconded** that the late items be added to the Agenda for the December 5, 2022 meeting.

**Carried**

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded** that the December 5, 2022, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as amended to include late items.

**Carried**

**Delegation** – Owen Stewart of Greenpeaks Resources Management Ltd.

Owen was interested in starting a conversation with the Midway Council about possible Village locations that could be available to them from roughly April 17th to July 8th, 2023. The most important facilities required are showers, kitchen and potable water access.

Owen requires space for approximately 35 people during this time frame. Their camping needs have changed over the years with more vans and trailers now rather than tents. Owen has approached some private landowners with regards to camping. The Riverfront Park is a camping option but only until July 1. He has enquired at the Bunkhouse, but some zoning issues are unresolved at this time, so unsure what will be available at that time. He is interested in Midway Village owned property for use – possible sites include between the Arena and Curling Rink, the area on the riverside across from the Community Gardens and is open to other suggestions. In the past the area behind the Arena was used but was private land at that time. Council noted that the property is now owned by the village.

The Arena area is ideal as access to showers is preferred. Owen has appropriate liability insurance in place. They will maintain/clean the facility themselves. Interior Health requirements for shower use are documented accordingly. The Arena kitchen needs to be confirmed if it is certified. Short distances from camping areas would be preferred but not absolutely necessary. Shade is a concern as the season goes forward. Greenpeaks does have a kitchen trailer with attached dining room tent available, but water source and licences are difficult to obtain/maintain with Interior Health requirements.

The costs for camping, meeting room use, kitchen and showers can be negotiated. Owen has information of historical costs if required.

Mayor McMynn suggested the area between the Arena and curling rink with north and south sections blocked to limit access for camper safety and proximity to the Arena is good. Shade is possible if camping on the east side of the area. The Airport hangar area will be required again for the refrigerated truck unit.

Midway Elementary School doesn't have a kitchen

Councillor Willsey suggested something more permanent should be developed. Council will discuss options for camping locations and facility use for Greenpeaks once Owen has provided more information on costs.

**Moved/Seconded** that Council table the request for Village of Midway facility use until further costs and information can be provided by Owen Stewart, in the new year.

**Carried**

Owen Stewart leaves at 19:19 hours

**Question Period** – None

#### **Adoption of the Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 28, 2022 be adopted as amended. Councillor Dunsdon's name was incorrectly spelled, and a correction was made.

**Carried**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the Special Meeting of December 1, 2022 be adopted as amended. Mayor Fromme's name was incorrectly noted as opening the meeting and a correction was made to state Mayor McMynn as opening the meeting

**Carried**

#### **Business Arising**

Regular Meeting of November 21, 2022 (Page 6764 – 6766) – None

Special Meeting of November 28, 2022 (Page 6767) – None

Special Meeting of December 1, 2022 (Page 6768) – None

**New and Unfinished Business**

- a) Greenpeaks Resource Management Ltd. - Owen Stewart re: Facilities to house Forestry Camp from April 17 – July 8, 2023 – *Tabled from the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.* – Discussed with Owen in person, and will table until the new year.
- b) 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 – *Tabled from the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.* – Councillor Pownall sent an email but has not heard back from Troy. Councillor Pownall will try to contact Troy once again.
- c) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – re: Fire Chief Daloise - Grant opportunity under the Emergency Operations Centres & Training program – 100% funding. Request Council's approval and support to apply for up to \$30,000.  
**Recommendation:** *That the Council of the Village of Midway approves and supports an application to the Union of BC Municipalities for up to \$30,000 under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund/Emergency Operations Centres and Training program funding stream, and that the Village of Midway will be responsible for overall grant Management.*

**Moved/Seconded** That the Council of the Village of Midway approves and supports an application to the Union of BC Municipalities for up to \$30,000 under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund/Emergency Operations Centres and Training program funding stream, and that the Village of Midway will be responsible for overall grant Management. **Carried**  
**122-2022**

- d) Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program – Recommend that Council of the Village of Midway approve Wendy Higashi to write an application to the Rural Diversification and Infrastructure for a greenhouse. The program covers 100% of the project cost, includes the purchase, installation and utilities of the greenhouse.

**Moved/Seconded** that Council approve Wendy Higashi writing an application to the Rural Diversification and Infrastructure for a greenhouse. **Carried**  
**123-2022**

**Correspondence**

- a) Boundary Minor Hockey Association – Nick Bosovich, Pres. – re: Request for the Village of Midway to continue the partnership and support of the New Year's Eve Family Fun Skate this year and moving forward with the Boundary Minor Hockey Association instead of the Community Consultation Group.

**Moved/Seconded** that Council support the Boundary Minor Hockey Association, in leu of the Community Consultation Group, to partner with the Village of Midway to host the New Year's Eve Family Fun Skate. **Carried**  
**124-2022**

- b) Alexa Lucente – re: Request a review and refund of a connection fee for sewer and water to vacant property. After discussing the Connection Fee Bylaw and ramifications of refunding monies, Council denied the request.

**Moved/Seconded** that Council deny the request by Alexa Lucente for a refund of the connection fees, with a letter to be sent to explain the bylaw and why the request was denied. **Carried**  
**125-2022**

- c) The Kettle Spray Park Committee – re: Proposed new tourist attraction: Splash pad, washrooms and a gazebo.  
 1. Request approval to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the BC Destination Development Fund for Project: The James G. McMynn Village Park Enhancement.

**Moved/Seconded** that Council support the opportunity to submit an Expression of Interest for the BC Destination Development Fund for the proposed Splash Park in James G. McMynn Park. **Carried**  
**126-2022**

2. Request permission for Wendy Higashi to write and submit the Expression of Interest for the BC Destination Development Fund for The James G. McMynn Village Park Enhancement project on behalf of the Village of Midway.

**Moved/Seconded** that Council support Wendy Higashi writing the Expression of Interest for the BC Designation Fund for the proposed Splash Park in James G. McMynn Park. **Carried**  
**127-2022**

- e) King of Kings New Testament Church and Academy – re: Request for 2023 grant-in-aid for 2023 for The Bridge.

**Moved/Seconded** that Council has declined the request for Grant-in-aid for the Bridge. **Carried**  
**128-2022**

- f) Kettle River Museum – re: Zoning request for the CPR Bunkhouse and change of agreement between the Village of Midway and the Kettle River Museum.

- (i) Request amendment to Community Facilities Zone Section 2 *Permitted Uses Subsection (c)* to include concerts; miniature railway; parking, and a care-takers accommodation.
- (ii) Request zoning change to the CPR Bunkhouse (building) from Community Facilities CF Zone to Highway Commercial
- (iii) Agreement amendment between the Village of Midway and the Kettle River Museum Society to reflect the permitted zoning uses

**Moved/Seconded** that Council tables this item amending the zoning for the CPR Bunkhouse until the New CAO is hired and is able to assist Council with this involved process. **Carried**

**Administrator's Report**

1. Deputy Clerk stated that in previous years the staff have been give ½ day off the Friday before Christmas as well as the ½ day on the Friday prior to the New Year, with pay. Would Council be agreeable to giving staff 1/2 day on December 23<sup>rd</sup> as well as ½ day on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December.

**Moved/Seconded** that Council give staff a ½ day off on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and a ½ day off on December 30<sup>th</sup>, with pay. **Carried**  
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**Mayor and Council Reports****Councillor Pownall – Verbal**

- Sent an email to Troy Clifford, Provincial president, Ambulance Paramedics of BC, but has not heard from him. Councillor Pownall will follow up with another email.

**Councillor Metcalf – Verbal**

- There is a West Boundary Community public meeting on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the McArthur center in Greenwood, at 7pm, discussing what is happening and how monies being spent and dispersed.
- At the UBCM meeting they spoke to Ryan Oakley, an Engineer from the Ministry of Transportation, about access/road permits for the area adjacent to the RCMP detachment and along Hwy 3, west of the Museum. A meeting with the Village needs to be set up to discuss the access points. Deputy Clerk will make contact and set up a meeting with Ryan Oakley.
- The West Boundary Community Forest gave \$1,500 to each food bank.

**Councillor Willsey – Verbal**

- The Councillor has been approached by the public about the release of council meeting minutes and why they can't be released in the next day or 2 after the meeting. She stated that she now understands the process by which the minutes are released. Minutes are taken at the meeting, written up, and then Council approves the minutes at the following meeting, before being released to the Public. Councillor Willsey stated that if the public wants to know right away what is occurring, they should attend the meetings in person.
- There was a short discussion on procedures for Opposed/In Favour motions on the meeting minutes. Procedures indicate that if someone is opposed to a motion, they would have recorded as such otherwise it would be assumed in favour.

**Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal**

- Councillor Dunsdon asked if a letter of support regarding Boundary Hospital possible ER closure? Deputy Clerk was not aware if a letter has been sent.
- Wanted to know if a letter went out to the MRDT about the decision; it has.
- The RDKB has awarded the Midway ladies hockey team \$1,500.
- Wanted to know if we still had a Community Paramedic as Sue Lang is gone. There is no Community Paramedic.
- The Community Garden will donate \$1,000 to the food bank this month.
- Was concerned about the number of scam calls being made in Midway using 449 numbers. Was there anything that could be done to notify the public. A note in the Newsletter can be posted letting people be aware.

**Mayor McMynn – Verbal**

- Councillor McMynn had a meeting with Staff Sergeant Jason Burdred, who spoke to John Bolt, Mayor of Greenwood, and Sharon Gibbs, RDKB Area "E" director, to gather information for UBCM.
  - Spoke about the need for more staffing and more mental health assistance
  - Suggested that RDKB, City of Greenwood, and Village of Midway meet at UBCM as a group, and ask for more help for our area.
  - Promote better cell coverage Hwy 3 and Hwy 33
  - Sergeant Burdred comes through the are twice a year but if needed will visit 4 times
- Village can now request RCMP to promote areas of concern like traffic, speeding, drugs and mental health
- Sergeant Peters of the local detachment has done a phenomenal job to help drop the crime rate in our area and also in Oliver and Osoyoos.
- The Hwy 3 Coalition is trying to have better communications along Hwy 3/33. The equipment has been changed out at Firehall but there is no significant improvement with communications along Hwy 33.
- Hall announcement – should we have sent out something out about the Council's decision about the Community Hall renovation? Wendy has most likely talked to the people directly affected. An announcement will be placed in the next newsletter explaining council's decision.
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> is the West Boundary Community Forest meeting in Greenwood
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas light up and Santa visit at the Museum.
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> there is a Zoom meeting with Interior Health Round table agenda

**Question Period – None****Financial Report – None****Bylaws & Policies**

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

**Moved/Seconded** that Council adopt Bylaw No. 546, 2022 to amend the Sewer Service Rates

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

**Moved/Seconded** that Council adopt Bylaw No. 547, 2022 to amend the Water Service Rates

**Carried**  
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**Planning** - None

**Budgets/Accounts** - \$105,039.38

**Moved/Seconded** that budgets and accounts totalling \$105,039.38 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

**Correspondence for info only**

**Moved/Seconded** that the following Correspondence Items:

- a) Interior Health, Susan Brown – re: Congratulations
- b) Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation – re: Intro new program to support Economic Development program called Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP)
- c) Shaw – re: Congratulations
- d) Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch LCRB – re: Applications for the new Producer Retail Store (PRS) licence are now live.
- e) BCSPCA – re: Congratulations and animal control/protection information

be rec'd and filed.

**Carried**

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

- a) Paramedic John– Sudden Paramedic/911 Crisis in BC Exposed!
- b) BC Achievement Foundation – 2023 BC Reconciliation Award open for nominations
- c) Interior Health – Take steps to test for radon today

be rec'd and filed.

**Carried**

**Question Period** – None

Martin Fromme, Ron McIntyre and Kim McIntyre leave at 20:32 hours

**Moved/Seconded** that Council move In-Camera at 20:32 hours under Section 90(1)(c) Labour/Employee Relations. **Carried**

Return to regular meeting at 21:10 hours

**Moved** to adjourned at 21:10 hours

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Chief Administrative Officer