

Mayor McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on December 19, 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
Don Smythe, Bylaw Officer (via Zoom)

Gallery: Martin Fromme, Larry Kost, Ron Nocair, Dave Bomback

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the December 19, 2022, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation – None

Question Period – None

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 5, 2022 be adopted as amended. Within motion 127-2022, change “Slash Park” to “Splash Park”

Carried

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

Carried

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of December 5, 2022 (Page 6769 - 6772) – None

Special Meeting of December 13, 2022 (Page 6773) – None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Cypress Land Services Inc – Request for a Rogers Telecommunication Tower - 749 Twelfth Ave, Midway, BC - If Council feels everything is in order. After discussion it was:

Moved/Seconded to table a decision so Council has more time to review the request & request staff to ask the following questions to Rogers: Who enforces the codes regarding the electromagnetic activity and how often do they check on it?

Carried

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- b) Councillor Dunsdon – Council Priority List for 2023. Councillor Dunsdon proposed Council creates a priority list for 2023. Pick 3-4 projects and see them to completion before starting new projects. Councillor Dunsdon provided a preliminary list and invited Council to review and provide their input at the next meeting. His list is as follows: Hire a CAO, obtain the services of a doctor for our clinic, Riverfront Park expansion, come to resolution on the Community Hall renovation, new washrooms at Riverfront Park, look at the property west of the Arena in terms of affordable housing development, property development by the Museum & Community Forest expansion.

Correspondence – None

Administrator's Report

1. Meeting with MOTI staff on Thursday, January 12th at 11:00 a.m., to go over highway access permits as well as related topics like highway operation and maintenance.
2. Council to expect a letter from the Grand Forks Search and Rescue Society, outlining how the \$1,500 donation from the Village of Midway helps their organization early in new year.
3. Commercial Product Rebate – Variable speed drive – Chiller-Condenser Tower Replacement Project – Deputy Clerk has applied for a commercial rebate from FortisBC and happy to report that we will be receiving \$1,500.00 in the new year as part of the replacement project at the arena.
4. Direct Deposit – I had previously brought this to Council back in February of 2022 outlining two options for setting up direct deposit of payroll. The cost to add the module to our software was around \$3,900.00. We have the option of going through the Heritage Credit Union AFT which has a monthly fee of \$35.00 for up to 4 releases plus \$4.50 for each additional release should we have more. If this is something Council is interested in having staff revisit, we can certainly look into it once again in the new year and report back to Council. Mayor McMynn would like to wait until the bank merger is complete and would also like staff to look into setting up utility and property tax payments online. Deputy Clerk said that accepting credit cards for payments would be too costly in fees, she has been accepting e-transfers for Village payments the past two years, but property owners would need to contact her first.
5. Penny Feist, retired CAO, Certificate of appreciation for long service award that commemorates commitment and loyalty for years of service in the amount of \$3,200.00.

Moved/Seconded that council approve a certificate of appreciation in the amount of \$3,200.00, be issued to Penny Feist, retired Chief Administrative Officer that commemorates her commitment and loyalty for 32 years of service to the Village of Midway.

Carried

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Mayor and Council Reports**Councillor Pownall – Verbal**

- Thank you on behalf of the Fire Department for the gift certificates.

Councillor Metcalf – None**Councillor Willsey – None****Councillor Dunsdon – Written**

- FOIPA & Village e-mail accounts. Only use it for relevant Village business. Will bring back RDKB's policy for e-mail best practices for Council's information.
- Community Garden, for new Council and residents to let them know what the Garden does. Not just growing food. They manage the bottle recycling bin by the arena, a compost system, donate a bursary to BCSS, donate money to the Food Share program and host the annual Volunteer of the Year/Corn Roast. Garden volunteers are wearing down, ie) recycling takes a lot of time and effort. Looking for help if any residents are interested.
- Council liaisons for Museum, Library, Senior's Center & Parkview Manor. He is willing to stay on as liaison for the library, looking for other Council members to work with the other groups.
- What about school repurposing? Went to their meeting and told them the Village was not interested in being involved in repurposing the elementary school.
- Accessibility British Columbia Act. We will need to comply; new CAO will need to address.
- EOC is RDKB maintained. They assist with claims & providing incident numbers, they have access to Red Cross.
- RDKB looks after 9-1-1, E-Comm is out of Vancouver, Fire dispatch is out of Kelowna.
- Solid Waste Management is a huge budget item for RDKB. They look after Rock Creek and Greenwood landfills. Recycle BC is looking at adding more materials to the recycling stream but also looking at downloading more costs to municipalities. There is talk of going back to unmanned big bins in each area and closing some of the recycling facilities that are at the landfills.
- Glass recycling is a huge pain, and most glass containers end up in the landfill. For example, the Community Garden received 50 boxes of wine bottles at their bin with a note thanking them for this service or they would have taken it to the landfill.
- Thanks to Public Works for the snow removal.
- Thanks to Tami and office staff for help in recent CAO interviews.

Mayor McMynn – Verbal

- Provided report from Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia to Council.
- Sat through the Interior Health roundtable with Councillor Willsey. Topics included the respiratory viruses going around (COVID, flu, RSV).
- Participated in a Zoom meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hon. Anne Kang. Brought up the issues with the ALR & housing issues because of it, medical/hospital situation, fibre for logging.

Question Period – None**Financial Report – None****Bylaws & Policies – None****Planning - None****Budgets/Accounts**

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totalling \$75,492.53 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for info only

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Items:

- UBCM – Community Works Fund, Second Payment for 2022/2023 be rec'd and filed.

Carried**Correspondence for Info Only – to be held for two weeks only – None****Question Period – None**

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 19:32 hours under Section 90(1)(c) Labour/Employee Relations, Section 90(1)(e) – Acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements & Section 90(1)(k) – negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service **Carried**

Martin Fromme, Ron Nocair, Dave Bombback, Larry Kost and Don Smythe leave at 19:32 hours

Return to regular meeting at 20:44 hours

Moved to adjourned at 20:44 hours