

Mayor McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on January 3, 2023, 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, Pownall;

Absent: Councillor Metcalf, Willsey

Staff: Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk
Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant
Don Smythe, Bylaw Officer (via Zoom)

Gallery: Martin Fromme

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the January 3, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation – On behalf of Kristina Bell, Land Use Planner from Cypress Land Services Inc., Chad Marlatt (via Zoom) gave some background information on the proposed installation of a wireless telecommunication tower on the property at 749 Twelfth Ave, Midway, BC.

- The installation of this tower is part of a bigger picture to ensure that in rural BC, specifically the Kootenay Boundary region, there will be better communication coverage throughout the Highway 3 corridor: from Mount Baldy to Trail
- There are more proposed towers to be established: Norwegian Creek, Bridesville, Rock Creek, Greenwood and Christina Lake.
- The tower is an estimated 26 meters and is not considered a big structure. Normally towers range in the 40-60 meter range.
- Originally the tower was to be located in town, but it was opted to be located north of the Hwy, 150 +/- meters north of Hwy 3.
- A Health and Safety analysis has been completed and is within compliant parameters. A very low energy emission is expected and must be within the acceptable standards.
- The test results are not typically given to the public, but the report will be provided to the Village of Midway.

Chad Marlatt leaves the meeting at 19:08 hours.

Question Period – None

Adoption of the Minutes

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

Carried

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of December 19, 2022 (Page 6774 - 6775) - None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Cypress Land Services Inc – Request for a Rogers Telecommunication Tower - 749 Twelfth Ave, Midway, BC – Tabled from December 19, 2022 meeting

Moved/Seconded that

WHEREAS Rogers Communications Inc. (“Rogers”) proposes to erect a wireless telecommunication tower and accessory structure on certain lands more particularly described as PID: 014-785-374, with the civic address of, 749 Twelfth Ave, Midway, BC;

AND WHEREAS proponents of telecommunication towers are regulated by ISED on behalf of the Government of Canada and as part of their approval, ISED requires proponents to consult with land use authorities as provided for in CPC-2-0-03;

AND WHEREAS Rogers has consulted with the Village of Midway and the Village of Midway has no objection to the proposed telecommunications tower;

AND WHEREAS Rogers has consulted with the public by notifying all property owners and occupants within three (3) times the tower height and has provided 30 days for written public comment;

AND WHEREAS there are no significant land use issues identified by the consultation; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Clerk be instructed to advise Rogers that:

1. Rogers has satisfactorily completed its consultation with the Village of Midway
2. The Village of Midway is satisfied with Rogers’ public consultation process and does not require any further consultation with the public; and
3. The Village of Midway concurs with Rogers proposal to construct a wireless telecommunications facility provided it is constructed substantially in accordance with the plans submitted to it and described as W3985.

Carried

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- b) Councillor Dunsdon – Tabled from December 19, 2022 meeting - Council Priority List for 2023

- Deferred to discussion with Mayor’s report but includes CAO, medical needs, Riverfront Park, Community Hall, affordable housing and the Community Forest program.

- c) Board of Variance – appointment to the Board of Variance for term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025. **Moved/Seconded** that council appoint Grant Hardwick, Gail Bryan and Martin Fromme as members to the Village of Midway Board of Variance for a three-year term effective January 2023 ending December 2025. **Carried**

002-2023**Correspondence** – None**Administrator's Report**

- 1) Bylaw Enforcement Officer Vehicle – Council had approved to purchase a vehicle for the Bylaw Enforcement Officer. A vehicle has now been purchased, a 2007 Toyota Rav4 4DSW and is jointly registered with the City of Greenwood. All expenses will be shared with the City of Greenwood. (Insurance, gas, repairs, etc).
- 2) The Chair of the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) would like to congratulate you and your colleagues on your election to your respective Regional Board/Council(s). The ALC's role is to administer the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and work with the local governments and First Nation governments with ALR land in their jurisdiction to enable and encourage farming. Local governments have an important role to play in the administration of the provincial zone which protects farmland for future generations.

The ALC would be happy to meet with newly elected and returning Board/Councils and their staff upon request to provide information about ALC application and planning processes and discuss how the ALC interacts and collaborates with communities in the administration of the ALR.

If your Board/Council wishes to meet with our representatives, please contact Kim Grout, CEO of ALC at Kim.Grout@gov.bc.ca

Staff to setup a meeting the New Year when CAO position has been filled.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Pownall – None

Councillor Dunsdon – None

Mayor McMynn – Verbal

- Would like to include all Council in a meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs, Anne Kang who will be coming through the area on the 16th of January.
- Topics of discussion to include: Hospital needs, Medical property, ALR and local housing needs, Economy, Logging/Forestry help, Community Forest expansion.
- Airport uses could be explored.
- We require assistance with Economic Development ideas to encourage new industries to come into our area.
- An informal meeting will be set up by staff for the evening of January 16th, 2023 with Minister Kang.

Question Period – Martin Fromme asked if anything further from Urban Systems regarding funding for ALR Planning. No further information has been received.

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

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totalling \$49,578.76 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for info only

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Items:

- a) Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs- Working with Council/Boards on collective priorities.
- b) Aaron Martin & Allison Reed, Canada Revenue Agency – Application portal for the one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit is now open.
- c) Interior Health – Decriminalizing of some illegal substances – January 31, 2023
- d) Packaging and Paper Product Extended Producer Responsibility Plan –RDKB support letter – requesting letter of support from member municipalities. Responses are to be submitted by December 31, 2022

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Item b) - Council requested that the information for the Housing benefit top-up be added to the next Village of Midway newsletter/website with a link to the portal.

Item c) – Councillor Dunsdon has been appointed to the Solid Waste committee at the RDKB and will be following up with items brought up in the Packaging and Paper Product Extended Producer Responsibility plan as changes will be affecting smaller communities.

Correspondence for Info Only – to be held for two weeks only – None**Question Period** – None**Councillor Metcalf arrives at 19:25**

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 19:26 hours under Section 90(1)(c) Labour/Employee Relations, Section 90(1)(e) – Acquisition, disposition improvements **Carried**

Martin Fromme and Don Symthe (via zoom) leaves at 19:26 hours

Return to regular meeting at 20:55 hours

Information from the In-Camera meeting that moved from confidential to nonconfidential:

- The Village of Midway has hired a new Chief Administrative Officer – Lisa Teggarty will begin as new Chief Administrative Officer effective February 1, 2023.
- The Council has retained the consulting services of Penny Feist to support staff and the new CAO till the end of February 2023, with the option to renew if necessary.

Moved/Seconded that Council cancel the January 16, 2023 meeting in order to facilitate an informal meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Anne Kang, for that evening. **Carried**

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Moved to adjourned at 20:01 hours

Mayor McMynn

Deputy Clerk