

Acting Mayor, Darrin Metcalf opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on February 6, 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.

The Council of the Village of Midway agrees to uphold the Guiding Principles for Responsible Conduct as per Village of Midway's Policy No. 387

Present: Councillors Dunsdon, Pownall, Willsey & Metcalf

Absent: Mayor McMynn

Staff: Lisa Teggarty CAO
Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant
Don Smythe, Bylaw Officer (via Zoom)

Gallery: Lisa Pelkey, Grant Pelkey, Martin Fromme, Cam Kamigochi, Ashley Kamigochi, Finley Kamigochi, Van Atkinson, John Ho

Fire Department Delegation: Fire Chief, Mike Daloise, Walter Osellame, Keith Martin, Gord Kamigochi, Phil Cameron, Earle Carpenter, Bob Peters, Ken Corfe

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the February 6, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation – Midway Volunteer Fire Department – Gord Kamigochi 30 Year Long Service Award Presentation

- Fire Chief Daloise present Gord Kamigochi with his Canadian Volunteer Fire Services Association Municipal Long Service award for 30 years of Service.
- Retired Fire Chief Walter Osellame spoke of Gord's involvement in the Fire Department since 1993.
- Gord was promoted to a Captain along the way, and he always ensured safety protocols were implemented.
- Gord as always available to help when needed from fundraising to helping where needed in the community on behalf of the fire department.
- He continues to assist the fire department as needed.
- Acting Mayor Metcalf congratulated Gord on behalf of the Village and the Community.

The Fire Department delegation along with Cam Kamigochi, Ashley Kamigochi, Finley Kamigochi, Van Atkinson, and John Ho leave the meeting at 19:04 hours.

Question Period – None

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Special Meeting of February 1, 2023 (Page 6783-6784) be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Special Meeting of February 1, 2023 (Page 6783-6784)

(Page 6783) – None

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- Councillor Dunsdon wanted to clarify who was paying for Wendy Higashi as Project Manager for the Park Enhancement project: Wendy's salary would be included as part of the Grant and she is working for free while putting together the Grant Application.
- Councillor Willsey requested that stronger wording be used: Foot Activators will be used to help better manage water use and conservation in allocated zones.

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Midway Community Association – Request for reduced rental rate for the Community Centre.

Moved/Seconded that the Council allow the Midway Community Club to be charged a reduced rental rate of \$25 per session for the recreational and cultural use of the Community Hall.

Carried

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- b) Community Futures – Economic Diversification plan – Tabled from February 1, 2023 Special Meeting. Council would like Jennifer Wetmore from Community Futures to come back to answer questions about the REDIP FIT program. Councillor Dunsdon said that RDKB is looking at Midway to take the lead on the program as it expected to become a Boundary wide issue. It will not cost Midway anything as Community Futures is expected to do all of the work. It will not be possible for the Village of Midway to do this work inhouse. A meeting will be arranged.
- c) Council Committee & Appointment 2022-2023 – Amendments required

Moved/Seconded that the following changes be made:

Signing Officers:

- Rescind Penny Feist's appointment as signing authority for Village of Midway and appoint Lisa Teggarty as signing officer for Village of Midway

Miscellaneous Appointments:

- Rescind Penny Feist as approving officer for Village of Midway and appoint Lisa Teggarty as Approving Officer for Village of Midway
- Amend name of Heritage Credit Union to StellerVista Credit Union

Board of Variance

- Delete Ross Elliott, Chair of Board of Variance and add Martin Fromme (no chair position has been assigned by the Board of Variance Committee, at this time).

Carried
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The list will be updated and distributed to Council.

Correspondence

- a) West Boundary Senior Housing, Parkview Manor – Request for a representative from Council to attend board meetings.

Moved/Seconded that Councillor Pownall will represent the Village of Midway at the West Boundary Senior Housing, Parkview Manor meetings.

Carried
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- b) Howard Shannon – 644 Seventh Ave Renovation Project request - tabled for now until CAO Teggarty can speak to the Building inspector and confirm more information from the applicant.

Administrator's Report – None

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Pownall – None

Councillor Dunsdon

- Attended a TOTA meeting about the MRDT tax and tried to impress upon them the need to provide some funding to jurisdictions as this would be good for optics.
- Think about being involved in the Wild Safe program. Program costs is \$4000 but our funding commitment would be \$500. This program would include public meetings, utilize signage, Village newsletters and provide information to schools dealing with wildlife, bear aware and safe garbage storage.
- Noxious weed control costs have been approximately \$1000 per year. Costs may go up this year. Must ensure to include in this year's budget. Spray for knapweed, Hoary alyssum, and other noxious weeds along roadways and trails.
- Community Futures on help with laid off workers. As discussed earlier, will have Jennifer come back to answer more questions.
- There had been a 4% increase in building since last year. Permits totalling \$22,964.00
- RDKB only has one year left on the 911 emergency call program. No ideas on what happens after the contract ends.
- RDKB Area E has paid out \$27,000 for the arena and Library. \$4000 is still a go for 2023. There is a call on schedule for more information about this coming up shortly.
- RDKB Area E helping to pay the Fire Chief – there is another meeting with James Chandler to find more money in the budget. The Village is looking for more money from RDKB for Fire Chief Daloise's salary. Possibly a 5% increase in the budget.
- Privacy policy (Bill 22) for the RDKB is being downloaded to municipalities for privacy accountability and FIPPA requirements.
- Warming and cooling centers, do we need a policy? The Fire Department has had cooling centers established before with no one utilizing them. See what RDKB will do in the future about a policy.
- Visitor center designation for the museum could be \$10,000 for a partial year and \$15,000 for a full year. The Riverside Center in Rock Creek has been awarded the full amount. Does Wendy Higashi know about this designation funding? Destination BC.
- Splash park, capital projects are pretty much straightforward, the kicker is always the operational side of things. What thought has been given to this issue.
 - Note: Councillor Dunsdon wants to go on record as being opposed to the Splash Park project. Feels there are more urgent options that could be dealt with.
- We need to publish our priority list if communication and transparency are priorities. We need to update as necessary and publish them as we can. See where we want to go. The Strategic Plan. Public, Council and possibly an outside party assist with this plan.
- We need Council representation on the Parkview Manor as they are contemplating an addition – Councillor Pownall has been given that task.
- Summerland and Oliver (6-month trial basis) have gone to or are going to a three-week meeting schedule. Merritt is presently once a month. There has been no feedback about Merritt. Any thoughts? Are we interested?
- Are we part of a Loan Forgiveness program for Doctors? Is Midway eligible? 20% of loan is forgiven over a 5-year term. It was noted that Oliver is NOT eligible.
- AKGBL attendees. Already organized for Councillor Willsey and Metcalf to attend.
- Urban systems, have we heard anything back about the property west of the Arena? CAO may have some information.

Councillor Dunsdon - continued

- Community Hall – new revised plans. Won't be back till beginning of March. Not clear if the September deadline will be met.
- Feels as that the Bylaw Officer should report to council at least once a month. Let us know what is happening.

Councillor Willsey – Verbal

- ◆ RDKB meeting - a lot of increased money needs and therefore increases budgets.
- ◆ Online meeting for Women Leading Change in Business – How to break the Bias from University of Victoria.
- ◆ From the University of Fraser Valley attended some online courses about civic government & forming relationships with Indigenous groups.
- ◆ Columbia River Treaty meeting – this does not impact us and is not interested in going again. Councillor Dunsdon pointed out that there may be future implications as the Kettle River is a tributary of the Columbia River. There have been a few Literacy programs that we have benefited from.
- ◆ Kootenay Boundary Hospital board meeting – the Boundary District Hospital is still open for 24-hour emergency care. They have intensified their recruiting incentive for staff, physician, nurses, technicians, etc. Expecting 4-6 beds to be opened shortly. Noted that Castlegar spends \$50,000 towards retaining their doctors. Hospital occupancy has been reduced from 141% down to 88%.

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal

- February 23rd at 11:00am a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation to discuss Road Access permits, 70km speed limits along the highway corridor. RCMP will participate in discussion,
- Community Forest meeting on February 28th, 2023 at 6:30pm at Greenwood. The Community Forest program is still going. Changes are happening. Vaagen will still sell wood. Community Forest program will work with the same people, same program, just a different Boss. Dividends will have some adjustments made and those will be discussed at the upcoming meeting.
- CAO will send a letter to Vaagen and request a meeting with council, here or in Colville, for an update on the mill.

Question Period – Martin Fromme stated that the Community Forest meeting is to be held at Greenwood City Hall. And that there is still time to hear from the community on information for a strategic plan.

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies – None

Planning – CAO is following thru with Kobesew, but there are few items that are required first before things can proceed.

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totalling \$340,463.48 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for info only

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Items:

- Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses – Congratulations
 - Regional District Kootenay Boundary – re: Building Inspection Report to the end of December 2022
 - RCMP – UBCM meeting with the BC RCMP – September 13, 2022
 - Midway Community Association – January 9, 2023 Minutes
 - Grand Forks Search & Rescue Society – 2022 Donation
 - UBCM – 2021 CRI – FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund – Midway Residential FireSmart & Skill Development Project.
- be rec'd and filed. **Carried**

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

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Items:

- United Way Centraide Canada – Community Services Recovery Fund
- Province of BC – Decriminalization FAQ
- Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia – News Release

be rec'd and filed. **Carried**

In-Camera - None

Moved to adjourned at 19:57 hours

Acting Mayor Metcalf

CAO Teggarty