

Mayor McMynn opened the Special Meeting of Council at 11:00 hours on February 23, 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: Mayor McMynn
Councillors Willsey & Metcalf
Absent: Councillor Dunsdon and Pownall
Staff: Lisa Teggarty CAO
Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk
Gallery: James Smith
Delegation: Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the February 23, 2023, Special Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation – Mayor McMynn welcomed and introduced Ministry Representatives: Trevor Todd-Roads Area Manager, Ryan Oakley, District Program Engineer, Dennis Kurylowich, Operations Manager, Hugh Eberle, District Manager.

Topics of Discussion:

- Road Safety
- Highway Operations & Maintenance
- Kettle Valley Satellite Hall signage
- Highway Access Permits

Signage for the Kettle Valley Satellite Hall 3645 Highway, Rock Creek – The Ministry felt that signage would be of no value and is not warranted at this location. Site distance is good as well as emergency vehicles with sirens and lights travelling regulation for public pullover and stop. Studies have been done on signage and the more signage people begin to not pay attention to any.

Signs at weigh scale in Midway have been installed and working when CVSE are there, each sign can be operated independently to not cause traffic flow in the area.

Will we get a permanent Provincial Scale in Midway? – Ministry feel that Midway is a low priority location at this time.

Since the closure of Vaagen Fibre Canada and Bzam Management Inc for the next year the Village is looking for ways to diversify.

Highway Access Permits – Councillor Metcalf asked that James Smith, who owns property in Midway, is looking for highway access to his property in Midway. (Kettle River Ranch Lot 1, Plan KAP63568, DL 377, LD 54), how does this work?

The Ministry advised that anyone looking for highway access to their property must apply.

Local governments, developers and property owners must apply for a highway use permit to create or change commercial access off a provincial highway. Access must not interfere with the safety and the efficiency of the highway.

The following is considered when determining commercial access locations:

- The potential traffic impact of the proposed development
- The adjacent roadway classification
- Adjacent roadway traffic volumes
- Other site-specific conditions

Contact district staff early in the application process to arrange a terms of reference meeting where we'll outline the level of detail required for the design and review process.

The Ministry will provide Mr. Smith with a list of Engineers that can help with his application.

Councillor Metcalf asked how anyone interested in the property West of the Museum would get access. The Ministry advised that if there is always access (via Beamish Street) then this would be the preferred access for that particular property.

Intersections – already have dedicated right of ways

Speed Limited within the Municipal Boundary – the current 70 km hour speed limit has been set according to engineering best practices and studies. Study shows 85% safe percentile, 15% responsible driving. Speed survey has been done in Midway and the 70 km speed limit is appropriate. The site lines are good and the highway is straight.

Safety Crossing Beamish – concerns with pedestrian safety – This is mainly an enforcement issue if the travelling public is speeding.

Mayor McMynn brought up Thomet Road Highway designation H222 and Spencer's property purchase of Lot 4-7 Block 23, DL501 – at this time the Ministry advised that Rejeeta Bains-District Tech is looking into the highway dedication.

Mayor McMynn asked if Highways will be doing any paving this year – some small asphalt grinding will be done on Kettle Valley South Road. The Ministry advised that our public works could contact Dennis Kurylowich or Trevor Todd to see about paving projects in 2023 and Village paving projects. Any potholes, maintenance are doing by YRB (1-800-YRB to report any issues).

Dust Control on Fritz Road – Public Works to contact Dennis Kurylowich he can help with this – road needs to be graded in advance.

Two cardlocks in Midway on Palmerston Avenue – any concerns with access off highway 3 and traffic concerns? West bound trucks should exit off Palmerston. If Village does any changes to approach on Cleghorn and Highway 3 it should be a 90-degree approach to make it not confusing to public.

Growing Communities Fund – we are aware of the funds but have not received any monies to date.

Will be meeting with BC Housing who are wanting to partner with West Boundary Senior Housing on a housing development.

Mayor McMynn thanks the Ministry Representatives for attending the meeting as well as James Smith

Moved to adjourned at 12:35 hours.

Mayor McMynn

CAO Teggarty