

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on February 21, 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 Pownall, Willsey & Metcalf
Councillor Dunsdon (via Zoom)

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

Delegation: Wendy Higashi, Kettle River Museum Curator
Lynn Wickens, Dawn Macdonald, Martin Fromme, Christine Danyluk, West Boundary Senior Housing Society

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation – Kettle River Museum, Annual Curator Report for 2022. Written report on file. Wendy provided a summary of her written report, highlighting areas such as Exhibits, Financial Report, plans for 2023. This year the Museum plans to open on June 1, seven days a week until September 15. Hours for September 16-30 to be determined. One of the goals is to secure enough funding to have the Museum open year-round. Mayor McMynn asked if there was any value in being open for the May long weekend? Wendy said she would take it into consideration and see if it's feasible. Mayor McMynn asked if the Museum would be interested in hosting an Easter Egg Hunt in April? Wendy would be open to the idea and would open the Museum as well, with free admission. The Community Association would need to write a letter to the Museum board with an official request.

Wendy Higashi leaves at 19:15 hours.

West Boundary Senior Housing Society, Parkview Manor Expansion. Written report on file. WBSHS has been in discussion with BC Housing regarding the construction of a new building for housing. WBSHS is seeking Council's approval to proceed with this project as well as contributing the land (the undeveloped portion of Eholt St between Eighth and Ninth Ave). The other section of the undeveloped portion of Eholt St, north of Ninth Ave, would also be desirable as it could serve as additional parking. Chairperson Lynn Wickens stated that Interior Health will not be involved in the project, it would be funded by BC Housing and the criteria for the type of housing to support would be determined by WBSHS. They would like to put in 20 units. This would be a separate building from the Manor and would not be subject to the Hospitality fee that residents of the Manor are required to pay. If a tenant of the new building wanted to participate in the Hospitality program, they would be allowed to do so. The Hospitality program would include two meals a day provided by Parkview Manor. Council asked why they do not wish to partner with IH and potentially have Assisted Living re-introduced to the Manor? The requirements of IH became too much for the board, management, and staff to deal with. Previously, the Assisted Living rooms were not being fully utilized and it was costing the Manor money. Most of the applicants at the Manor now are in their 70's. Some of whom still wish to cook for themselves, and the Hospitality fee is unappealing to them. BC Housing has relaxed the conditions on what type of demographic would be permitted to reside in the building. Council would like WBSHS to arrange an in-person meeting with BC Housing to continue the discussion.

Lynn Wickens, Dawn Macdonald & Christine Danyluk leave at 19:39 hours.

Question Period – None

Adoption of the Minutes

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

Carried

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Special Meeting of February 13, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Special Meeting of February 15, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of February 6, 2023 (Page 6785-6787)

Page 6785 – None

Page 6786 – None

Page 6787 – None

Special Meeting of February 13, 2023 (Page 6788)

Page 6788 – None

Special Meeting of February 15, 2023 (Page 6789)

Page 6789 – Councillor Willsey noted in the second to last paragraph, the wording should be changed from "Government is giving each municipality \$1 billion in grant funding" to "Government is distributing \$1 billion in grant funding."

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Owen Stewart, Greenpeaks Resource Management – Previous accommodations rate. Owen provided Council with the fees he previously paid to the Rock Creek Fair Grounds. The proposed area would be the parking lot between the Curling Rink and the Arena with access to the kitchen and old change room showers at the Arena. Council directed staff to ask a few follow up questions to Owen. A damage deposit clause will be added to the agreement. **Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway Council agrees, in principle, to enter an agreement with Greenpeaks Resource Management to provide them with space for accommodation for the 2023 planting season and to invite Owen Stewart to an upcoming Council Meeting to discuss the draft agreement.

Carried**011-2023**

- b) Budget Meeting Report. CAO provided an example of a typical Annual Budget process timeline that we should be following. Public Budget Meeting will need to be scheduled; it is possible to hold those meetings prior to Regular Council Meetings.
- c) Public Report Respecting Failure to file disclosure statement. Gail Bryan has been disqualified from being nominated for, elected to, or holding office on a local authority until after the next general local elections on October 17, 2026. After she withdrew her name from consideration, she was still required to submit forms for the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act. She did not do so and is therefore ineligible to run in the next Local Election.

Correspondence

- a) Circus Fantastic – Request for Arena use Thursday August 3, 2023. Council would like staff to obtain more information about the type of floor they will put down to protect the concrete. Council discussed whether it was possible to have a few food trucks to provide food and drink. Staff will ask Circus Fantastic if they would be providing any food and drink. The food vendor option would only be considered if it is not taking away from anything Circus Fantastic would be providing. **Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway Council agrees, in principle, to enter an agreement with Circus Fantastic, staff is directed to obtain more information to create a contract. **Carried**

012-2023**Administrator's Report** – Written Report on file.

1. Transition in new position going well.
2. Have started meeting with staff to discuss their 2023 Departmental Budgets. See report in New Business on setting dates for Budget deliberations and public consultation on the 2023 Budget and Five-year financial plan. All budget meetings will be held as Special meetings and open to the Public.
3. Sub-division queries are coming in. Some as old as a year and looking to get answers on questions or have new questions. This area can be very time-consuming as CAO is constantly researching back and forth through Bylaws and best practices.
4. Familiarizing myself with current projects. Will be meeting with Wendy Higashi so that she can update me on the Community Centre project and provide me with information required for the 2023 budget. Spray Park grant application has been submitted.
5. Attended Village safety meeting chaired by Fire Chief Daloise. I will be bringing a safety item Capital request relating for the Sewer lift station to the budget meeting, for Council approval.
6. Meeting with Grant Thornton Audit Manager next week to discuss upcoming 2022 Audit timetable.
7. Meeting with Sandy Elzinga, Manager of Community Economic Development, Community Futures Boundary on February 28th to discuss the proposed Economic Diversification Plan. Sandy is available to attend as a delegate on March 6th to answer any questions about the plan. Question for Council: BA Blackwell & Associates are already booked as a delegate at this meeting to present the 10-year community wildfire protection plan they have completed, on behalf of the Village. - *Is Council okay with me adding Community Futures as a second delegate at this meeting?* Yes, Council is ok with a second delegation on March 6, 2023.
8. Budget 2023 and 2022 Year-end work needs to take priority, to ensure that Statutory deadlines are met. CAO will update Council regularly during the process.
9. Agricultural Land Reserve would like to come meet with Council. Council directed staff to organize a meeting with the ALR as a top priority and to schedule a Special Meeting if necessary.

Mayor and Council Reports**Mayor McMynn** – Verbal

- ▲ BC Road Builders Association sent out a flyer talking about what they can provide for municipalities. Turns out to be a sales pitch/advertising campaign as the BC Growing Communities Fund was referenced on the last page.

Councillor Willsey – Verbal

- ◆ Received email from MLA Richard Cannings regarding the proposed changes to the Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution. The proposed changes were discussed but it was acknowledged that there was little that could be done.

Councillor Pownall – None**Councillor Metcalf** – Verbal

- Meeting with Ministry of Transportation is Thursday February 23, 2023 at 11am in Council Chambers.
- West Boundary Community Forest Meeting is Tuesday February 28, 2023 at 6:30pm in Greenwood.

Councillor Dunsdon – Written. A written report was provided; however, Councillor Dunsdon only discussed a few topic points as he was participating via Zoom and will bring the rest of the topic points back to the next meeting.

- Our OCP needs to move forward, currently still in draft form, not sure why.
- Forwarded an email he received from Kathleen Van Ekris, Community Adjustment Manager, Southern Region. She works with displaced workers; do we want to meet with her or her staff? Mayor liked the idea of arranging a meeting. Councillor Dunsdon will report back.
- We need to look at area pay for services like arena, curling club, library, medical clinic, fire service and museum.
- Councillor Dunsdon thanked Lisa for her report and responding to him on a couple issues. Mayor McMynn echoed his praise for Lisa's work so far.
- Councillor Metcalf asked for clarification on a point on his report that was not discussed: Can we have a governance check? It is a brief check on how Council is working. Are the meetings productive? Are tasks being completed? Are we working together? Are there any issues to discuss? Etc.

Question Period – Martin Fromme asked why, if Council was not pleased with the proposed Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution, would there be a lack of response? If you say nothing, it implies you are agreeing with the changes. Councillor Dunsdon stated the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary has sent a strongly worded letter, opposing the change. Council will review the changes to the map and decide whether to send a letter.

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totalling \$51,772.36 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for info only

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Items:

- Regional District Kootenay Boundary – re: Building Inspection Report to the end of January 2023
- Midway Community Association – February 7, 2023 Minutes.

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

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

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Items:

- Roly Russell, MLA – Growing Communities Fund
- MIABC – Expressions of Interest to Serve on the MIABC's Board of Directors

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 20:33 hours under Section 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter – Discussions respecting the provision of a municipal service.

Martin Fromme & Don Smythe leave at 20:34 hours.

Return to Regular Meeting at 20:47 hours.

Moved/Seconded that the following items be declassified from the in-camera meeting:

Moved/Seconded to release the public statement regarding the Midway Medical Clinic to the Village Newsletter, Village website and the Grand Forks Gazette.

Carried

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Moved/Seconded to include a section to the public statement thanking Dr. Fisher as well.

Carried

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Moved to adjourned at 20:48 hours.

Mayor McMynn

CAO Teggarty