

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on April 17, 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 Dunsdon, Willsey, Metcalf, Pownall

Staff: Lisa Teggarty CAO
Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Patricia Henley, President of the Trails to the Boundary Society, Marilyn Hanson – Midway Representative for the Trails to the Boundary Society.

Gallery: Martin Fromme, Mark Danyluk arrives at 19:03

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the April 17, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation

- a) Patricia Henley – President of the Trails to the Boundary Society made a presentation to the Council, of their 2022 Year-In-Review. Showcasing their growth and activities of 2022, projected updates on RDKB contracts and their goals moving forward. They report to RDKB and their obligation is to make sure their goals are met and reported.
- They were established in 2015 with the primary purpose of Community and Economic development across all communities in the West Boundary and have non-profit directors representing Bridesville, Rock Creek, Midway, Beaverdell, Westbridge, Greenwood and Big White.
 - Lumin McCutcheon is the Economic Development Manager, Ciel Sander is the Trail Coordinator, Anu Baliyan is the Administrator, Vicky Gee is the Community coordinator and Marilyn Hanson is the Midway volunteer representative.
 - They have agreements with the RDKB for stewardship of the Trans Canada Trail, for the Kettle Valley Schoolhouse Heritage project, an Economic Development position and the lease/operation of the Riverside Centre.
 - They have Partnership agreements with the Province for a 155km section of the Trans Canada Trail, and the Kettle River Horse Trails.
 - Some projects included are the Rock Creek Visitor's Centre, the West Boundary Connect website, Kettle River Echo Newsletter, Bird Watching and Awareness day, Seniors Being Seen Engagement Program.
 - The Society has been awarded a \$25,000 grant, last year and again this year, for the Seniors Being Seen Engagement Program. The Center offers free weekly presentations that include a healthy snack/meal afterwards for attendees/seniors who need and benefit from that option. Operating same days as the Food Share center is open
 - The Society received a REDIT grant and is in the process of updating the West Boundary Connect Website.
 - The Society has been awarded several grants towards preserving the Kettle Valley School house and have just received the finalized report from the engineers.
 - The Riverside Centre was originally established a Co-op based as a business model but failed miserably so the RDKB purchased the Centre and it will now be managed under a community-based model with expected repayment of startup costs within 5 years. Work continues on systems and policies to ensure the Riverside Centre is successful.
 - The Centre is busy with an Osoyoos Credit Union representative here 2 days a week, the ATM, EV charging stations, visitor information, public gathering space, office and boardroom rentals are just some of the services present.
 - Shari Doratti is the West Boundary Connect website administrator. Website use is expending rapidly with lots of exposure on local information and activities.
 - The Kettle River Echo publication goes out, FREE, to 1000 households within the West Boundary area. The Echo pays for itself thru subscriptions and advertising.
 - Their mandate is to support non-profit, local businesses. Although we are in Rock Creek, the Centre is willing to collaborate with anyone in the West Boundary, including Midway. Sponsoring well attended computer courses.
 - In Beaverdell the Society is interested in having work completed on the trails there and are working to access available money from Tech.

Pat and Marilyn leave at 19:24

Question Period

The Mayor had a question for resident Martin Fromme about collecting the MRDT tax – is it difficult to collect? Martin does not have a business and does not collect it personally but was aware that the Museum was going to be collecting it and didn't feel that it would be any more difficult than collecting other taxes. It did not appear to be an issue.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the Special Meeting of March 14, 2023 (Page 6799) be adopted as circulated

Carried

Moved/Seconded that the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2023 (Page 6800-6802) be adopted as circulated

Carried

Moved/Seconded that the Special Meeting of March 27, 2023 (Page 6803) be adopted as circulated

Carried

Business Arising

Special Meeting of March 14, 2023 (Page 6799) - none

Regular Meeting of March 20, 2023 (Page 6800-6802)

Page 6800 - The Fire Chiefs award is a two-piece award of which we were only shipped one portion of it. We are still awaiting on the second piece — a gold bar. The music festival proposal was tabled and the CAO will reach out to Larry Kost of the Rock Creek Fall Fair board on their Board's decision.

Page 6801 - Administration sent a letter to Joyce Scales.

Page 6802 - none.

Special Meeting of March 27, 2023 (Page 6803) - None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) West Boundary Senior Housing Society - Parkview Manor housing expansion. The second building would be smaller (60%). There is a need for non-hospitality (food) included accommodations. The existing lot size is 20 ft short for a decent sized building. BC housing needs to know if the Village will donate or sell the Village owned strip of land required for this project before any further development can continue. Further research into Municipal legislation is required. June would be a more realistic timeline to complete the research. Martin Fromme will check with funder that a commitment alone, from the Village, will be enough to move the project along or if a completed transfer of title is required at this time.

Mark Danyluk leaves the meeting at 19:44

- b) **Moved/Seconded** 2022 Annual Water Report. be rec'd and filed. **Carried**
- c) West Boundary Community Forest - Interim Dividend confirmation letter.
- d) Siobhan Downing - Cemetery Bylaw Concerns. Tabled in order to review the Bylaw.
- e) Midway Seniors Centre - Branch 117 - Request for shed roof appraisal. There is some history there, but the building is in very poor condition. A portion of the building covers the sprinkler system and an old well. The CAO will discuss with the Public Works foreman and see if it worth it and what the appraisal costs would be.

Correspondence

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Items:

- a) Paul Rasmussen, Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association — Invite to 2023 Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association (ILMA) Convention and Trade Show, Osoyoos, May 29-31. The Mayor may attend.
- b) Jen Ford, UBCM President — Invitation for local governments willing to provide a list of municipally owned properties for use for housing. Council is unsure of supporting this item.
- c) Fortis BC — Nominate a Charity or non-profit in our community. Table this item to the May 1, 2023 Council meeting.
- d) Seana-Lee Coolbaugh, Administrator, Spirit of the Rockies Society — Invitation to the St. Eugene Grand Parade, Cranbrook. be rec'd and filed. **Carried**

Administrator's Report - Written

1. Covid Restart Funds remaining at Dec 31, 2022 - \$369,606. CAO to bring a report back to Council for discussion on eligibility and direction from Council on use of the funds in the 2023 Budget. It was noted that no Capital projects are allowed for expenditures with this fund, they must be related to covid. Now that we are past Covid restrictions, the guidelines still have to be followed. The CAO is hoping to have time to bring back a report on May 1st, 2023.
2. The 2022 year-end Trial Balance has been given to the auditors. The remaining Audit work and completion of the financial statements is being completed remotely. Auditors were hoping to present the Audited Financial Statements at the May 1st Regular meeting, but they have advised staff that they will need more time to complete them. *Would Council be agreeable to having a Special meeting on 11th or 12th May, so that the Financial Statements can be approved in time for Ministry deadlines?* They are looking to present on Thursday May 11, 2023. The financial statements must be approved May 15th, 2023 and sent to the Ministry. A 6:00pm meeting will be scheduled for May 11, 2023.
3. Met with REDIP Funder Managers, Prov of BC Regional Manager, South Okanagan/Boundary Region and Community Futures regarding the Regional Economic Diversification & Infrastructure (REDIP) grant application. They requested that budget costs be scaled back for the Stakeholder engagement sessions. On the call, there was discussion around there being REDIP funding available for the priority projects that come from Plan. This funding is likely to be available for the next two years. This funding can be used for Midway specific projects. The application has been resubmitted and the cost scaled back.
4. Budget 2023 - Budget meeting dates to be discussed at the meeting. The first two weeks of May will need several meetings allocated for the Budget. On Wednesday May 3, 2023 we will have a budget presentation. The meeting will need to be advertised for that date.
5. Posting has been advertised for vacant Public Works Position. The job posting was incorrectly posted in Ashcroft instead of locally. It has now been reposted locally, for free, with the deadline of Friday, April 28, 2023 at 4:30pm.

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor McMynn — Verbal

- Highway 3 meeting — Tourism is fighting for highway improvements between Rock Creek and Christina Lake.
- Telus did not fulfill their cell service contract and so Rogers will complete it with cell service coverage.
- Received a letter from Interior Health — Six doctors want to track how the controlled drug substance act is working. They want to see if there is an increase in problems on the street.
- The meeting at the Community Hall about a Health hub was discussed. It appeared they wanted to add another layer of government. Funding and direction still to be confirmed. Someone should really speak to the doctors and

practitioners, so they can add their thoughts and needs. We should wait and see what progresses. They did look at the Elementary School but said our Medical Clinic is too small for their needs.

Councillor Metcalf — Verbal

- The West Boundary Community Forest dividends are \$100,000 currently, they are holding back some funds due to the audit. There is expected to be more dividends once the audit is completed.
- The next West Boundary Community Forest Meeting is Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 6:30pm at Greenwood City Hall
- Radon surveys — Is it possible to obtain Radon kits for the community? Can we look into purchasing some in bulk? Public works has looked at the reports on some Village buildings and has added more buildings that need to be looking into for testing.
- There were a few fallen trees, above the bridge, in Boundary Creek. Reid Hedlund, Owner of Mid Boundary was able to move his machine into cut/clear the tree and a few other hazard trees without impacting the creek. The costs for this work is being covered by the Emergency (EOC) program without any costs incurred by the Village.
- Councillor Metcalf wanted to add a comment about the April 16, 2023 sewer issue, saying that it was handled well by public works and the staff to get the information out to the public. Disposable wipes are still a significant issue for the sewer system. A septic truck was utilized from Rock Creek and another one was called in from Grand Forks. A posting was made on Facebook, but staff are looking at utilizing the existing Voyent Alert system to be able to reach more residents about local incidents/emergencies. Information on the Voyent Alert system will be added to the Newsletter once the further information is obtained.

Councillor Pownall — Verbal

- Met with Public works a few weeks ago with regards to the parking out front, at Parkview Manor. Public works doesn't see an issue, but he needs to know where exactly the building will sit. Street access will require adequate culvert and drainage.

Councillor Willsey - None

Councillor Dunsdon - Verbal

- Rogers is going thru an amalgamation and part of it is creating 300 jobs in Western Canada. Perhaps a Call Center in the Midway Elementary school?
- Do we have an email policy? Yes, we do.
- There are some trees in the park across from the Arena have dead tops/spears that should be brought down. The trees need to be assessed for removal, but the company was just in town. CAO will speak with Public works Foreman about scheduling an assessment.
- The music group proposing a mid-week show, Councillor has concerns about their business operations. Did we advertise for summer students? The request for funding was not completed last fall for summer students so no advertising was done for this year. The CAO will ensure that the request for funding gets completed in the fall of 2023.

Question Period — Martin Fromme asked if the "Fortis Nominate a Charity in our Community" award of \$15,000 should be passed along to some of our local non-profit organizations. The deadline for a submission is May 14, 2023

Financial Report — None

Bvlaws & Policies — None

Planning — None

Budgets/Accounts

Council asked for the breakdown of costs for payroll, to be included in their agenda copy.

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totalling \$160,890.94 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Items:

- Midway Community Association — March 7, 2023 Minutes
- Midway Partnership Fund — March 9, 2023 Minutes
- Dale Wheeldon, BCEDA President & CEO — 2023 BC Economic Summit, Penticton, April 16-19. be rec'd and filed.

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

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Items:

- BC Ombudsperson — Fairness in Practice workshops

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 20:37 hours under Section 90(1) (e) Acquisition, disposition of land or improvements.

Martin Fromme leaves at 20:37 hours.

Return to Regular Meeting at 21:02 hours.

Moved to adjourned at 21:02 hours.