

Mayor McMynn opened the Special Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on May 8, 2023, Midway Council Chambers, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway, BC.

We wish to acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the non-treaty traditional lands of the Okanagan Nation and the Osoyoos Indian Band

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, and Pownall

Staff: Lisa Teggarty CAO
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant

Gallery: None

Introduction of Late Items

In-Camera section of meeting under Section 90(1)(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the May 8, 2023, Special Meeting agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

Discussions

Budget – Deliberations - Draft 2023-2027 Five Year Financial Plan

- **Reviewed changes to the General Operating Funds**

REVENUE

- General Property Taxes estimate adjusted to \$665,958.
- CEPF Grant (Community Emergency Preparedness Fund) changed to \$88,377.
- Added Province of BC – Destination BC Development Fund of \$555,215.
- Added Province of BC - Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program - Forest Impact Transition \$165,000.
- Spray Park Committee Grant is shown in total - \$16,700.
- Prior year's surplus amounts relate to Covid Restart funds being used in 2023.

EXPENDITURES

- Other Expenses changed to \$254,214.
- Arena Equipment Maintenance changed to \$12,000. Zamboni repair needs to be completed in 2023.
- Other Non-Statutory Reserve Funds changed to \$24,000.
- COVID restart funds to purchase accessibility doors for municipal buildings was discussed. Priority would be given to the Library, Medical Clinic and Municipal Office. Other buildings that will also need to be assessed are Senior's Centre & Arena. The Community Centre accessibility will be taken care of during renovations. **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway is committed to increasing accessibility to its municipal buildings, starting with the Midway Public Library, Midway Medical Clinic and Village Office.

Carried

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- **Reviewed changes to the Sewer Operating Fund**

REVENUE

- Frontage taxes removed for 2026 & 2027; loan will be paid off.

- **Reviewed the Water Operating Fund**

REVENUE

- Grant Contributions included for \$34,734. This relates to completion of the EMBC – DFA Boundary Creek project.
- Contribution to Water Infrastructure Reserve changed to \$8,683. This is VOM contribution to the Boundary Creek project.

EXPENDITURES

- Maintenance & Utilities changed to \$125,439, for the additional expense to complete the above project.

- **Reviewed changes the General Capital Expenditures & Funding Sources.**

EXPENDITURES

- Municipal Buildings – Arena – Edger budgeted at \$8,000.
- Municipal Buildings – Office – CAO office renovation included at \$10,000.

Councillor Metcalf arrives at 19:32 hours.

Letters received:

- Midway Public Library. Request for additional funding to use for staff wages. An amount was not provided in the letter. Discussions regarding using COVID restart funds to help them purchase new, more reliable computers. **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves a one-time increase to the Midway Public Library grant-in aid for 2023 of \$5,000. The funds are to be taken from the COVID restart grant.

Carried

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- Boundary Minor Hockey. Request to open the arena early. Challenges with early opening (staffing, weather, expenses, use of building) was discussed. The number of teams operating out of BHMA is concerning, there was only one team last season. Hosting tournaments to increase use is a challenge due to lack of accommodations. The arena lost approximately \$120,000 in 2019, \$105,000 in 2020 and \$129,000 in 2022. Including the GIA received from the RDKB in 2022, the arena still lost just over \$100,000. **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway declines the request by Boundary Minor Hockey to open the arena early, due to budget constraints. **Carried**

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2023 Tax Rate & Revenue Analysis

CAO provided 3 scenarios for a tax rate increase: 2.5%, 3% & 4%. After discussion it was, **Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves a 4% tax increase for 2023 taxation year.

Carried

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Councillor Metcalf opposed.

Councillor Dunsdon leaves at 20:06 hours.

Letter – Anne Kang – Growing Communities Fund Grant

How should the Village approach using the Growing Communities Fund grant? A decision does not have to be made soon but planning and discussions should begin. Well replacement, paving and sidewalks, Riverfront Park expansion (including new washrooms) were discussed. Councillor Willsey feels affordable housing and using the property west of the arena should be a priority.

CAO reminded Council that more meetings are planned for this week. The Financial Plan and Tax Rate bylaws require three readings before adoption. The auditors are already scheduled to present the Financial Statement on Thursday May 11 at 6pm. A meeting could be scheduled on Wednesday for the three readings and do the adoption after the presentation by the auditors. Or three readings after the auditors on Thursday and adoption on Friday. Council agreed that meetings on Wednesday and Thursday would work the best.

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 20:32 hours under Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter - Acquisition, disposition of land or improvements & Section 90(1)(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

Moved to adjourned at 20:57 hours.

Mayor McMynn

CAO Teggarty