

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:03 hours on May 15, 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, Pownall

Absent: Councillor Dunsdon

Staff: Lisa Teggarty CAO
Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant

Gallery: Martin Fromme

Delegation: Kettle Valley Bike Track Group - Jolly McMynn, Andrew Simmonds, Lincoln Simmonds

Introduction of Late Items

- a) Kettle River Museum letter

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the May 15, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

Delegation - Kettle Valley Bike Track Group

- A group of people who are interested in building a Pump track, for any aged group, who wants to learn how to ride the mountain trails.
- A Pump track is a scaled-down version of a BMX track (Grand Forks has a full-sized BMX track)
 - Ride around without much pedalling required and learn how to utilize the ground.
 - Kettle River Provincial campground has a track – which has high use
 - Trending in a lot of communities. Can use any bike - no need to have a specialized bike.
 - Surface can be asphalt, cement or modular (specialized). Dirt can easily changeable and a good start.
 - Most injuries are minimal, with light abrasions or scratches; high speeds are not common.
 - It is NOT a racetrack, more for training of bike use.
 - By setting this up and having people learn the skills, they will then utilize our local trails.
 - Grants are available for Bike Tracks – specifically Pump tracks due to trends with outdoor recreation or Tourism grants available.
 - West Boundary Community Forest is interested in this activity and has some property across the bridge. There are some concerns about location and crossing the bridge for younger kids.
 - In principle, the group would like Council to consider a spot for Pump Track location on Village property. Would prefer to be in town, perhaps by the campground. Washrooms and amenities would be close and easily assessable for children.
 - The size of the pump track would be comparable to the size of the Village parking lot.
 - The group's vision is to build original track from dirt, then expand to pavement or cement, using grants for funding future expansions but once paved then it opens up to skateboard and other users.
 - Liability Concerns are minimal.
 - Costs would be bare bones with dirt and machine time possibly donated? Or the purchase soil may be necessary?
 - Kettle Valley Racing Association may front money for a grant application.
 - The track would start as dirt, then use calcium chloride to harden it or start with clay for hardening surface.
 - Fundraising would be possible by the group.
 - A composite picnic table for sitting would be nice for viewers.
 - Maintenance would be minimal, if paved, but rakes and small tools along with access to some water, would be used for keeping deer/mud in order, generally at the beginning of the year.
- In principle, the group would like Council to consider a spot for Pump Track location preferably on Village property and for them to organize a committee if it the idea is amendable to Council. Council will discuss further at a future meeting, under new and unfinished business.

Question Period

Andrew Simmonds had a question about the timeline on the Spray Park? Request for Proposals for construction have not yet gone out. Engineering design works need to be completed first. The grant is good until June of 2024.

Delegation leaves at 19:22

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Meeting of April 17, 2023 (Page 6804-6806) - Councillor Willsey brought up Councillor Dunsdon's concerns about trees across from arena, in park, that had some dead tops. Public Works Foreman wanted to wait for leaf out – says no problems.

Regular Meeting of May 1, 2023 (Page 6807-6809) – Councillor Willsey wanted to bring up concerns about possible Village responsibility of cleaning up years of broken glass at the 'flats'. CAO will confirm with Public works options of mitigation.

Special Meeting of May 3, 2023 (Page 6810-6811)

Special Meeting of May 8, 2023 (Page 6812-6813)

Special Meeting of May 10, 2023 (Page 6814)

Moved/Seconded that the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2023 (Page 6804-6806), Regular Meeting of May 1, 2023 (Page 6807-6809), Special Meeting of May 3, 2023 (Page 6810-6811), Special Meeting of May 8, 2023 (Page 6812-6813) and Special Meeting of May 10, 2023 (Page 6814) be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising - None**New and Unfinished Business**

- a) Province of BC, Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport – Destination Development and Science World Announcement. Councillor Willsey noted that there are not items regarding our area. **Moved/Seconded** be received and filed.
- b) Midway Public Library – Accessibility Audit. Numerous items can be addressed by the Library staff. Automated doors have been put in the budget. Most of the audit is based on suggestions, not that the recommendations must be done. The most significant item is the Accessibility Plan. Unclear who paid for the Audit. A chair lift/glide was recommended for access to the basement. The Public Works foreman has some of these items already on his list to look at or deal with this year. The CAO will review the list with the Public Works foreman. Library staff can address items like potential fall items/boxes, desk at basement door, and plant that needs to be moved. At one time there was no access to the basement as there was not second exit from the building? and public access was not allowed. Has that changed? Perhaps the Fire Chief can have a look? Access in front of the building needs to be changed so it is not two entrances separated by the rock feature. All chairs are wheeled and are an issue for the elderly/public, but who fixes that? Library staff? Funding would be an issue for the Library. Library is open 4 days a week with 1-20 people per day and 80-100 per week. Councillor Willsey says use is impressive if that is what they are averaging. A plan for attaining compliance is due by August 31, 2023. CAO to respond to letter.
Moved/Seconded that the Council have the CAO and the Public Works Foreman review the Accessibility Audit of the Midway Public Library to determine schedule and feasibility of recommendations and report back to Council. **Carried**
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- c) West Boundary Senior Housing Society – Parkview Manor housing expansion. The CAO advised Council that a Road Closure Bylaw would need to be adopted for the proposed donation strip of land on Eholt Road which would need to be publicly advertised. Martin Fromme stated that the intent of the resolution is for the West Boundary Senior Housing Society to be able to catch the September 2023 application deadline for their proposed new building structure, have a consultant start drawing up some plans and provide BC Housing with their proposed budget for the build. The CAO will bring this item back after researching the road closure bylaw process.
Moved/Seconded that Council table the motion of support for the application of the West Boundary Senior Housing Society to build additional housing units for Senior, until more road closure research has been completed and the information brought back to Council for approval. **Carried**
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- d) Late Item – Kettle River Museum – Seasonal Opening. Add information to Village Newsletter and it has been added to Facebook already. **Moved/Seconded** be received and filed.

Correspondence – None**Administrator's Report** - Verbal

1. Lots going on. The Financial Plan and Tax Rate have been adopted. The 2022 Financial statements are signed and have been uploaded for Ministry Submission.
2. Public Works Maintenance position – Interviews have been set for May 16th and May 19th.
3. Canada Day – will bring back for discussion on June 5th meeting. Martin Fromme was not aware if the Midway Community Association had any plans yet. The Fire Department puts on a Pancake Breakfast and fireworks. The Bridge will do a free lunch of hotdogs and hamburgers for the community. The Fire department has ordered the fireworks. Martin suggests that if the Village wants the Community Association to organize something then they can make a request. In the past a number of activities could be arranged – slip and slide, parade, beer gardens, music, etc.

Moved/Seconded that the CAO contact the Midway Community Association – Christine Hinks, Ron Nociar, John Hibberson, Randy Kappes, and Fire Department representatives be invited to the June 5th, 2023 Council meeting to discuss Canada celebrations. **Carried**

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4. The meeting with Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) and the Osoyoos Indian Band regarding the property at 885 Highway 3 has been schedule for Thursday, May 18th, 2023, from 3-4 pm.

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor McMynn – Verbal

- Reid Hedlund went to the Ministry of Forests to express how the closure of small mills in small communities' effects everything from doctors, pharmacies, stores; everything in the community. The Truck Loggers Association wants to interview Mayor McMynn, who insisted Reid Hedlund also be included, on Thursday, May 18th, 2023, at 2pm about economic development of small communities. After P&T went down and another mill re-opened, Midway won an economic award during that time. That will be discussed at the interview, but details will be reviewed prior to interview. Reid Hedlund provided a significant amount information to the Ministry already. There is a perception of lack of services in small communities but when there are job losses and people have to move, infrastructure can not be maintained to the standards of larger-sized communities.
- There is lots of concern about the deck being built adjacent to the trailer on 5th Ave. What actions are occurring? Do commercial properties have different standards? The CAO is working on a few options and steps are being taken to address the situation.

Councillor Willsey – Verbal

- Busy week, questions about Budget have been answered.
- Concerned about trailer on 5th Ave.

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal

- West Boundary Community Forest – next meeting in Midway on June 15th, 2023
- Restart Covid funds – \$370,000 - have we talked about them? Bring back for discussion with list of items that money is allowed to be used for.
- REDIP – any information? CAO has not received confirmation from funder.
- Councillor Metcalf and Mayor McMynn are off on June 6th to the BC Community Forest Association conference in Kamloops – logging, lumber and small communities will be discussed.

Councillor Pownall – None

Question Period - None

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$123,680.29 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for Info Only

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Items:

- Province of BC, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness – Emergency Preparedness
- Midway Community Association – April 17, 2023 Minutes
- Midway Partnership Fund – May 2, 2023 Minutes

be rec'd and filed.

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

Moved/Seconded that the following Items:

- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – May 10, 2023 Board Highlights
- Shaw – Rogers Wireline and Wireless Services Update – Floods

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 20:15 hours under Section 90(1)(e) – the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

Martin Fromme leaves at 20:15 hours.

Return to Regular Meeting at 21:25 hours.

Moved to adjourned at 21:25 hours.