

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:02 hours on June 5, 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, Dunsdon

Absent: Councillor Pownall

Staff: Lisa Teggarty CAO
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant

Gallery: Jolly McMynn, Tia Nordstrom, Ron Nociar, Christine Hinks, Martin Fromme, Elaine Fromme

Delegation: Sharen Gibbs, RDKB Area E Director

Introduction of Late Items

Delegation – Sharen Gibbs, RDKB Area E Director

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the June 5, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

Delegation - Sharen Gibbs, RDKB Area E Director

Sharen wanted to officially introduce herself and meet Council. She provided a brief introduction regarding her new role as Area E Director and how she is adjusting. Midway has received many grants from the RDKB: Arena, curling club and youth soccer league were mentioned.

Councillor Metcalf arrives at 19:04 hours.

Mayor McMynn would like to arrange a meeting with Sharen, James Chandler (RDKB Deputy CAO) and the Fire Department regarding Rural Fire Protection.

Support to the library was mentioned. Mayor McMynn stated the Village is willing to help them upgrade their computer systems. Sharen said RDKB would also contribute to that upgrade.

Question Period - None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Special Meeting of May 11, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Special Meeting of May 12, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Regular Meeting of May 15, 2023 (Page 6817-6819) requires a spelling correction. Page 6817, Delegation, second point, first subpoint, "peddling" is the incorrect word to use in that context. **Moved/Seconded** Council directs staff to correct the error and bring the minutes of May 15, 2023 back to the next meeting for approval.

Carried

Business Arising – None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Midway Community Association – Canada Day Celebration plans. At previous MCA meeting a plan for Canada Day Celebrations has been created with only a few details to be finalized. Plans include pancake breakfast by the Fire Dept, hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch at The Bridge, parade, kids' games and karaoke at the park, dinner (by donation) in the park with musical entertainment, possibility of beer gardens, followed by fireworks. MCA has received \$2,500 from the West Boundary Community Forest and \$2,500 from the RDKB. Jolly will send donation request letters to local businesses. Times for all the events and parade route were discussed.

Elaine Fromme arrives at 19:17 hours.

Posters will be distributed to Village Staff when times are finalized, staff will promote in the newsletter and social media.

- b) West Boundary Senior Housing Society – Donation of Land. Report from CAO on file. After discussion it was **Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway supports the application of the West Boundary Senior Housing Society to build additional housing units for Seniors. In support of this initiative, the Village of Midway will donate 80 feet of Village lands along the East side of the existing parcel of land. This donation is contingent of a successful application being made with the BC Housing Community Housing Fund, as well as the adoption of a road closure bylaw.

Carried

- c) Midway Seniors Centre – Branch 117 – Request for shed roof appraisal. CAO spoke with Public Works, there is a well on site that needs to be decommissioned and the roof replacement would cost approximately \$6,000-\$9,000. There is a desire to restore the building due to its heritage, it was once the RCMP horse stable. There are grants available for heritage buildings. After discussion it was **Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway supports the reconstruction of the old stable by applying for a Heritage grant next spring. **Carried**

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Councillor Dunsdon opposed.

- d) Kettle Valley Bike Track delegation (May 15th meeting) – CAO would like to keep the topic relevant and discussed. Councillor Willsey fully supports the project but would like to ensure the plans don't include the track bordering residential properties for noise concerns. Mayor McMynn would like to arrange a meeting with the Kettle Valley Racing Society to see if there is a possible collaboration to get the project off the ground.
- e) Province of BC, Office of the Premier & Ministry of Municipal Affairs – 2023 UBCM Meeting requests. Council typically meets with BC Ambulance, RCMP, ALR, Interior Health, Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Transportation. Council would like staff to find who they met with last year and report back at the June 19th meeting. If Wendy Higashi will be able to join Council at UBCM this year then Council would also like to set up meetings with Ministry of Tourism, grant writers and anything to do with Museums.
- f) Spray Park Enhancement Project – Direct Award for Engineering Services. Report from CAO on file. The Village of Midway has received funding through BC Destination Development Fund and the Kettle Spray Park Committee for the Park Enhancement project. For the project to take shape, the Project design, Civil and Geotechnical Engineering must commence first. Staff are recommending a direct award for the engineering services. Following the recommendation by the CAO it was **Moved/Seconded** THAT Council waive the Village of Midway's policy #155 Municipal Expenditures (Staff) requiring staff to obtain a minimum of two bids for Council's consideration, for the civil and geotechnical engineering services of the Spray Park Enhancement project.

AND THAT Council approves the direct award for Geotechnical site inspection to Crowsnest Engineering in the amount of \$3,694.00 plus taxes.

AND THAT Council approves the direct award for Project Design and Civil engineering to ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd in the amount of \$19,150.00 plus taxes.

Carried

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Correspondence

- a) Michael Bonner – Noise concern, Canada Day Celebration. **Moved/Seconded** that Council directs staff to reply to Michael Bonner, thanking him for his letter and that Council will endeavor to comply with his concerns. **Carried**

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Administrator's Report – Written Report on File

1. Boundary Freshet 2023 update – State of Emergency was cancelled May 26, 2023. Removal of Besko bins and clean up was completed by a contractor.
2. 2023 Property Taxes have been mailed – Tax due date is July 4th, 2023.
3. The Financial Data/LGDE Statutory Reporting has been completed. The adopted 2023 – 2027 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2023 Annual Tax Rates Bylaw and 2022 Audited financial statements are on our website and displayed in the Village office.
4. 2022 Annual Expenditure Report for Gas Tax funds has been completed and submitted as required by the Canada Community – Building Fund.
5. The Public Works position recruitment was a success, and David Cote will be joining us on June 12th.
6. CEPF Flood mitigation – Detailed design project has been completed and the final report to UBCM has been submitted for approval – Staff will bring back a report to Council on the findings and the next steps.
7. Still waiting on the decision on the REDIP Regional Economic Diversification & Infrastructure (REDIP) – Forest Impact transition grant application.
8. Update on Midway Community Centre – Revised drawings end of June 2023, Issue of tender July 2023, Construction to start Aug 2023.
9. CAO to prepare and file the Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) documents as per Section 2. of the Financial Information Act by June 30, 2023.
10. CAO to start preparing the Village of Midway Annual report.
11. Cemetery Bylaw to be brought to June 19th Council meeting.
12. Sharma Nagendra from ALC coming to June 19th meeting as a delegate – After the June 15 meeting with PSPG and OIB at 3-4pm, Council can meet regarding preparation for the ALC delegation.
13. BCEHS –Meet and greet email.

14. Midway Public Library Accessibility – Sparc BC has an accessibility grant. CAO to attend online workshop and see if it fits the criteria for the works needed at the library.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal

- West Boundary Community Forest – Next meeting in Midway on June 15th, 2023
- WBCF has just distributed over \$67,000 in grants. List will be provided to office staff.

Councillor Willsey – Verbal

- Attended a FortisBC Virtual Workshop. It was eye opening. Fortis is saying it cannot support the push for everyone to go to electric (vehicles, heat pumps, etc.). They are hoping for diversification (natural gas, biogas, solar). If diversification takes place it is projected by 2040, prices will go up 118%. If deep electrification takes place, by 2040 prices will go up by 235%. Kelowna was used as a test case, just using electricity, it would cost \$3.421B for infrastructure, to completely electrify. The takeaway for the Village should be, look before you leap with regards to migrating everything to electric.

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal

- Community Garden has given up the bottle recycling bin. It became too much work for the volunteers. A private venture has taken it over.
- Volunteer Appreciation Day BBQ/Corn Roast will take place as usual; however, in order to prepare, they may require a cash advance to buy supplies.

Mayor McMynn – Verbal

- The Truck Loggers Association interview with Mayor McMynn and Reid Hedlund will be available to preview soon.
- Approached by a resident with concerns regarding a neighboring property owner piling material on his lot to make it higher, potentially making access to services (gas lines, water/sewer lines) harder to get to.
- Community Forest Convention in Kamloops tomorrow with Councillor Metcalf.
- Fireworks arrived Friday evening. There is currently an Open Burn ban in the SE Fire Centre which includes fireworks. As a municipality, that can be overridden. Can discuss further at June 19 Meeting.
- Rock Roses are blooming in town. Would like Chief Louie from OIB to come have a look if he is coming here for a meeting.
- With regards to Councillor Willsey's report on Fortis. Toyota and Kenworth/Peterbilt are working on a new hydrogen fuel cell car that should be released soon.
- BC Ambulance meeting, they would like to meet sometime between June 12-16. Discussions would include ambulance bay classification (push to get full time attendants), possible support to pave airport strip which would allow air ambulance access.

Question Period

Martin Fromme commented that during his previous term as Mayor, he spoke with the ALC regarding removing the Village land, west of the arena, from the ALR. The Village was told to create a plan to develop the land, which included expanding the recreational portion along the river, adjacent to the property in question. The land would be permitted to be removed from the ALC if those plans were followed. That direction came out of the Official Community Plan that was worked on by James Van Hemert in 2019 & 2020. Staff is directed to find those documents to prepare for the June 19 meeting delegation.

Martin Fromme asked if the Village would be willing to promote the Midway Partnership Fund in the upcoming newsletter? Yes. Partnership Fund will provide a write up.

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$169,334.95 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Christine Hinks leaves at 20:14 hours

Correspondence for Info Only

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Items:

- a) Regional District Kootenay Boundary – re: Building Inspection Report to the end of April 2023
- b) Ministry of Transportation, Active Transportation Team – BC E-Bike Rebate Program
- c) Midway Partnership Fund – May 31, 2023 Minutes
- d) Kathy Hartman, VP New Denver and Area Housing Society – Rural Housing Crisis Survey for Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development – 6 questions

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Jolly McMynn, Tia Nordstrom, Ron Nociar, Sharen Gibbs & Martin Fromme leave at 20:16 hours.

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

Moved/Seconded that the following Items:

a) ETSI-BC – Funding Update News on the Forest Impact Recovery Program
be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Councillor Dunsdon mentioned that RDKB Directors will be travelling through the area (Christina Lake to Big White) to visit various areas of the region. They will be coming through on June 16 and estimated to visit the Midway Community Garden around 1:30pm.

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 20:21 hours under Section 90(1)(m) – a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting, Section 90(1)(g) – litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality & Section 90(1)(c) – labour relations or other employee relations.

Cam Kamigochi leaves at 20:21 hours.

Return to Regular Meeting at 20:59 hours.

Councillor Metcalf inquired about the cost per km rate for the Village policy. The 2023 CRA rate 2023 is 68¢ per kilometre for the first 5,000 kilometres driven. 62¢ per kilometre driven after that. CAO will check that this is written in Policy.

Moved to adjourned at 21:01 hours.

Mayor McMynn

CAO Teggarty