

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on June 19, 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

Gallery: Martin Fromme

**Introduction of Late Items** - None

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded** that the June 19, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as amended.

**Carried**

**Question Period** - None

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 5, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

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

**Carried**

**Business Arising**

Regular Meeting of May 15, 2023 (Page 6817-6819) – Page 6818 – Councillor Willsey had some questions about the required Accessibility Plan and what details would be required in order to complete the Plan? Some concerns about meeting the deadline, but if we only need to say that we are planning to do the work rather than actually completing the work, then it may be manageable. The Library delegation was not able to attend. The CAO will reach out to the Library for more information.

Regular Meeting of June 5, 2023 (Page 6820-6823) - None

Special Meeting of June 15, 2023 (Page 6824) - None

**New and Unfinished Business**

- a) 2023 UBCM Conference
  - Municipal Insurance Association of BC Voting Delegate – Mayor Douglas McMynn is the Voting Delegate with Councillor Darrin Metcalf as the Alternate #1.
  - UBCM Convention Meeting Planning – Mayor McMynn, Councillor Metcalf and CAO Teggarty will be attending. There was discussion around the meetings Council would like to be arranged. CAO Teggarty will request meetings with the following Ministries or Agencies: Ministry of Forests, RCMP, Housing, Ministry of Health, BC Emergency Health Service (Ambulance), Agricultural Land Commission, Ministry of Transportation, Tourism and Municipal Affairs. Last year there were only 4 meetings.
- b) Cemetery Bylaw 531, 2021 and Upright Markers discussion
  - A discussion was had about possible changes to the Cemetery Bylaw to allow upright markers. It was decided that the Bylaw is compliant with most other places and not to make any changes to the existing Bylaw. Council directed the CAO to reply to a submitted letter, stating the council's decision on upright markers.
- c) Fireworks at Canada Day Celebration/Open Burn Ban
  - The ban has been lifted as of the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. The Fire Chief has a higher comfort level now and if conditions remain the same, the Fire Department will take precautions to minimize the risk. If the risk increases to a level in which the conditions cannot be mitigated, then the fireworks may be cancelled.
- d) Further discussion on Agricultural Land Commission property in Midway
  - Council want to have a professional presentation depicting what the Village's plan is for the expansion of the Riverfront Park area. The plan needs to be presented by July 17, 2023. Councillor Dunsdon stated that it is important that we present our philosophy for the expansion – Family destination. This would include the park use, RV park, camping, Spray Park and Bike Park use. Before the ACL will consider this, we need this plan. Start with a power point perhaps. The CAO will check with Houle Consulting to see if there is time on his schedule to complete a presentation on the Village's behalf.
- e) Resolution to apply for Sparc BC Local Accessibility grant program – Stream 1.

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approves and supports an application to SparcBC Local Community Accessibility grant program for a Midway Library Accessibility project, up to the value of \$25,000.

**Carried**

**Correspondence**

- a) Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness – Disaster Financial Assistance for Overland Flood Damage Geographic Area
  - Councillor Willsey noted that if your insurance company does not offer overland flood insurance you would still be eligible for this assistance.
- b) Midway Community Association – Invitation to participate in Canada Day dinner.
  - Councillor Willsey will be available for to help with dinner being served sometime around 5:30-6:00.

**Administrator's Report** – Written Report on File

- 1) ALC Commission delegation being reschedule for July 17, 2023 meeting.
- 2) Planning/Development – Currently working with our consultant on three sub-division files.
- 3) Work on Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) ongoing June 30, 2023.
- 4) Village of Midway Annual report – Input from Council on Strategic items - CAO requesting a special meeting for discussion and for Council approval of SOFI. Discussed briefly. Staff have started the draft. Last Annual report was done in 2019. SOFI needs to come thru first. Council would prefer a meeting to be able to discuss details.
- 5) Attended the Local Community Accessibility grant program information session to find out if the Midway Public Library project would be an eligible project and find out how to apply. The project is eligible under Stream 1., up to \$25,000.
- 6) Attended an Interior BC Municipal Finance workshop to discuss the ARO (Asset Retirement Obligations) workshop in Trail, BC. As part of the discussion, it was decided that the group would meet Quarterly to discuss asset management practices, training, and progress in the region.
- 7) Met with Wendy Higashi re Park Enhancement project (Spray Park). She is hopeful that we will receive the draft for the main part of the project by next week. The CAO will bring it back to council to review engineer's plan.
- 8) Last day to pay 2023 Property Taxes - July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Councillor's asked about progress on the Community Hall. The CAO is still waiting on the Architect's report and is hopeful the reports will come thru this week.

**Mayor and Council Reports****Councillor Metcalf** – Verbal

- West Boundary Community Forest – Next meeting in Greenwood on August 22, 2023
- At the last meeting they discussed the Jewel Lake trails and the frisbee golf course in Midway which will be going ahead.
- Due to the West Boundary Community Forest's excellent reputation, the WBCF was able to secure a designated cutting permit that would allow cutting over the year, rather than individual permits for every proposed cut. There has been a significant amount of work done to achieve this distinct precedence.
- Attended the Community Forest Association meetings in Kamloops where there was a lot of good information discussed including stumpage rates, their calculations and items like fire mitigation. Dan Macmaster did a great job of making a presentation to the Ministers regarding expansion. A field trip to the Logan Lake Community Forest showcased the effectiveness of spacing and pruning for fire mitigation like we also do around Midway, Greenwood and other local areas.
- Mayor McMynn noted the Williams Lake Community Forest presentation that included elder's knowledge along with scientific information, utilizing mitigation as a tool.
- Councillor Willsey noted that she was fascinated by all that the WBCF makes happen in the area from the Wilgress Lake education area to work in the Fritz Road locations.
- Dan Macmaster brings in 1.1 million dollars to our area for projects and disperses monies thru schools, grants, scholarships, bursaries, and to the community.

**Councillor Pownall** – Verbal

- Was at the Fire Chief's convention last week. Good for networking. Mitigation was well discussed at this level too.
- Recruitment and retention problems were discussed. Difficult across all departments. With volunteer departments there is the same amount of training required as a paid department. This has an impact on departments with older volunteers, who have lots of experience are not wanting to spend the extra on book work but now are not qualified to fully participate in events.

**Councillor Willsey** – Verbal

- Attended the Community Forest Meeting, which was good.
- Visited the Community Garden.
- Reading the Bylaws.

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal

- Regional District (group from the east end) was here for a tour. Stopped at the West Boundary Community Forest Outdoor Education Centre for a tour with Dan Macmaster. The group stopped at the Greenwood Museum, Greenwood City hall, Midway Village Office, Firehall, Ambulance bay, Community Center, Community Gardens and the Riverside Center in Rock Creek. It was a good tour.
- Thinking – should we have a Community meeting this fall? See what this Community needs or wants. What they are feeling or what they want to talk about.
- Wants to bring to New Business at the next meeting, the Council meeting schedule. Possible change to 1 per month or every 3 weeks. Other communities have successfully gone this route.
- Direct Deposit – any headway on it? It is on the CAO's list, but not a priority at this time.
- Electronic agenda's?
- Mayor McMynn mentioned that there will be a much earlier start to gathering information on the Budget, so more meetings may be required.
- The RDKB Area E donated \$2,500 to the Canada celebrations. Councillor Dunsdon thanked the director for the money.

Mayor McMynn – Verbal

- Attended the BC Community Forest Association meetings in Kamloops with Councillor Metcalf. It was very interesting and educational. Next year the meeting is in Mackenzie – far away and most likely will not attend. This year as it was in a centralized location, the meeting was well attended.
- Rock Roses are out - sent letter and photos to Chief Louie. He has not had a reply back.
- Question regarding permits for shooting ground hogs within the Village as poison is not an option. What are the options?
- Spoke to a local Telus worker about Rogers taking over Telus' contract and providing coverage. The worker stated that it is very difficult putting poles on indigenous lands. They were still waiting on permits going back 8-9 years. He is pushing for coverage up Highway 3.
- Mayor of Greenwood approached Mayor McMynn and asked about the Bylaw officer's car; it's whereabouts and the possibility of selling it. We have the car and a discussion on options will be had at a later date.
- A discussion was had with James Smith about him having a loader for sale if the Village was interested. James has the ability to track down used equipment if the Village ever needed. The Village does have a Policy for bidding that needs to be followed when obtaining equipment at the level of cost, so may not be an option right now.
- Added later: Directed the CAO to put out advertising for a Bylaw Officer.

Question Period

Martin Fromme had a question on why Rock Roses were brought up and Mayor McMynn stated that they are important to the Indigenous people and Chief Joseph's band used them for medicinal purposes. Chief Louie is related and had written in his book that he had never seen a Rock Rose, so Mayor McMynn reached out let him know they were in bloom. Martin was also curious about the Medical Hub meeting that happened a few months ago - did that include the people from Interior Health or just the doctors. It was not very clear to the attendees who was actually presenting. It appeared to be another level of government who were involved, perhaps Community Health? Martin also wanted to know if the CAO found the presentation that had previously be done on the Agricultural Land proposal by James Van Hemert of Hemert and Company? The CAO will reach out to find a copy. The last question Martin had was regarding the land adjacent to the Museum. It is In-Camera at this time and cannot be discussed.

Financial Report – NoneBylaws & Policies – NonePlanning – NoneBudgets/Accounts

A question was asked regarding one item on the cheque listing and was it was confirmed.

**Moved/Seconded** that budgets and accounts totaling \$78,933.38 be drawn on the general account and be paid.

**Carried**Correspondence for Info Only

**Moved/Seconded** that the following Correspondence Items:

- a) Sharon Gregson, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC – Urgent – UBCM Child Care Resolution
- b) Midway Community Association – June 12, 2023 Minutes
- c) UBCM – UBCM Convention Registration; RCMP contract; Climate Action & Energy Awards
- d) Nagendra Sharma, Agricultural Land Commission – Meeting with Village of Midway Council

be rec'd and filed.

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

**Moved/Seconded** that the following Items:

- a) Linda Worley, Chair, Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee – Columbia River Treaty Interim Revenue Sharing Agreements

be rec'd and filed.

**Carried**

**Moved/Seconded** that Council move In-Camera at 20:13 hours under Section 90(1)(m) – a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting, and Section 90(1)(g) – litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

Return to Regular Meeting at 20:35 hours.

**Moved** to adjourned at 20:38 hours.

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Mayor McMynn

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CAO Teggarty