

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:02 hours on August 8, 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
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Elly Macmaster & Meghan Hatley – Boundary Women's Coalition
Jennifer Dyson & Kim Grout – Agricultural Land Commission (via Zoom)

Gallery: Martin Fromme, Randy Houle, Houle Consulting (via Zoom)

Introduction of Late Items - None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the August 8, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation

Elly Macmaster & Meghan Hatley – Boundary Women's Coalition. Slideshow on file.

Elly Macmaster explained to Council what the BWC is, does and how it can help women and children in the Boundary. They are a non-profit organization serving women and their children experiencing or at risk of violence in the Boundary region (Christina Lake to Bridesville, and Carmi) since 1986. They provide safety, shelter, support, advocacy, resources, and community connection. They have a new look to their website that is much easier to navigate and inviting to look at, including a new logo. Meghan Hatley detailed the services they offer: a 6 bed, 6 bath transition house (up to 30 days) and a secure, second stage, 10-unit, housing facility (up to 12 months). Both stay limits have been relaxed due to the housing crisis. They also offer outreach programs, counselling & support, and a resource centre in Grand Forks. Support of the BWC can come in many ways including donations, joining the board, volunteering, becoming a member and help spreading the word. Council thanked Elly and Meghan for their presentation and agreed to promote the BWC on the Village website and Facebook page. Councillor Dunsdon asked if they provided transportation for clients to their facilities? Meghan said it depends on the situation. If there is zero safety risk to her staff, they will pick up. Cabs can also be utilized if available in the area or they will ask the RCMP to assist if the situation requires it. Councillor Dunsdon invited the BWC to come to the Volunteer Appreciation/Community Garden Corn Roast on August 26, 2023 and set up an information tent.

Elly Macmaster & Meghan Hatley leaves at 19:21 hours.

Jennifer Dyson & Kim Grout – Agricultural Land Commission. Slideshow on file.

ALC Chair Dyson and ALC CEO Grout provided an informational slideshow explaining what the ALC is and does and how it affects municipalities. A note-worthy statistic is that approximately 4.9% of all the land in BC and 5.8% of land in the Kootenay region is in the ALR; however, within the boundaries of the Village of Midway it is 54%. After the conclusion of the presentation, Mayor McMynn asked how the Village could start a request with the ALC. There is land in the ALR that the Village would like removed. Kim will provide contact information for the planner responsible for our area. CAO has been working with the Planner on other ALC related items.

Jennifer Dyson and Kim Grout leave at 19:56 hours.

Question Period - None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 17, 2023 (Pages 6830-6833) be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of July 17, 2023 (Page 6830-6833) – Page 6833 – Councillor Willsey asked if we have written a letter of support for the increase in tax breaks for volunteer fire persons to UBCM? It was discussed but direction was not provided.

Moved/Seconded that staff send a letter of support to UBCM, advocating for an increase in tax breaks for volunteer fire persons and first responders to \$10,000.

Carried

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Used cars parked at the top of Thomet Road. Item to be added to the next In-Camera agenda for discussion.

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Staff Report – Zoning Housekeeping Amendments Third reading of Bylaw. Randy Houle of Houle Consulting was available for questions, via Zoom.
- b) Staff Report – Flood Mitigation – Detailed design cost estimate. CAO confirmed that there had been lots of work and public consultation up to this point. She confirmed to Council that the request for resolution was to secure grant funding. If we are successful with the grant, details will come back to Council and further input will be required on how they would like to see it proceed.

Moved/Seconded that Council supports a grant application to the Government of Canada, Infrastructure Canada under the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund for Disaster Mitigation works, up to \$2 million, for a Flood Mitigation and Protection project.

Carried

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- c) Boundary Minor Hockey – Donation request for raffle prize.

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway will donate a Family Pass for the arena for the 2023/2024 season to the Boundary Minor Hockey for the golf tournament fundraiser.

Carried
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- d) Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch – Proposed amendments to the Cannabis Control Regulation were discussed. Mayor McMynn expressed his concerns of allowing smoking of cannabis in places where smoking and vaping is allowed, and why not allow alcohol drinking where non-alcoholic beverages are allowed? Councillor Willsey would like the topic brought up on Friday at the Community Safety Roundtable with Minister Farnworth, who is the minister of Public Safety. Her concerns were that there should be better testing available to catch impaired drivers.
- e) Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General, Mike Farnworth – Meeting request – Mayor & Council, Aug 11th 2023. CAO is expecting 14 attendees, should the meeting be moved out of the Council Chambers? CAO will check with the Fire Chief to see if the Fire Hall is available, if not, the Community Centre.
- f) Selection Committee - Boundary Economic Diversification Plan (Expression of interest (EOI)/Request for Proposal (RFP)). The committee will need to meet informally on Thursday August 10th to review the EOI's received. 6pm in the Council chambers was suggested. CAO to confirm time and location with Boundary Community Futures.

Moved/Seconded that all of Council will be named to the Selection Committee for the Boundary Economic Diversification Plan.

Carried
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Correspondence

- a) Robert Johansen – Complaint letter. After discussion, Council would like staff to research more information regarding the property in question, and report back to Council at the next meeting. CAO will send a letter to Mr. Johansen confirming that staff are looking into his query.

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Items:

- b) UBCM – Canada Community-Building Fund: First Community Works Fund (Gas Tax) payment for 2023/2024
c) Peace River Regional District – UBCM Resolution, BC Wildfire Service Fire Fighting Equipment

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

- d) Greenwood Recreation Association – Soap Box Derby Sponsorship. Council directed staff to advertise the Greenwood Soap Box Derby in the Municipal Newsletter.

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Item:

- e) Township of Spallumcheen – Recycling Program for Antifreeze Containers and Used Oil Collection at the Armstrong Spallumcheen Diversion and Disposal Facility

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Administrator's Report – Written Report

- 1) Community Centre Request for Proposal (RFP) has been put in BC Bid and on the Village website – Closing date August 24, 2023 2:00 pm (local time)
- 2) Boundary Economic Diversification Plan Expression of Interest (EOI) has closed. Council to advise Selection Committee members/Matrix for selection will be provided.
- 3) Kettle Spray Park RFP closed, and bids are being reviewed.
- 4) Bylaw interviews took place this week and a successful candidate has been chosen.
- 5) Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) Year 2. survey has been completed.
- 6) Reviewed Flood Mitigation project stages for report to Council.
- 7) Planners - Riverside Park expansion/Housing development Business Plan – Waiting on quotes/availability.
- 8) Ongoing planning/development and UBCM meeting inquiries.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Metcalf – None

Councillor Pownall – None

Councillor Willsey – Verbal

- Growing Communities Fund, is there a deadline to spend the money? There is lots of time to spend the money. Further discussion on how Council wishes to spend the GCF and Covid funds will come before Council.

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal

- How are the Village aquifer levels? Public Works says we are doing ok. Staff will continue to update residents on the current state of our water levels in the Newsletter.
- Trees at the park, next to the Arena, large branches are coming down, lots of dead branches. We need to address as it is a liability if it falls on someone. CAO will bring it back up with Public Works to make sure it's on their to-do list.
- What is the status of the OCP? Did it ever get completed? CAO will get assistance from Randy Houle to complete it, it was amended and not re-approved by Council. It will get re-worked and brought back to Council. The zoning bylaw amendment was required to be done first.
- Accessibility review, he has the draft from the Regional District, it can be pared down to fit Midway's needs to use as a base for our own.

- At next meeting, will be putting forward a notice of motion to look at a 3-week meeting schedule.

Councillor Willsey – Verbal (continued)

- Sat in on the Regional District meeting, topic of water restrictions came up, Councillor Dunsdon brought up the fact that lots of residents in Midway are on their own well. Councillor Willsey found it interesting that their reply was that people on their own wells will run dry far before people on municipal water services. Good information for the Newsletter.

Mayor McMynn – Verbal

- Noticed there is a sign on Cool Creek's property adjacent to the highway. Did the previous Council place any conditions on the property that green space would be installed? No.
- Grand Forks Gazette approached him regarding contributing to a rotating column series for Mayors, RDKB Directors and MLA Roly Russell. Is anyone from Council interested in writing for it? None received.
- Received correspondence from the Iranian people's Uprising campaign, it was received and filed.
- Would like Council's permission for him, Wendy Higashi, CAO and perhaps Randy Houle to proceed on putting together an information package regarding paving the airport.

Moved/Seconded that Council supports the gathering of information on the possibility of an economic development of the airport. **Carried**

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Councillor Dunsdon opposed.

Question Period

Martin Fromme asked if they have considered the covenant with the Provincial Government on the airport land? No, it will be researched when the information is gathered.

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies

- a) Bylaw 550, 2023 – A Bylaw to Amend the Village of Midway Zoning Bylaw No. 464, 2015 – For Third Reading

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 550, 2023, a Bylaw to Amend the Village of Midway Zoning Bylaw No. 464, 2015, be **READ A THIRD TIME** this 8th day of August, 2023. **Carried**

Planning – None

Randy Houle and Martin Fromme leave at 20:45 hours.

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$143,733.08 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for Info Only

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence Item:

- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Building Inspection Report to the end of June 2023.
- Sarah Weber, President, C3 Alliance Corp – Invitation to the 10th Annual Resource Breakfast Series

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

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

Moved/Seconded that the following Items:

- ETSI-BC – News about our upcoming funding intake & Fiscal 2023 Annual Report.

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 20:47 hours under Section 90(1)(k) – Discussions respecting the provision of a municipal service, 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 20:59 hours.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 21:00 hours.

Mayor McMynn

CAO Teggarty