

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on August 21, 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: Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk  
Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: John Boltz, Public Works Foreman

Gallery: Martin Fromme

**Introduction of Late Items** - None

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded** that the August 21, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Delegation**

John Boltz, Midway Public Works Foreman

- Presented two options for a new public works truck one from Banister Chevrolet Pentiction Ltd and the other from Ford Motor Company of Canada – Gas powered options only.
- The 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 from Bannister is available right now; however the 2 quotes are not Gas tax eligible. Other funding options may be available if not able to use Gas Tax.
- Ford doesn't make a Hybrid work truck. Diesels are designed for heavy work, not driving around town. Gas powered vehicles are preferred. Needs to be a multipurpose vehicle.
- John prefers the vehicle that is available now at Bannister's - 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD.

Mayor McMynn thanked John and advise council will discuss further under new and unfinished business.

**Question Period** - None

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the Public Hearing of August 8, 2023 (Page 6834) be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from Regular Meeting of August 8, 2023 (Page 6835–6837) be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from Special Meeting of August 18, 2023 (Page 6838) be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Business Arising**

Public Hearing of August 8, 2023 (Page 6834) - None

Regular Meeting of August 8, 2023 (Page 6835-6837) - None

Special Meeting of August 18, 2023 (Page 6838) - None

**New and Unfinished Business**

- a) Letter of support, re: Volunteer firefighters tax break increase

**Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway write a letter in support of a UBCM resolution to seek an increase in the Volunteer firefighter's tax exemption from the Provincial Government from \$3,000 to \$10,000 credit and the Federal Government tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

**Carried**

**054-2023**

- b) Staff Report, Deputy Clerk – 2024 Permissive Exemption
- i. King of Kings New Testament Church – Permissive Tax Exemption Application
  - ii. Boundary Community Church – Permissive Tax Exemption Application
  - iii. Boundary District Curling Club – Permissive Tax Exemption Application
  - iv. Province of BC, Leased portion of Ambulance and land footprint

**Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway grant the Permissive Tax Exemption Applications for the King of Kings New Testament Church, Boundary Community Church, Boundary District Curling Club and the Province of BC, leased portion of Ambulance and land footprint and Deputy Clerk to proceed with Permissive tax Bylaws and Public Notifications.

**Carried**

**055-2023**

- c) 2023 Volunteer of the Year Nominations

**Moved/Seconded** that Council accept both nominees, Volunteers at The Bridge and Christine Hinks for Volunteer of the Year.

**Carried**

**056-2023**

- d) Public Works – Discussion regarding new vehicle purchase

Deputy Clerk advised that the CAO had budgeted for the purchase of the public works vehicle to come from tax gas as originally they were looking at a hybrid option. If Council approves purchase of a vehicle that is not gas tax eligible, then a motion would be needed to change funding source to vehicle replacement reserve fund and not gas tax fund as budgeted in the 5-year financial plan. Public Works advised of other available options - toolboxes, snowplow package, etc. After discussion it was decided that full payment of new public works vehicle was the best option and funding source to come from the Vehicle Replacement Reserve Fund.

**Moved/Seconded** that Council approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet 3500 HD Regular Cab pick-up in the amount of \$84,591 all in with 72" side mount toolboxes and that the funding source comes from the Vehicle Replacement Reserve Fund and not the Gas Tax fund as budgeted for in the 5-year financial plan.

**Carried**  
**057-2023**

*John Boltz leaves at 19:21 hours.*

**Correspondence**

- a) UBCM – 2023 Next Generation 911 Funding – Approval Agreement & Terms and Conditions of Funding

**Moved/Seconded** that Council authorize the Deputy Clerk to sign the Approval Agreement for funding under the 2023 Next Generation 911 program.

**Carried**  
**058-2023**

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

- b) Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch
- i. Engagement Paper – Temporary Relocation of a Liquor Store
  - ii. Proposed Liquor Amendment – Prescribed Identification

be rec'd and filed.

**Carried**

**Administrator's Report – Verbal Report**

- Deputy Clerk working on completing the EOC/Freshet paperwork so that we can be re-imbursed for the monies spent on the 2023 flooding event.

**Mayor and Council Reports**

**Councillor Metcalf – Verbal**

- Community Forest Meeting to be held August 22, 2023, in Greenwood at 6:30 pm.

**Councillor Pownall – Verbal**

- Fire Safety Plan - Can a meeting with Fire Chief be setup to discuss the Midway Fire Safety plan to ensure it is updated and reflects our current status in the event of an emergency so that everyone is aware of procedures to follow. The conditions are severe in BC and Council need to be aware of what is required. Mayor McMynn noted that the Fire Chief and himself have an upcoming meeting with Sharon Gibbs of the RDKB Area E representative.

**Councillor Willsey – None**

**Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal**

- Confirmed with Public Works that chairs and table be at the Community Gardens on Wednesday for Saturday's Volunteer Appreciation BBQ.
- Asked Councillor Willsey to be on the Accessibility Committee to deal with accessibility issues throughout Midway. Councillor Willsey agreed to be on Committee. Will coordinate information with the CAO.
- Haven't heard any further support for the 3-week meeting schedule and will wait until CAO returns to a Council meeting.

**Mayor McMynn – Verbal**

- Meeting with Fire Chief Daloise, Corporal Hughes, Councillor Pownall, Minister Mot and Minister King too discussed the state of Fires in BC and what drought conditions are like.
- Noted that the life of Midway Volunteer Firefighters responding to accidents and the effects it has on them and their families. It puts into perspective the commitment they have to selflessness in helping others.

**Question Period**

Martin Fromme asked the why the final readings for the Housekeeping Bylaw (Bylaw No. 550, 2023) was not on the agenda? Deputy Clerk Peters stated that we have not received approval on our submission to MoTI. If approval is received before the next Council meeting the bylaw will be placed on the agenda.

**Financial Report – None**

**Bylaws & Policies – None**

**Planning – None**

**Budgets/Accounts**

**Moved/Seconded** that budgets and accounts totaling \$72,817.01 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

**Correspondence for Info Only**

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

- a) BC Forest Practices Board – Forest and Fire Management in BC: Toward Landscape Resilience
- b) UBCM – 2022 CEPF: Emergency Operations Centres & Training – 2022 EOC project

be rec'd and filed.

**Carried**

**Correspondence for Info Only – to be held for two weeks only.** – None

*Martin Fromme leaves at 19:33 hours*

**Moved/Seconded** that Council move In-Camera at 19:33 hours under Section 90(1)(m) – a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

Return to Regular Meeting at 19:48 hours.

**Adjournment**

**Moved** to adjourned at 19:49 hours.