

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on September 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 Dunsdon, Willsey, Pownall

Staff: Tami Peters, Deputy Clerk  
Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Michael Daloise, Midway Fire/Rescue Chief

Gallery: Martin Fromme

### **Introduction of Late Items** - None

### **Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded** that the September 5, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

*Councillor Metcalf arrives at 19:02*

### **Delegation**

Michael Daloise, Midway Fire/Rescue Chief – Council Update

- Always a challenge to maintain and recruit new members.
- The membership continues to make this department what it is, and it is always important to acknowledge their commitment, dedication, and sacrifices.
- Gord Kamigochi received his 30-year medal. Bob Peters received his 25-year medal.
- Numerous members were recognised for 5 or more years of Service, totalling over 200 years.
- The fire department participates in several events throughout the year – Rock Creek Emergency Fair; West Boundary Elementary School Slip and Slide; Canada Day Breakfast, Parade and Fire Works; 4H Club's Community work along with upcoming events of the Halloween bonfire and Santa visit.
- The Canada Day breakfast was the biggest one yet with each year attendance continuing to increase.
- Members train in multiple disciplines over and above fire suppression – rope rescue, vehicle extrication, water rescue, incident command, ATV operation and wildland fire fighting.
- Vehicle incidents are significant portion of our responses and training on wrecks is possible locally.
- Wildland training is refreshed every spring. Train the Trainer options will become available so more in-house training can occur.
- Senior members participated in a Training Day event for new members and recruitment. Participants were exposed to several skills in the one-day event.
- Modified sea cans have been established at the Public works yard for fire simulation training. Internal walls were built recently, and props were installed to better simulate actual scenarios. More upgrades are planned. A possible opportunity available for an upgrade to a Regional live fire training center thru a grant.
- Recent equipment purchases include:
  - personal flotation devices, reach poles and throw ropes for water rescue with shoreline-only attempts or working along unstable high-water banks.
  - thermal imaging cameras for external building and wildland use.
  - The small rescue truck was converted to a wildland truck with a 300+gallon tank and pump system installed.
- Summary of Incidents to date
  - 27 Vehicle call outs with more serious call outs in August with higher traffic volumes occurring.
  - 10 vehicle/structure fires.
  - BC Wildfire requesting assistance.
  - 2 incidents at Vaagen Fibre
  - 5 Wildland grass fire responses.
- Assisted with Freshet/EOC with this Spring's high-water threats - sandbagging, Hesco bins, and monitoring.
- Voyent Alert system was tested and utilized for the spring runoff notifications. Signup numbers continue to increase.
- Facebook use has been a good tool for the department, with RCMP continuing to request assistance by the relaying of important information.
- The Fire department continues to participate.
  - Fallen Officer - parade of Respect through our service area.
  - Charity Hockey game with the RCMP - raising over \$5200 for the Boundary Women's Coalition.
  - Extinguisher training for the BSCC teachers.
  - 4H Club cleaned trucks in the hall as part of their auction-purchased labour service.
  - Founders Day - Greenwood Fire fighter games.
- There are now 3 generation of firefighters from one family.

Councillor Dunsdon suggested that this type of presentation be made for Community Groups. Fire Chief Daloise and Assistant Chief Pownall went out to the Riverside Center to make a presentation earlier this year.

*Presentation concludes at 19:22*

### **Question Period** – None

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2023 (Page 6839-6840) be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**Business Arising**

Regular Meeting of August 21, 2023 (Page 6839-6840) – None

**New and Unfinished Business**

- a) West Boundary Community Forest – Disc Golf Project
  - WBCF is looking for funding from the Village to create a disc golf course on DL 781 (Midway Flats Property belonging to the Village of Midway) the project is estimated at \$25,200 for 18 holes. Staff to request a revenue and expenditure report from WBCF on logging of DL 681 and report back to council to see if there are any surplus funds from the logging project. Staff to also look into grant opportunities that may be available or upcoming. Councillor Dunsdon noted that as part of the project, a gate and parking space should be included.
- b) West Boundary Senior Housing Society – Parkview Expansion Update
  - The undeveloped portion of Eholt Street remains in the ALR, the expansion was originally planned for the property beside the present facility and was never part of the draft OCP exclusion requests to the ALC. Some discussion could occur at this year's UBCM to push forward with this required change and housing needs. CAO to provide update on information regarding the exclusion request to the Agriculture Land Commission.
- c) Fire Chiefs' Association of BC – FCABC/OFC Live Fire Training Centre Project
  - A grant is available for a New Regional Live Fire Training facility.
  - Utilities to site, insurance and maintenance, along with a fire hydrate and gas line relocation from across the street are not included in the grant. A washroom facility may also be needed. Possible repurposing of existing C-cans for equipment storage and changing rooms. Security (fencing) for site can be written into grant.
  - The site could be used by other departments but is not designed to make a profit.
  - With some research, average operating costs run between \$1,000-\$5,000 per year. The Fire Chief expects the costs to be well below \$5,000/year.

**Moved/Seconded** that the Council of the Village of Midway approve in principle the initiatives proposed in the Fire Chief's report regarding local governments opportunity to apply for funding to establish a regional live fire training center. **Carried**  
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*Fire Chief Daloise leaves at 19:32*

- d) Kettle River Museum – Oktoberfest

**Moved/Seconded** that Council of the Village of Midway support the Kettle River Museum in obtaining a liquor license for the Oktoberfest event. **Carried**  
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**Correspondence**

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

- a) Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch – Engagement Invitation – Cannabis Store Licence Cap
- b) FortisBC – Update: Community Giving Awards celebrations postponed due to wildfires.

be rec'd and filed.

**Carried**

**Administrator's Report** – None**Mayor and Council Reports**

**Councillor Metcalf** – Verbal

- The next West Boundary Community Forest meeting is on September 26<sup>th</sup>, in Midway at 6:30pm.
- West Boundary Community Forest has \$44,000 for grant disbursement. Applications from Sept 1 to Oct 15, 2023.

**Councillor Pownall** – None

**Councillor Willsey** – None

**Councillor Dunsdon** – None

**Mayor McMynn** – Verbal

- Had a call with Sharon Gibbs, Area E representative – 2-year Watershed committee - upcoming RDKB meeting.

**Question Period** - None**Financial Report** – None**Bylaws & Policies** – None**Planning** – None**Budgets/Accounts**

**Moved/Seconded** that budgets and accounts totaling \$216,762.77 be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

**Correspondence for Info Only**

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

**Adjournment**

**Moved** to adjourned at 19:45 hours.