

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on November 6, 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, Pownall, Dunsdon, Willsey & Metcalf

Staff: Lisa Teggarty, CAO  
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant

Gallery: Martin Fromme

### **Introduction of Late Items**

**Moved/Seconded** that two late items be added: New and Unfinished Business 8(g) – Remembrance Day and discussion topic f) In-Camera under Section 90(1)(c). **Carried**

### **Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded** that the November 6, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried**

### **Delegation**

#### **Question Period**

Martin asked what classification is Section 90(1)(c)? Labour relations or other employee relations.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2023 (Page 6847 – 6849) be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

### **Business Arising**

Regular Meeting of October 16, 2023 (Page 6847 – 6849) – None

### **New and Unfinished Business**

- a) West Boundary Senior Housing Society – Parkview Manor Expansion – Parking Variance update. CAO is working with WBSHS. The Village's planner has spoken with WBSHS's architect to go over some things and the CAO has spoken with their consultant. He confirmed that a setback variance also needs to be done, as well as the parking variance. Both will be worked on concurrently to be efficient as possible. There are still a few components of the project to be completed but there is time to make sure it is all done on time. Their consultant thinks they will break ground next year.
- b) Staff Report – 2024/25 Grant Application, UBCM Community Resiliency Investment. **Moved/Seconded** that Council approve for staff to apply for a grant through the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) 2024/2025, up to \$400,000 over two years, to increase community resiliency by undertaking community based FireSmart planning and activities that reduce the community's risk from wildfire. **Carried**  
**070-2023**
- c) Arena Report – October 2023. Well done, thank you to Phil Cameron. Report to be received and filed.
- d) Staff Report – Bylaw Update November 2023. Council likes the idea of the Bylaw Officer contributing to the monthly newsletter. Council discussed the idea of an online complaint form. Council would like to invite the Bylaw Officer to attend a meeting in person to discuss the Governance Considerations sections of her report and the online complaint form. Report to be received and filed.
- e) Christmas Closure. **Moved/Seconded** that Council approve for the Village office to be closed from 12:00pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December and 12:00pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of December for Christmas and New Year's holidays.  
AND that Council approve for staff to be given ½ day off the Friday before Christmas as well as the ½ day on the Friday prior to the New year, with pay. **Carried**  
**071-2023**
- f) West Boundary Community Forest – Disc Golf Project Funding. Village had requested a revenue and expense report for the logging of the land in question. To date, nothing has been received. Councillor Metcalf will inquire with WBCF. Councillor Willsey would like the Economic Diversification Committee to be made aware of this project. Potential grant funding will be explored to try and support the project.
- g) Remembrance Day. Mayor McMynn will attend the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph with the wreaths. Staff to check to make sure the Legion will be coordinating the event.

### **Correspondence**

- a) AKBLG – 2024 Annual Convention & AGM, LMGLA Annual CivX Event & Call for Resolutions. Councillor Willsey would like to attend the 2024 Annual Convention & AGM in Radium Hot Springs. Councillor Dunsdon will think about it and get back to staff. **Moved/Seconded** that Council approves Councillor Willsey to attend the 2024 AKBLG Annual Convention & AGM in Radium Hot Springs April 19-21<sup>st</sup> 2024. **Carried**  
**072-2023**

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

- b) BC Humanist Association, Ian Bushfield – Inclusive Remembrance Day ceremonies
- c) Interior Health – Updates from Interior Health  
be rec'd and filed. **Carried**

**Administrator's Report** - Written

1. Economic Diversification project kick off – Report from West Boundary Community Futures (attached)/Lochaven would like to meet with Council on November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Regular Council meeting. Lochaven will be added as a delegation to the next meeting.
2. WBSHS Parking Variance – Working with Randy Houle and Martin Fromme on an application for a DVP which will be presented to Council once detailed plans are available.
3. Water and Sewer Operational and Capital spend Variance reports completed to Oct 31, 2023.
4. RDKB Fire Protection Service Agreement - Chief Daloise and I met with James Chandler, Deputy CAO, RDKB, on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Meeting arranged for November 14<sup>th</sup> to work on the Fire Services Agreement contract. Mayor McMynn and RDKB Area E Director Gibbs will also attend.
5. Attended a meeting on new short-term rental legislation. No changes for VOM.
6. Attended 'Open House' at the Hot-L. Photo opportunity with Premier Eby, Councillor Dunsdon and Councillor Willsey at the Village of Midway offices. Councillor Willsey and Dunsdon also attended the meeting in Osoyoos with the Premier.
7. OCP Review and amendment – Eco Plan have reviewed the current OCP draft and have provided a quote for \$2,500 to complete the work already completed to date. (Would Council like to make a motion to proceed?). **Moved/Seconded** that Council approves staff to hire Eco Plan to complete the OCP for \$2,500. **Carried**  
**073-2023**
8. Riverfront Planning/Housing project planning – Have two potential consultants that could work on the project for us. Have also seen a grant opportunity for Planning which is due in January 2024. Does Council want to proceed with the grant, or allocate funds (\$10,000) for the project to start in Nov/Dec 2024? Staff to obtain more details regarding the grant and bring back to a future meeting.
9. Accessibility Committee members – Currently four applicants have expressed interest in being on the Committee. Council to review the applications. Still need an indigenous representative on the Committee. Councillor Dunsdon and Willsey will do some personal recruiting.
10. Budget Planning 2023 – Review of actuals and forecast to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> with staff. CAO would like a Pre-budget meeting with Council on Strategic goals for 2024 onwards. Suggestion that a Strategic Planning session could be arranged with a consultant, prior to year-end. **Moved/Seconded** that Council approves the CAO to recruit a Strategic Planning Consultant. CAO to bring back candidates and estimated cost. **Carried**  
**074-2023**
11. Covid-Restart Funds – Conversations ongoing/suggest this item to be discussed at the Pre-budget meeting with Council.
12. Council Procedure Bylaw 512 – 2024 Council meetings will need to be published by December 31, 2023. If any changes are to be made to the number of meetings, the Council Procedure Bylaw will require amendments. What are Council thoughts of the 3-week meetings for 2024? Report to be brought to next meeting.
13. Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw to be brought to Council for adoption of new rates for 2024.
14. Myers Creek Road Rehabilitation – Staff are working with RDKB regarding mitigation of portions of Myers Creek Road.

**Mayor and Council Reports****Councillor Dunsdon** – Written Report on file

- Council priorities. See attached. If we get a strategic planner, that will help with this.
- Will we use a generic land dedication?
- Policy review, once a month.
- Should we look at a recreation plan for Midway. E.g.) Pickleball is extremely popular, growing fast.
- Dirt dumped along river for campsite. Is that ok with BIWS? Fill was placed well above high water mark.
- Privacy Management Program Policy. Need a privacy officer.
- Privacy Management Training. Hand out for Council.
- Have we had any FOI requests? A few.
- There is a \$25,000 grant for accessibility issues. We are applying for that for the library.
- Frisbee golf topic was covered in New and Unfinished Business.
- Could I or we get a list of reserves with dollar amount attached. CAO will report on reserves.
- Have we had any contact with Grizzly about mineral exploration permit? No.
- Asked Wildlife to give us a blurb about dealing with urban deer for our newsletter.
- Curling Club new roof maybe.
- People for Accessibility committee. Judy and Richard will help look.
- Spray Park looks great. Local contractors were used, much needed washrooms in park and only overflow wastewater will go into sewer system, rest goes into the ground.
- Boundary Integrated Water Service (BIWS) costs Midway \$5,000.00 a year. This is Kristina Anderson; she does come to the area a lot.
- BIWS looking at putting a water monitor station on Boundary Creek.
- Summer Student program, we missed out last year. Will we try this year? Yes.
- Thoughts about Economic Development: it's not always just about creating jobs. Need to keep tourism funding going. Seniors often get downgraded; they keep a lot of our facilities going. Village has done a good job supporting food security at the Community Garden (greenhouse). Affordable housing will help attract people/jobs. Manor expansion will bring jobs. Green technology, solar farms by museum?

Councillor Willsey

- Current Council has passed their one-year anniversary. Thank you to previous Council members for their guidance.
- Attended the Fairness in a Changing Climate webinar from the BC Ombudsperson. Emergency services and Disaster Financial relief discussed. Very informational. Program is under-funded, poorly designed, outdated, designed for short term help (21 days). Changes will need to be made in the long run.
- Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District board meeting, still talking about service disruptions (Oliver, New Denver, Kaslo). Reports that Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital and Boundary District Hospital have successfully recruited staff doesn't line up with the rumblings and rumors that there could be troubling coming with regards to staffing. Affordable or available housing is always an issue.
- Would still like to receive water reports with long term trends. BIWS is talking about water being the next battleground. There are communities that have curtailed development because they don't have the necessary water to meet the demand.

Councillor Pownall

- Spray Park should be wrapped up by the middle of November, depending on when supplies arrive.

Councillor Metcalf

- Next West Boundary Community Forest meeting December 5, 2023, in Midway.
- WBCF Fall funding disbursement. \$49,000 was given out. An extra \$1,000 was given to the local food banks to reach their disbursement quota.
- YRB Stakeholders meeting on Thursday November 9, 2023, 10:00am at the Curling Club. Very informative meeting. Staff from the Ministry of Transportation will also be in attendance to answer questions.

Mayor McMynn – None

Question Period

Martin asked if the Age-Friendly Report will be reviewed with the Accessibility study? There's lots of relevant information in there.

Martin asked for clarification on the 3-week Council Meeting schedule. Is it every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month or would it change every month? It would be every 3<sup>rd</sup> week. Some months would have two meetings if the first meeting happened early enough in the month, the rest would have one meeting a month.

Financial Report

- 2023 Budget Variance Analysis – Sewer, Water & Capital spend to date. Sewer Capital funds item may need to carry over to 2024. Community Hall item will be a carry over to 2024.

Bylaws & Policies – None

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$253,780.99 to be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for Info Only

Moved/Seconded that the following Correspondence for Info Only item:

- Ministry of Forests, Bruce Ralston – UBCM Meeting Summary
- Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, Lana Popham – UBCM Meeting Summary

be rec'd and filed.

**Carried**

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

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 20:36 hours under Section 90(1)(c) – labour relations or other employee relations, Section 90(1)(g) – litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality, Section 90(1)(m) – a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

**Carried**

*Cam Kamigochi and Martin Fromme leave at 20:36 hours.*

Return to Regular Meeting at 21:29 hours.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 21:29 hours.

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Mayor McMynn

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