

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on January 22, 2024, 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, and Pownall
Absent: Councillor Metcalf
Staff: Lisa Teggarty, CAO
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant
Gallery: Martin Fromme, John Boltz

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the January 22, 2024, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation - None

Question Period – None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2023 (Page 6861 – 6863) be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of December 18, 2023 (Page 6861 – 6863) – None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Water Report. Public Works Foreman was available to answer questions relating to his Water Report. Topics discussed with the PW Foreman were the recovery rate of Well #1, quality of our water, compliance of water restrictions by the community, tiering of water restrictions, the possibility of metering water consumption and the need for a third well; preferably before any new development begins.

John Boltz leaves at 19:20 hours

- b) Midway Hotel – Heritage designation. Lots of information provided by the CAO to consider. Council directs CAO to invite Midway Hotel's owner to the next Council meeting to hear why she would like the Midway Hotel to be considered for a heritage designation.
- c) Accessibility Advisory Committee - Shortlist. To be discussed at the February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- d) OCP Draft (e-mailed to Council). For Council to review only. It is a large document, comments to be tabled until next meeting so Council has time to read through it.

Correspondence

- a) Ed Lautard – Bench request in McMynn Park
- b) Chris and Mark Danyluk, Managers, Parkview Manor – Bench request support letter.

Moved/Seconded Council directs staff to reply to both letters, informing they will include this into 2024 budget planning.

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Administrator's Report – Written Report on file

1. Agenda package – staff are working towards electronic agendas. Paper copies will be provided until Council are comfortable with the iPads. Our IT consultant had recommended an upgrade to the backup storage server in 2024, but unfortunately it died earlier than expected so staff had expediate getting a new one to ensure that everything was still being backed up. The item is a Buffalo Network Raid server and costs \$3,600 with shipping. It was recommended that Covid restart funds are used for the iPads and server replacement.

Moved/Seconded That Council approve a budget up to \$10,000 for Council iPad and Server upgrade, with funding from the Covid Restart grant funding.

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2. Spray Park financials – Met with Wendy Higashi to go over the spend to date for the project. Current actual spend projections are \$575k. Total grant funding from Destination BC and a donation from the Kettle Spray Park Committee equals \$571,915.
3. Kettle Valley Fire Services agreement – Fire Chief Daloise, James Chandler and I have reviewed the draft agreement. There are some amendments to be done but we are pretty close. The figures we have provided for the service are to be discussed during the RDKB budget deliberations and should align with the Village budget timelines.
4. Airport grant – Met with Wendy Higashi to go over the grant application. She has lots of letters of support to include with the application. Minister Kang has also provided a letter of support which has been emailed to the grant funder to accompany our grant application.

5. Library Lease – All queries have been reviewed and amendments have been made and sent back to the Library Board.
6. Community Centre update – The architect is still on track for having the updated package ready for mid- February, they are currently communicating with the consultants and will provide us with an update. CAO has heard back from Cover Architectural today, they are making progress on the tender package, will be in line with required time scales.
7. Boundary Economic Diversification Plan – Meeting with Lochaven scheduled for January 23rd at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers. The purpose is to provide an update on progress, review the collected context around the specific challenges and opportunities, and discuss the roles implementation. There is also a separate meeting planned with the Advisory Committee on January 24th in Greenwood. Lochaven has requested an extension on the deadline of the final project presentation to February 23rd, 2024.
8. OCP review – draft has been completed and is ready for Council comments/suggestions.
9. Year-end 2023 – Office staff have been busy with the start of a new year and rolling over 2023 financials to 2024, ensuring accounts are balanced and statutory reporting is completed. CAO and Deputy Clerk will go through the audit schedule next week.
10. Budget 2024 – A blurb has been placed in the newsletter informing residents that Budget planning for 2024 has begun and to ask if the public has any suggestions/ideas that they wish to be included as part of the process. These items will be brought to a public input session for Council's consideration. Budget meeting dates will be scheduled and advertised on our website, newsletter and Facebook pages.
11. Library Sparc grant – The grant is moving along, and we have received quotes to install 4 accessible doors for the library to accompany the grant application.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Dunsdon – Written

- Boundary Services Committee (BSC) still looking at a Boundary wide Community Forest. Issue remains available fibre.
- BSC costs for 2024, \$5,885.00
- Many services in the RDKB looking at 10% plus tax increases.
- Christina Lake costs to install disc golf (\$30,000) and a dog park (\$40,000).
- Have we looked at accessibility barrier upgrades to the arena? Will be looked at with the Accessibility committee.
- Where do we sit with sewer and water capital costs? Will be looked at during year-end review/budget planning 2024.
- Fire plan budget \$188,500, also cost sharing on Fire Chief's salary.
- Boundary animal control, \$140,709 for 2024.
- BSC looking at transit once a week from Rock Creek to GF.
- Mosquito control for GF, Area D and Christina Lake.
- Noxious weed control, increase for next year?
- Arena grant from Area E, 5% increase, what is it currently? \$25,439.00
- Recreation, we pay \$9,300.00 and it comes back via Area E, do we want to take control?
- RDKB Bylaw issues, going to court under the Offence Act for two infractions.
- RDKB Home Smart Program, can we advertise in newsletter? Done already.
- Kudos to Village Staff on snow removal, great job.
- Phone conversation with company called Energy Economics out of Creston, will have a formal conversation on Monday, will report back to Council.
- British Columbia Economic Development Association (BCEDA), 2024 BC Economic Summit, May 6-9 in Penticton if anyone is interested.
- Does the Short-Term Accommodation Act affect us at all? CAO doesn't expect it to. There is a section in the draft OCP that can be reviewed.
- Seniors Centre only has a Shaw Go Wi-Fi connection, they tried to host a computer course for its members, but the connection was not fast enough for the presenters to run their course. Is there anyway the Village can help with obtaining and supporting them getting a faster internet connection?

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway will consider adding internet coverage for the Midway Seniors Centre as a 2024 Budget item.

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- Health Hub, has anyone heard anything? Has been hearing about proposals in Castlegar and Trail that would have similar issues we would have here.
- The increase to the Fire Department tax exemption (\$10,000) will be going to the AKBLG Convention.

Councillor Pownall – Verbal

- Thank you from the Fire Department for the gift certificates.

Councillor Willsey – None

Mayor McMynn – Verbal

- Pictures from the Powwow that Mayor and CAO attended were shared with Council.

Question Period

Martin Fromme asked if the new OCP has a section for heritage buildings? Yes. The draft OCP does support the preservation of Heritage buildings. There was discussion around the two types of heritage designations: Government and Community. Government has stringent regulations, a community one is an important building to the community, but it also does not come with additional restrictions or grants available. Council will be considering this carefully and will not be looking at this request in isolation.

Martin thanked the Midway Community Garden and the Village for their contribution to the Christmas Eve Doorstep Dinner program, they were able to send out 91 meals to the community.

Financial Report – None

Bylaws & Policies

- a) Bylaw 558, 2023 – A Bylaw to Provide for Council Member Expense Reimbursement – For Final Reading

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw 558, 2023 – A Bylaw to Provide for Council Member Expense Reimbursement be **ADOPTED** this 22nd day of January 2024.

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Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$147,120.73 to be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for Info Only

Moved/Seconded the following Correspondence for Info Only items:

- a) Monica Cox, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness – Emergency and Disaster Management Act – Funding Announcement
- b) Midway Seniors Society – January 10, 2024 AGM Minutes
- c) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Building Inspection Report to the end of December 2023
- d) Anne Kang, Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs – UBCM Meeting Summary
- e) Anne Kang, Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Support Letter, Economic Diversification, Paving the Midway Airport Project
- f) Zachary May, Executive Director, Housing Innovations, Ministry of Housing – DEADLINE EXTENDED – Public Review – Mass Timber Construction

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

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

Moved/Seconded the following Correspondence for Info Only – to be held for two weeks only items:

- a) Heritage BC – Heritage Week, February 19-25, 2024
- b) Colleen Lang – Emergency Services Personnel Banquet invitation in Greenwood on January 28, 2024. Judy and Dick are planning on attending. Council discussed adding a contribution to the 2024 budget to this banquet.

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Martin Fromme leaves at 20:12 hours.

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 20:12 hours under

- Section 90(1)(g) – litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.
- Section 90(1)(c) – labour relations or other employee relations.

Carried

Return to Regular Meeting at 20:45 hours.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 20:45 hours.

Mayor McMynn

CAO Teggarty