

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:02 hours on March 4, 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, Metcalf and Pownall

Staff: Lisa Teggarty, CAO
Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant

Gallery: Martin Fromme

Introduction of Late Items

Noted that long-time resident and former 1st Mayor of Midway, James McMynn, passed away on February 28, 2024

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the March 4, 2024, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Question Period – None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2024 (Page 6868-6871) be adopted as amended.

Carried

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of Feb 12, 2024 (Page 6868 – 6871) – Minor changes on Page 6868 and Page 6870

New and Unfinished Business

a) Staff Report – Bylaw 559, 2024 – A Bylaw to Establish an Official Community Plan for the Village of Midway
A short discussion on the updates from previous OCP resumed and council noted that it is a good plan. Some concerns on estimated population growth.

Correspondence

Moved/Seconded the following Correspondence item:

a) Jessica Brooks, Executive Director, Ministry of Housing – Supports for implementing new housing legislation.
be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Administrator's Report – Written Report on file

1. Community Centre project – The tender package is on BC Bid and the Village website. (closing date Apr 2, 2023). There was a mandatory meeting at the Community Centre on March 4th for all potential bidders. Council briefly discussed the budget and release of that information along with bid deposits requirements.
2. OCP Bylaw for 1st reading. Public hearing set for March 25th, 2024. The proposed Bylaw and schedules are available for public viewing at the Village office.
3. Strategic Planning date confirmed – Tracey Lorensen from Civil Excellence is available for an afternoon/evening session on 12th March. She will be providing some pre-workshop material and homework for us to complete, prior to the session. (What time would Council like it to start?) - Start at 2pm preferred at the Village Office.
4. Accessibility Advisory Committee – Terms of reference and framework has been provided to the committee members. (first meeting date to be confirmed) – Three members accepted to be on the committee with one member wanting to only be utilized as an advisory reference. Meeting set for March 19, 2024 at 2:00pm in the Council Chambers
5. Year-end 2023 – Working on the reconciliations/supporting documentation for the 2023 year-end audit. The auditors have issued pre-planning work and questions.
6. Budget 2024 – Some forecasting for the budget, the budget work is on hold for now until the 2023 year-end Trial balance work is complete. Once all the work is uploaded to the auditors, it will be full steam ahead with finalizing the 2024 draft for presentation to Council. There will be quite a few meetings in April to go through the draft budget.
7. Deputy Finance position has been posted, closing date March 25th, 2024.
8. Spray Park completion – the final invoice has been received, payment is on hold until the final sign-off paperwork and underground drawings are received by ASL engineering. The final report and financials have been drafted in preparation of the final claim to the grant funder - Council to consider time of official opening – possible May long weekend.
9. Phoenix Foundation grants – grant eligibility and how the funds are distributed was researched by the CAO. The Village is not eligible for these grants but should consider encouraging other organization, perhaps the Community Association, to move forward on grants applications for ideas like benches throughout the community as per the OCP. Perhaps they would be inclined if they had a person who could write up a grant application. The Public Works Forman would have to be included in potential locations for any benches. Perhaps other ideas for developments in the park area.
10. West Boundary Healthcare Services Plan – Jennifer Ellis, interim Director of Prima Health (standing in for one year on behalf of Andrew Earnshaw). More information to come on that. Staff will reach out to SD 51 to find out what it is happening with Midway Elementary school.
11. Annual emergency preparedness fair Sunday, April 7th, at the fairgrounds pavilion in Rock Creek, from 11:00-2:00pm. Council discussed possible alternates to attend this session.

Mayor and Council Reports**Councillor Metcalf – Verbal**

- Next West Boundary Community Forest meeting, March 5, 6:30pm, Midway Council Chambers.
- They will be discussing Spring Funding intake with possible openings for applicants from mid-March to mid-April.

Councillor Pownall – Verbal

- Guns & Hoses Charity Hockey game, Fire Dept vs RCMP was a success with just over \$3,000 funds raised. Money will be disbursed to The Lions Club for the Rock Creek Medical Society's autoclave and to the food share group. Last year there were 340 in attendance with only 219 this year. Everyone had a good time.

Councillor Willsey - Verbal

- Still concerned with water conservation. With the predicted drought, a proactive approach should be made. What can we do? Would incentives work? Discussion was had on options, ideas and funding options. Would like to see the water report represent in a graph format. Staff will convert the information into a graph format. Education for water conservation methods is the probably the best approach.

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal

- Policy/Risk Management/Indemnity policies should be updated. There could be liability issues with them being outdated. Councillor Dunsdon is interested in assisting with these updates. Staff will research and bring back after budget time.

Mayor McMynn – Verbal

- Mayor McMynn received a call from RDKB, Sharon Gibbs, letting him know of a School District 51 meeting regarding property proposals for District (next 10-15 years projections) – no one on Council heard about the meeting.

Question Period

Martin Fromme wanted clarification on the discussion around anticipated growth forecasted in the OCP and percentage of population increases - It is not expected to increase by another 700 people but to 700 people.

Martin Fromme also had a question about the Community Club applying for grant funding with regards to the Bench policy. Would the Village be putting in any money? The Association does get Community Forest money, but stated that they would receive grants, more likely, if they had money to match. Could Covid funding be used? Use of Covid funding has constraints.

Bylaws & Policies

- Bylaw 559, 2024 – A Bylaw to Establish an Official Community Plan for the Village of Midway Bylaw No. 559 for the first reading.

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw 559 – A Bylaw to Establish an Official Community Plan for the Village of Midway Bylaw No. 559, 2024 be **READ A FIRST TIME** this 4th day of March 2024 **Carried**

Planning – None**Budgets/Accounts**

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$207,018.41 to be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for Info Only

Moved/Seconded the following Correspondence for Info Only items:

- Nicole Lazarus, One Planet Living – available for consultation. be rec'd and filed.

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

- Monica Cox, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness – Emergency and Disaster Management Act Implementation – Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding Program
- Louise Hamazaki, Accounts Receivable Clerk, RDKB – RDKB Grant received.
- Scott Casey, Founder, The Rolling Barrage – 2024 event participation

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 19:55 hours under

- Section 90(1)(e) – acquisition, disposition of land or improvements.
- Section 90(1)(m) – a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

Carried

Martin Fromme leaves at 19:55

Return to Regular Meeting at 20:13 hours.

Items moved from In-camera minutes to Regular meeting:

Notice to be placed on title on property: Lot 1, District Lot 2227, Plan EPP83730, Similkameen Division of Yale Land District; PID 030-560-772. 15 Cemetery Road, Midway, BC.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 20:14 hours.