

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Public Hearing at 19:00 hours on March 25, 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 Willsey, Dunsdon, & Metcalf
Teleconference: Councillor Pownall
Staff: Lisa Teggarty CAO
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant
Public: Martin Fromme, Ron Nocair, Mary Lautard, Chelsey Boersma, Brenda Steer

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing meeting is convened to consider any written submissions that were received prior to this public hearing meeting by those who consider themselves affected, and to hear those who wish to make presentation on Bylaw No. 559, 2024 – Midway Official Community Plan.

Procedure

Pursuant to Section 464 of the Local Government Act, the Council of the Village of Midway requires that a Public Hearing be held prior to the adoption of the OCP Bylaw.

Notice of Council's intention was placed in both the March 6, 2024 and March 13, 2024 issues of the Grand Forks Gazette and on the Village's website.

The bylaw, if adopted, would implement a new Official Community Plan for the Village of Midway, covering such issues as the need for more housing, greater economic diversity, support for Parkview Manor expansion, removing ALR restrictions and other land use matters.

The Village initiated an update to its 2007 Official Community Plan in the spring of 2019. A robust public participation process involved over 100 citizens in community workshops, advisory committee meetings, and focus groups. The process was designed to dovetail into an aging-friendly assessment and action plan which provided an insight into demographic changes and community needs. Due to delays caused by the pandemic and staff changes, the draft did not reach completion and was held at first reading and public hearing. In November 2023, Council approved for the CAO to enlist the help of a consultant to review, update and ensure that it was ready for approval. Minor edits to the document have now been completed.

The purpose of the Public Hearing meeting is to provide information and receive comments from the public. Any person attending the public meeting may make written or verbal representation relating to the proposed **Bylaw No. 559, 2024 – Midway Official Community Plan**.

The proposed Bylaw and additional information were made available and could be inspected at the municipal office between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday excluding holidays.

Public Input

Martin Fromme submitted a written recommendation to add to Section 7.8 Public Involvement (on file): "In addition to any statutory requirements for public notification, that notification be given in the Midway Municipal Newsletter for all Council activities requiring public notification or involvement."

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 19:03 hours.

Mayor McMynn

CAO Teggarty