



Regular Meeting of Council – April 15, 2024

Public persons are welcome to attend in person or via electronic means, zoom upon request.

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1. **Call to Order 19:00 Hours, Council Chambers 661 Eighth Ave., Midway BC**
2. **Introduction of Late Items**
3. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda of April 15, 2024**
4. **Delegation**
5. **Question Period**
6. **Adoption of Minutes**
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7. **Business Arising**
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8. **New and Unfinished Business**
 - a) Staff Report – Zoning Amendments & Implementation Plan for New Provincial Housing Legislation.
 - b) Rescind Motion 007-2024 – RDKB Service Establishment Bylaw 1867, A Bylaw to amend RDKB Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1678, 2018, to increase the annual requisition for the Boundary Integrated Watershed Service by 25% as per Provincial regulation 2007/13.
 - c) Motion required – Council of the Village of Midway consents to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Bylaw 1872, A Bylaw to amend RDKB Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1678, 2018, to increase the annual requisition limit *for the Boundary Integrated Watershed Service by 25% as per Provincial regulation 2007/13*, and delete the sunset clause.
 - d) Midway Seniors Centre – Request for Village to purchase a two year internet package for the Midway Seniors Centre.
 - e) Fire Chief's Report.
 - f) Public Works Foreman Report.
 - g) Public Works early budget approvals.
9. **Correspondence**
 - a) Veronika Zwick-Cooper – Sherbinin, Hadikin, Zwick Reunion (July 5,6,7).
10. **Administrator's Report**
11. **Mayor and Council Reports**
12. **Question Period**
13. **Financial Report**
14. **Bylaws & Policies**
 - a) Bylaw 559, 2024 – A Bylaw to Establish an Official Community Plan for the Village of Midway – 3rd Reading & Adoption.
 - b) Bylaw 561, 2024 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw 561, 2024 – For Three Readings.
15. **Planning**
16. **Budgets/Accounts** – \$117,685.63
17. **Correspondence for Info Only**
 - a) BC Ombudsperson – Quarterly Report: October 1 – December 31, 2023.
18. **Correspondence for Info Only – to be held for two weeks only**
 - a) Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing – Housing Legislative Changes Update.
 - b) Government of Canada – Increase tax credits for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers.
 - c) Trails To The Boundary – Boundary Art Trail, Call for artists.
19. **In-Camera**
20. **Adjournment**

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Public Hearing at 19:00 hours on March 25, 2024, Midway Council Chambers, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway, BC.

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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

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:03 hours on March 25, 2024, Midway Council Chambers, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway, BC.

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Councillors Dunsdon, Willsey and Metcalf
Teleconference: Councillor Pownall
Staff: Lisa Teggarty, CAO
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant
Delegation: Brenda Steer, Treasurer & Chelsey Boersma, Director – Midway Public Library
Gallery: Martin Fromme, Ron Nocair, Mary Lautard

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the March 25, 2024, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation

Brenda Steer & Chelsey Boersma, Midway Public Library. A copy of the library's budget and proposal letter was provided to Council. Brenda stated the library has been struggling for many years and they are the point where closure is a reality unless they receive a substantial increase in unrestricted funding. They have restricted funds obtained from grant applications, but they do not allow the library to use those funds for operations (wages, utilities, supplies, etc.). They are running a \$20,000 - \$30,000 deficit each year which is no longer feasible. They received a one-time grant from the BC Gov't and were granted permission to use it for operation expenses, due to their closure concerns. Mayor McMynn asked if they have applied to the West Boundary Community Forest for funding opportunities? Chelsey stated she is working on an application for this year's funding, but the funds are restricted and cannot be used for operations. Mayor McMynn asked if they've reached out to Roly Russell. Brenda said they have not, but it is on their to do list. Brenda said the province expects municipalities will cover 80% of a library's budget. Councillor Willsey was concerned to see how little the Regional District contributes, considering the large area the library services. They will be requesting more this year from the RDKB. Chelsey stated that the service agreement the library has is with the Village of Midway. They are supposed to be charging RDKB Area "E" residents a membership fee. The Grant-In-Aid they receive from the RDKB is to offset the membership fees for Area "E" residents. The library is therefore asking if the Village will work with the RDKB to fund the library? Council agrees that they will talk to the RDKB, but they would like the library to be a part of the conversation and to continue to reach out to the RDKB as well. Council will include the library's funding request in their 2024 budget discussions.

Question Period – None

Adoption of Minutes

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

Carried

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Special Meeting of March 12, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of March 4, 2024 (Page 6872 – 6873) – None

Special Meeting of March 12, 2024 (Page 6874) – None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Anitra Winje, Corporate Officer, RDKB – Consent for RDKB Bylaw 1867. Council has already approved this Bylaw; however, the Ministry has requested the RDKB to combine the two amendments (deletion of the sunset clause and an increase to the annual requisition limit) to the Boundary Integrated Watershed Service into one bylaw. The funding has not changed and is for Council's information. Council discussed and do not have an issue with the changes to the bylaw.
- b) Bylaw Officer Report. Council would like to invite the Bylaw Officer to the next meeting to address any areas she requires guidance on.

Correspondence

- a) Desiree King, Parade Marshal, Vice President Greenwood Board of Trade – Greenwood Founders Day Parade 2024. Council directed staff to send a thank you letter for the invitation; Council will be considering a float. Bring topic back to a future meeting.
- b) Greenwood Elementary School – Community Connect Fair. Council directed staff to send a thank you letter but due to short notice and staff being busy with budget and audit, the Village will not be able to participate.

Administrator's Report – Written Report on file

1. Community Centre project – the closing date for the bids has been extended by 2 weeks, to April 16th, to accommodate the number of questions and queries from contractors and sub-contractors. Wendy Higashi has been working with Cover to answer questions on a timely manner, so as to not to delay it further. The end of the Query Period for the bidders is on April 9th.
2. Bylaw 559, 2024 – Midway Official Community Plan - The proposed Bylaw and schedules have been made available for public viewing. No formal questions have been received at the Village office to-date.

3. Strategic Planning – Tracey Lorensen has provided a revised draft based on the Strategic Planning workshop. CAO added a couple of items, that Council deemed important at the workshop. Once the draft is complete, it will be forwarded to Council for review. In future, when a staff report is provided to Council, it will refer to Council's strategic priorities, which will assist Council in decision-making.
4. Accessibility Advisory Committee – The first accessibility meeting was held on March 19th. Items discussed included Terms of reference, Accessibility framework, Logo and letter of support for Sparc Library grant. The Committee members who have volunteered to be on this committee bring a broad range of experience and knowledge.
5. Year-end 2023 – Working on final journal entries and reconciliations but we are on target to hand over the Trial Balance to the auditors, next week. Audit is planned for the week of 8th April.
6. CAO will be taking some time off next week for Spring break but will be available if staff need help with anything.
7. Deputy Finance position closing date on Monday. Next steps are to set up interviews.
8. Spray Park opening – staff discussed signage at the monthly Health and Safety meeting on 20th March. Feedback from Council on the proposed opening will be needed. CAO will bring a draft plan for Council consideration.
9. Infrastructure Canada Disaster Mitigation Adaption Fund grant - Kettle River Flood Protection – Funder is still working on the review of application. They confirmed that assessment of all projects submitted is almost finalized. Once the assessments have been completed and decisions have been made, Infrastructure Canada will inform all applicants of the results of their respective application(s).
10. Bylaw Officer – Completed Bylaw Officer Level 2 Compliance course.
11. Email correspondence re: Annual emergency preparedness Fair – carried forward from last meeting: Trails to the Boundary are hosting the 5th annual emergency preparedness fair Sunday, April 7th, at the fairgrounds pavilion in Rock Creek. The event runs from 11-2. They feel that representation from the Midway Garden would be beneficial to Midway as well as west boundary communities. In Councillor Dunsdon's absence, she is wondering if someone else would be able to represent this brilliant project. Food security is an ongoing, ever-increasing issue for us all. Councillor Dunsdon will be here during the time after all and will see if he can make it.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal

- West Boundary Community Forest Spring Funding intake will run from March 15 – April 15, 2024.
- Next West Boundary Community Forest meeting, April 30, 6:30pm, in Greenwood.
- Disc golf project is progressing. Volunteers are needed, can the Village spread the word? Newsletter, flyer, social media? Yes.

Councillor Pownall – None

Councillor Willsey - Verbal

- Still uncertain where we go on the Diversification project after the Lochaven presentation. Will they provide us with a plan or direction? CAO has received some information from them, she will review and report back to Council.
- Still waiting on the graph of the historical water usage.
- In reading the OCP, there is a desire for a tree planting program to create a village shade canopy. It would help with water conservation; deciduous trees would help with wildfire control and add to the beautification of the village. It would also contribute towards the Climate Action Charter that the Village signed on for. Councillor Dunsdon said Public Works is looking into adding trees on village property. Councillor Metcalf remembers a similar program, but it did lead to problems as trees were planted in places that led to issues as they grew. A similar program would need to be planned properly with consideration for powerlines & property lines.

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal

- Has two meetings Wednesday at the RDKB, policy/personnel and board meeting.
- Provided indemnification policy to CAO.
- Community Garden is moving along well out of winter.

Mayor McMynn – Verbal

- Thanked Village staff and everyone else who helped and attended the Celebration of Life ceremony for James G McMynn over the weekend.

Question Period

Martin Fromme concurred with Councillor Metcalf about the previous tree planting program. Water and sewer lines need to be considered as well. Mayor McMynn also commented that private v's Village property needs to be planned as well. A tree planted today could be unwanted in 30 years as it grows. Trees planted under a Village program could be assumed it would be cut down at Village expense.

Bylaws & Policies

- a) Bylaw 559, 2024 – A Bylaw to Establish an Official Community Plan for the Village of Midway Bylaw No. 559 for second 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 SECOND TIME** this 25th day of March 2024. **Carried**

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$144,776.23 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) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Building Inspection Report to the end of February 2024.
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) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Boundary Freshet Dashboard March 19th, 2024
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.

Carried

Martin Fromme, Ron Nocair, Mary Lautard, Chelsey Boersma, Brenda Steer leaves at 19:38

Return to Regular Meeting at 20:14 hours.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 20:14 hours.

Mayor McMynn

CAO Teggarty

Date: April 15, 2024

File No: 3360-01

To: Council

From: Randy Houle, RPP, MCIP, Contract Planner

Subject: Zoning Amendments & Implementation Plan for New Provincial Housing Legislation

RECOMMENDATION:

That Zoning Amendment Bylaw 561, 2024 be read a first, second and third time; and

That prior to adoption, the bylaw be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for approval.

ISSUE/PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to discuss an implementation plan for the new Provincial Housing Legislation and to introduce required amendments to the zoning bylaw to allow for two dwelling units per parcel in the Residential 1 and 2, Rural Residential 1, Agricultural Resource 2 and Open Space 3 Zones.

BACKGROUND:

On December 7, 2023, Bill 44 was given Royal Assent by the Provincial Legislature. This involves amendments to the *Local Government Act* that include but are not limited to:

- Two dwelling units must be permitted on all properties in the Province that are currently restricted to single family dwellings. This applies to several zones in the Village of Midway.
- Four to six dwelling units must be permitted on properties in a municipality over 5,000 in population, or properties within an urban containment boundary established by an OCP. Midway does not fall into this category.
- Public Hearings are no longer permitted for zoning amendment bylaws for housing projects that are consistent with the Official Community Plan.
- A Housing Needs Report must be completed by January 1, 2025 for all communities, including Midway. This must project housing needs out to 20 years.
- A new/amended OCP must be completed by December 31, 2025 for all communities, including Midway, and include the findings of the Housing Needs Report.

To complete this work, Midway was provided with a grant of \$153,271.00 from the Provincial Government through the Ministry of Housing Capacity Funding Program. It is recommended that the following implementation plan be followed in terms of utilization of the funds:

| | Q1-Q2 (2024) | Q3-Q4 (2024) | 2025 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| Required Zoning Amendments | | | |
| Housing Needs Report | | | |
| Official Community Plan Update | | | |
| New Development Procedure Bylaw | | | |
| New Zoning Bylaw | | | |
| New Development Cost Bylaw | | | |
| Subdivision Bylaw Update | | | |

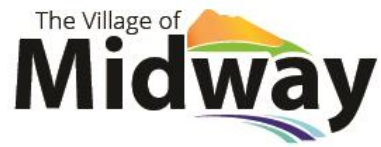
The Capacity Funding will enable the Village of Midway to better understand housing needs over the next 20 years and update the official community plan and zoning bylaw to reflect those needs. It will enable a development procedure bylaw to be created which will outline the necessary steps required in the processing of land use applications. The funding will provide an opportunity for a development cost charge bylaw to be created which will ensure future development pays their share towards capital upgrades to the water, sewer, roads and parks systems. Lastly, the funding will enable the subdivision bylaw to be updated to reflect current servicing requirements.

Pursuant to Section 481.3 (2) of the *Local Government Act*, the Council of the Village of Midway must adopt a zoning amendment bylaw by June 30, 2024 to allow for Provincial Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing. For Midway, this means allowing up to two dwellings per parcel on all properties that are currently restricted to single family dwellings.

Pursuant to Section 464 (4) of the *Local Government Act*, a Public Hearing must not be held for the sole purpose of complying with the provisions for Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing. Pursuant to Section 467 of the *Local Government Act*, notice of the Public Hearing not being held must be given prior to first reading of the bylaw. In this case, the notice was advertised in two editions of the local newspaper.

The proposed zoning amendments permit a maximum of two dwellings per parcel in the Residential 1 and 2, Rural Residential 1, Agricultural Resource 2 and Open Space 3 zones, whether that be in the form of a two-family dwelling, or two detached single-family dwellings. A second single-family dwelling is only permitted if the property is connected to community sewer, or if the property is over 1 hectare in size. This helps to avoid any possible groundwater contamination that could result in septic fields servicing multiple detached dwellings on smaller lots. It should be noted that Council has the authority to require that the two units be located within the same building and not as two detached dwellings.

Section 481.3 of the *Local Government Act* states that a local government must consider the Provincial Policy Manual & Site Standards when adopting a zoning bylaw to permit the use and density required by legislation. [SSMUH Provincial Policy Manual](#). Site Standards Package A (Table 5) of the Policy Manual highlights the recommended zoning bylaw provisions for properties that are required to allow up to two dwelling units. Midway’s existing zoning bylaw provisions are generally consistent with the Provincial recommendations, with the exception being a two-storey height maximum rather than the three-storeys recommended by the Province. Properties in Midway are generally larger than most urban areas and maintaining a two-storey maximum keeps with the character of the area while still allowing the two units permitted by legislation.



Staff Report – Item 8 a)

In summary, the proposed zoning amendments allow for the density required by legislation and given that a Public Hearing is not permitted to be held, it is recommended that the bylaw be given first, second, and third reading.

FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

COMMUNICATION:

N/A

GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Bylaw 464 with track changes
Zoning Amendment Bylaw 561, 2024

402. R 1

RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE

1. Subject to compliance with the provisions of Part Three (General Regulations) of this Bylaw, every use of land and every building or structure located or proposed within the Residential 1 Zone shall conform with the following provisions.

2. Permitted Uses

In the Residential 1 Zone, the following uses only shall be permitted:

- (a) Single family dwelling
- (b) Two family dwelling
- ~~(a)~~(c) Home-based business;
- ~~(b)~~(d) Bed and Breakfast;
- ~~(c)~~(e) Accessory uses, buildings and structures.

3. Minimum Parcel Area

In the Residential 1 Zone, the minimum parcel area shall be:

- (a) 500 m² where a parcel is connected to the community and water services;
- (b) 2000 m² if the parcel will only be serviced by either the community water system or sewer system;
- (c) 1 hectare where no community sewer or water services are connected to the parcel.

4. Buildings-Dwellings Per Parcel

(a) Not more than ~~one~~two dwelling units shall be located on a parcel in the Residential 1 Zone.

~~(a)~~(b) Dwelling units shall be located within the same building on parcels less than 1 hectare in area that are not connected to community sewer.

5. Setbacks

- (a) Excepting subsections 402.5(b) and 402.5(c), no building or structure in the R 1 Zone shall be located within:
 - (i) 4.5 metres of a front, exterior side and rear lot line;
 - (ii) 1.5 metres of an interior side lot line.
- (b) No accessory building or structure, excluding garages and carports, shall be located within 1.5 metres of the rear lot line.
- (c) No garage or carport shall be located within 3 metres of a rear lot line.

6. Height

- (a) No principal building in the R 1 Zone shall exceed a height of 9 metres or two storeys.

- (b) No accessory building in the R 1 Zone shall exceed a height of 5 metres or one storey.

7. Parcel Coverage

Buildings and structures together shall not cover more than 45 percent of parcel area in the R 1 Zone.

8. Parking

Parking shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 313 and 314 of this Bylaw.

403. R 2

RESIDENTIAL 2 ZONE

1. Subject to compliance with the provisions of Part Three (General Regulations) of this Bylaw, every use of land and every building or structure located or proposed within the Residential 2 Zone shall conform with the following provisions.

2. **Permitted Uses**

In the Residential 2 Zone, the following uses only shall be permitted:

- (a) Single family dwelling;
- (b) Two family dwelling;
- (c) Home-based business;
- (d) Bed and Breakfast;
- (e) Accessory uses, buildings and structures.

3. **Minimum Parcel Area**

In the Residential 2 Zone, the minimum parcel area shall be 800 m².

4. **Services**

All parcels in the Residential 2 Zone shall be connected to the Village's sewer and water services.

5. **Buildings-Dwellings Per Parcel**

(a) Not more than two dwelling units shall be located on a parcel in the Residential 2 Zone.

(b) Dwelling units shall be located within the same building on parcels less than 1 hectare in area that are not connected to community sewer.

6. **Setbacks**

- (a) Excepting subsections 403.6(b) and 403.6(c), no building or structure in the R 2 Zone shall be located within:
 - (i) 4.5 metres of a front, exterior side and rear lot line;
 - (ii) 1.5 metres of an interior side lot line.
- (b) The setback from an interior side lot line which is contiguous with a vertical common party wall separating dwelling units in a two family dwelling shall be zero metres;
- (c) No accessory building or structure, excluding garages and carports, shall be located within 1.5 metres of the rear lot line.
- (d) No garage or carport shall be located within 3 metres of a rear lot line.

7. Height

- (a) No principal building in the R 2 Zone shall exceed a height of 9 metres or two storeys.
- (b) No accessory building in the R 2 Zone shall exceed a height of 5 metres or one storey.

8. Parcel Coverage

Buildings and structures together shall not cover over 50 percent of parcel area in the R 2 Zone.

9. Subdivision of two family dwellings and parcels

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Bylaw, a parcel with an existing two family dwelling may be subdivided such that each dwelling is located on a separate parcel, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) the common vertical party walls and the common interior side lot line(s) between the parcels, after subdivision, are coincidental;
- (b) the minimum area of each parcel, after subdivision, is not less than 400 m²;
- (c) all other regulations of the R 2A Zone are complied with.

10. Parking

Parking shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 313 and 314 of this Bylaw.

407. RUR 1

RURAL RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE

1. Subject to compliance with the provisions of Part Three (General Regulations) of this Bylaw, every use of land and every building or structure located or proposed within the Rural Residential 1 Zone shall conform with the following provisions.

2. Permitted Uses

In the Rural Residential 1 Zone the following uses only shall be permitted:

- (a) Agriculture and silviculture;
- (b) Single family dwelling;
- ~~(c)~~ Two family dwelling;
- ~~(d)~~ Home-based business;
- ~~(e)~~ Bed and Breakfast;
- ~~(f)~~ Animal hospitals and veterinary clinics;
- ~~(g)~~ Accessory uses, buildings and structures.

3. Minimum Parcel Area

The minimum parcel area in the Rural Residential 1 Zone shall be:

- (a) 2,000 m² if the parcel is connected to the community water system and sewer system;
- (b) 1 hectare if the parcel will only be serviced by either the community water system or sewer system, or neither.

4. Dwellings Per Parcel

- (a) Not more than ~~one two~~ dwelling units shall be located on a parcel is permitted per parcel in the Rural Residential 1 Zone;
- (b) Dwelling units shall be located within the same building on parcels less than 1 hectare in area that are not connected to community sewer.
- (c) For parcels located within the Agricultural Land Reserve, the maximum gross floor area of dwelling units shall be determined by the Agricultural Land Commission.

5. Setbacks

In the Rural Residential 1 Zone, no building or structure (except a fence) shall be located within 7.5 metres of any lot line.

6. Parcel Coverage

All buildings and structures together in the Rural Residential 1 Zone shall not cover more than:

- (a) 40 percent of the parcel area;

- (b) the above 40% standard may be increased to 75% where an adequate greenhouse stormwater management plan, prepared by the landowner, is approved by Council.

7. Height

- (a) No principal building in the Rural Residential 1 Zone shall exceed a height of 10 metres or two storeys.
- (b) No accessory building in the Rural Residential 1 Zone shall exceed a height of 5 metres or one storey.

8. Parking

Parking shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 313 and 314 of this Bylaw.

408. AGR 2

AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE 2 ZONE

1. Subject to compliance with the provisions of Part Three (General Regulations) of this Bylaw, every use of land and every building or structure located or proposed within the Agricultural Resource 2 Zone shall conform with the following provisions.

2. Permitted Uses

In the Agricultural Resource 2 Zone, the following uses only shall be permitted:

- (a) Agriculture and silviculture;
- (b) Single family dwelling;
- ~~(c) Two family dwelling;~~
- ~~(de)~~ Manufactured home as a secondary dwelling only, if permitted under Section 408.4(a) below;
- ~~(ed)~~ Home-based business;
- ~~(fe)~~ Bed and Breakfast;
- ~~(gf)~~ Accessory uses, buildings and structures.

3. Minimum Parcel Size

The minimum parcel size in the Agricultural Resource 2 Zone shall be 8 hectares.

4. Dwellings Per Parcel

- ~~(a) Not more than two dwelling units shall be located on a parcel in the Agricultural Resource 2 Zone;~~
- ~~(b) Dwelling units shall be located within the same building on parcels less than 1 hectare in area that are not connected to community sewer.~~
- ~~(c) For parcels located within the Agricultural Land Reserve, the maximum gross floor area of dwelling units shall be determined by the Agricultural Land Commission.~~

| PARCEL AREA | MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL DWELLINGS | MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SECONDARY DWELLINGS | MAXIMUM GROSS FLOOR AREA OF SECONDARY DWELLINGS |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Less than 1.0 ha | 4 | 0 | N/A |
| 1.0 ha – 40.0 ha | 4 | 4 | 90.0m² |
| Greater than 40.0 ha | 4 | 4 | 186.0m² |

~~(d) Despite Section 408.4 (a), the maximum number of secondary dwellings per parcel and gross floor area may be exceeded if the Agricultural Land Commission determines the dwelling(s) to be necessary for farm labour.~~

5. Setbacks

In the AGR 2 Zone, no building or structure (except a fence) shall be located within 10 metres of any lot line.

6. Height

No principal building in the AGR 2 Zone shall exceed a height of 11 metres.

7. Parcel Coverage

All buildings and structures together in the AGR 2 Zone shall not cover more than:

- (a) 40 percent of the parcel area;
- (b) the above 40% standard may be increased to 75% where an adequate greenhouse stormwater management plan, prepared by the landowner, is approved by Council.

8. Parking

Parking shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 313 and 314 of this Bylaw.

409. OS 3

OPEN SPACE 3 ZONE

1. Subject to compliance with the provisions of Part Three (General Regulations) of this Bylaw, every use of land and every building or structure located or proposed within the Open Space 3 Zone shall conform with the following provisions.

2. Permitted Uses

The following uses only shall be permitted in the Open Space 3 Zone:

- (a) Agriculture and silviculture;
- (b) Single family dwelling;
- ~~(c) Two family dwelling;~~
- ~~(d) Manufactured home;~~
- ~~(e) Home-based business;~~
- ~~(f) Accessory uses, buildings and structures.~~

3. Minimum Parcel Area

The minimum parcel area in the Open Space 3 Zone shall be 8 hectares.

4. Dwellings Per Parcel

- (a) Not more than ~~two~~one-dwelling units shall be ~~permitted~~located on a parcel in the Open Space 3 Zone;
- ~~(b) Dwelling units shall be located within the same building on parcels less than 1 hectare in area that are not connected to community sewer.~~
- ~~(c) For parcels located within the Agricultural Land Reserve, the maximum gross floor area of dwelling units shall be determined by the Agricultural Land Commission.~~
- ~~(d) Despite Section 409.4 (a), the maximum number of dwellings per parcel may be exceeded if the Agricultural Land Commission determines the dwelling(s) to be necessary for farm labour.~~

5. Setbacks

No building or structure in the OS 3 Zone shall be located within 7.5 metres of any lot line.

6. Parking

Parking shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 313 and 314 of this Bylaw.

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VILLAGE OF MIDWAY

March 22, 2024

To The Village of Midway:

We, at the *Midway Seniors Centre (MSC)*, want to bring internet into the MSC. As we are not a Registered Charity, we need a sponsor to help us succeed. We are grateful to the Village of Midway for support that has been extremely beneficial in helping us achieve our goals.

Specific Request: We would like to sign up for a two-year internet plan with Rogers Communications. This cost is approximately \$2000.00.

Internet services will help MSC bring digital and computer literacy classes to the seniors, and others who are interested, to our community.

The *benefits for your sponsorship* will include *Visibility* on our Facebook page along with your logo/name on our bulletin board.

Community Impact: Digital literacy is more and more important with the technological changes that happen every day. This is especially true for seniors. As the senior population continues to grow and technology is more important in completing everyday tasks, there is a need for seniors to learn digital skills. Further, the ability to access and use digital resources not only helps seniors stay connected to friends and family but also allows them to access vital health services, manage their finances, and engage with their communities. This will help people in the community to learn and understand how to use and be familiar with their cell phone, tablets and laptops effectively.

Audience Reach: the MSC is a nonprofit with an active membership and would extend even more exposure to The Village of Midway.

Nonprofit sponsorship serves as a key tool in initiating and nurturing collaborative relationships. We are grateful for your past kindness.

We understand The Village has many demands on its resources and we are honored that you might chose to support us again.

Once again, thank you for your support. We look forward to continuing our partnership.

Sincerely,
Joanne Welch
Midway Seniors Centre
msc117a@gmail.com
250 449 2223



Staff Report – Item 8(e)

Date: April 10, 2024
To: Chief Administrative Officer
From: Fire Chief
Subject: Report to Council

File No: 0640-30

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT council receive the attached report for information

ISSUE/PURPOSE:

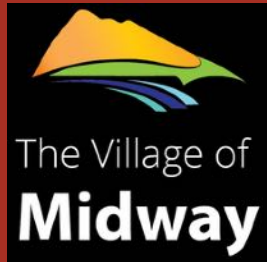
The attached report is intended to provide an update on fire department operations.

ATTACHMENTS:

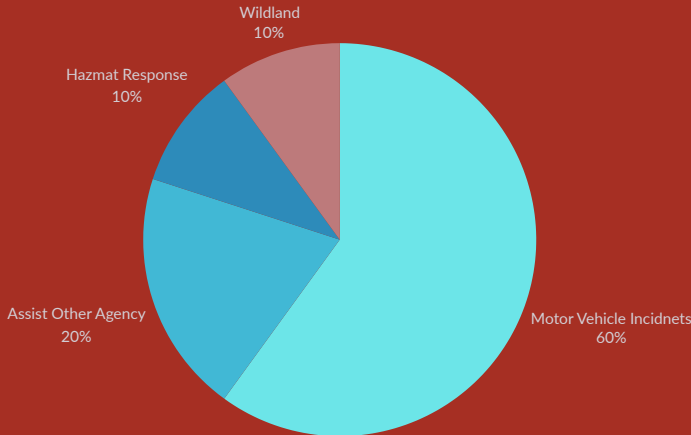
Report to Council



Report to Council April 2024



Motor Vehicle Incidents Assist Other Agency
Hazmat Response Wildland



EMERGENCY CALLS

Nine fewer calls to this point in 2024, compared to 2023, but up four from 2022.

Just before Christmas members responded to two fatal MVI's. A critical incident response team was brought in to conduct a debrief for members

The department worked with the local RCMP and the explosives disposal unit when dynamite was discovered in a local shed

TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

- Tuesday training nights have been productive
 - Averaging 15 members attending
 - Working to get new recruits trained
 - Wildland refresher is complete
 - Rope rescue and ATV/UTV training coming up
- One member plus one junior member attended the Fire Service Women BC Symposium
- Participated in:
 - College of the Rockies Advisory Meeting
 - Boundary Fire Chiefs Meeting (plans for sharing resources and training opportunities)
 - Six part course with the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs started - Rapid Response in Human Factors
- Advanced Auto Extrication training was completed in October
- Three members attended Engine Boss training provided by BC Wildfire. Two more attending this month

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Assisted with Grade 12 students evaluating and providing feedback on their Capstone Projects

Members attended at the Emergency Fair to provide information and advice to local residents

Members organized and participated in the second annual Guns and Hoses Charity Hockey Game. Over \$3000 was shared between the Kettle River Food Share and the Kettle River Lions Club (for Rock Creek Medical Centre equipment)

Members participated with the RCMP in charity basketball game against the high school team

Members conducted the annual Christmas Eve candy cane delivery, donated to the local food bank, and brought Santa to the museum for the Community Club

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

CRI grant application is finalized and being being submitted. If approved, this will provide funding for fuel mitigation work along Fritz Road and a FireSmart Coordinator/Fuel Mitigation Specialist position.

Actively seeking funds to purchase a new battery operated cutter for auto extrication. Grant in Aids have been received from the RDKB (\$5000) and the City of Greenwood (\$4000). We are waiting for a decision from the Midway Partnership Fund and the Boundary Community Forest.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Participating in coordination and/or update conference calls with EMCR on a regular basis.

Attended the Boundary Services Committee meeting in Grand Forks

Monitoring Myers Creek Road erosion issue

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Automatic aid in place with Greenwood Fire for structure fires only. Any other calls the request has to be made with dispatch.

Worked with CAO on RDKB Fire Service Agreement renewal.

Ongoing discussions with CAO regarding potential deployment with BC Wildfire.

The side-by-side purchased from Lake Country is ready for service and will be stationed at the Kettle Valley Hall

FIRESMART/FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION

- Fire Safety presentation at Parkview Manor
- Emergency preparedness presentation for seniors at the Riverside Center
- Fire extinguisher training for Parkview Manor staff
- Firehall tour and demonstration for Greenwood Elementary

All presentations had participation from other members of the department as well.

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership numbers are staying relatively static
- Recruiting is ongoing and we have a few new members
- Gord Kamigochi received his 30 year certificate
- Participated in Fire Fighting in Canada Virtual Summit on volunteer recruitment and retention



Date: April 11, 2024
To: Mayor & Council
From: Public Works Foreman
Subject: Quarterly report to Council

File No: 0640-30

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives the report for information.

BACKGROUND:

Buildings:

- Complete repairs found during building inspections.
- Furnace duct cleaning completed.
- Working on asbestos & lead paint assessment of Village owned buildings.

Airport

- Currently have a couple tires fixed on the loader so we can roll the airstrip this week while its soft.
- Hangars weren't as full this past winter. I think we had 7 RVs stored, 2 left to come out.

Equipment

- Lots of maintenance done over the winter, but not as bad as last winter
- Sanders/Plow etc taken off and put away.
- Move into spring and getting everything ready for the summer work.
- Broke a main blade lift cylinder recently on the grader, figured it was going to be out of commission for good, but managed to find parts.

Landfill

- Burnt tree prunings at the end of winter. Used the ash and debris as fill in the other half of the landfill before opening for tree recycling.
- We already had someone dumping their garbage.

Cemetery

- Built shoring that can be drooped in and pulled back out on full size burials. Still experimenting with that
- Prep for a pad for a memorial bench.
- Probably need to mow and weed eat already in the next week.

Arena

- A pretty good season overall
- Stayed open a couple extra weeks for a hockey camp during spring break. Looked to be successful.
- Ice is out and floor cleaned.
- Had some issues with the plant at the end of the season. Trane is looking into it.

Parks

- Mowed everything once to mulch leaves.
- Started first mow/pruning trees and maintenance on beds.
- Did some clean up around spray park, added more topsoil and seed in areas after settling over winter. Grass is starting to come up.
- In the coming weeks, plan out and install irrigation around the spray park and get campground ready.
- Repairs/rebuild of picnic tables and bleachers.

Water

- Worked on aquifer/water reports. See attachment, Historical Aquifer Levels 2012-2024.xlsx
- Bleached/flushed and sampled #1 Well in preparation of irrigation/gardening season.

Sewer

- Installed new aeration blower, rebuilt the old one.
- Still have lots of wipes and grease which in turn caused a few plug ups in residential lines and manholes.

Streets

- Was a different winter this year. Not as much snow & more than normal freeze/thaw cycles and rain, which caused a lot of deep ruts on some of non-paved roads and lots of movement and cracks in the paved roads.
- A lot of the ruts have been graded out and back bladed smooth with the backhoe once things dried out.
- Sweeping is pretty much completed, and intersections clean up and repaired.
- Started grading but as mentioned grader will be down for a bit. Might have to get a contractor to do Myers Creek Rd and the logging contractor to do Fritz if I can't get it repaired soon.

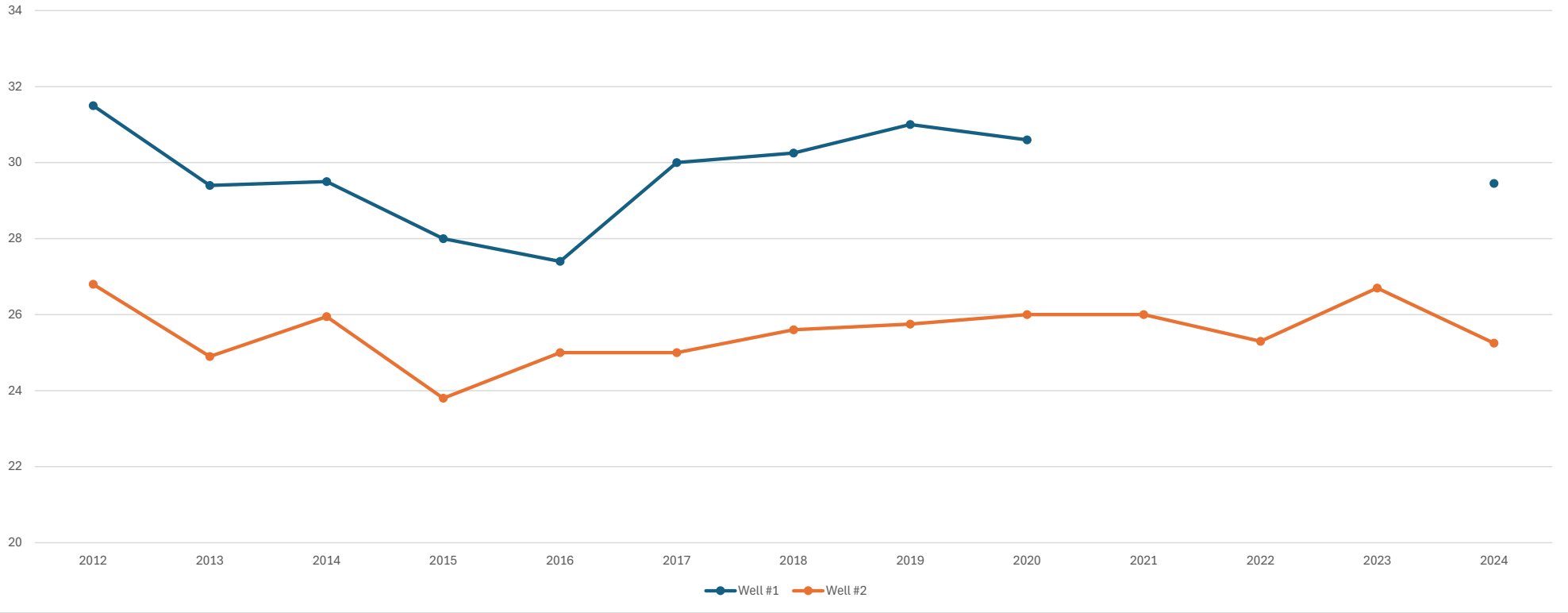
Risk Management

- Working on Spray Park rules sign.
- Biohazard exposer control so we can be up to date with WCB compliance.
- A couple falls at the arena this past winter. Working on ways to prevent future falls with our safety committee.

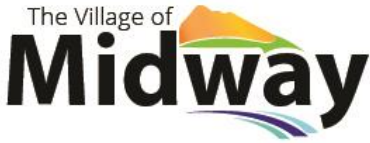
ATTACHMENTS:

Historical Aquifer Levels 2012-2024.xlsx

Historical Aquifer levels for the beginning of April



| | Current | Average | Best | Worst |
|----------------|---------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Well #1 | 29.45 | 29.71 | 27.4 (2016) | 31.5 (2012) |
| Well #2 | 25.25 | 25.54 | 23.8 (2015) | 26.8 (2012) |



Staff Report – Item 8(g)

Date: April 12, 2024
To: Council
From: Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: Public Works early Budget approvals

File No: 0640-30

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approves a Capital budget of \$12,000 for Riverside Park campground washroom building improvements

AND THAT Council approves an Operational budget of \$10,000 for Zamboni repairs and maintenance, including the purchase of a new tank.

ISSUE/PURPOSE:

To seek early approval from Council for Riverside campground improvements and repair to the Arena's zamboni, to ensure that staff are able to complete the repair prior to next season.

BACKGROUND:

Public works staff have expressed that they would like to proceed with important Riverside campground upgrades prior to the season. These upgrades include tiling of washroom floors, skirting the outside of the washroom building with wood, sink upgrades, electrical works and cementing the walkway that had to be removed for a repair to a water leak last year. Currently there is no wheelchair access to the washroom.

There are also important repairs and maintenance required to the Zamboni including the purchase of a new tank which needs to be ordered, so that staff can work on the Zamboni in time for the next ice season.

FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:

2024 Capital budget - \$12,000 – Staff would like to consider the use of Covid-Restart funds for this upgrade and has reached out to the province's fund administrator to confirm eligibility.

2024 Operational budget - \$10,000 – This item will be budgeted as part of the Public Works Arena budget, with the funds to come from 2024 User fees and taxation.

April 5, 2024

Mayor & Council
The Village of Midway
PO Box 160, Midway BC, V0H 1M0
midwaybc@shaw.ca

Re: Sherbinin, Hadikin, Zwick Reunion (July 5, 6, 7)

Dear Village of Midway Mayor & Council,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Sherbinin, Hadikin, Zwick Family's and descendants. We are seeking permission to use McMynn Park starting on the *evening* of Friday, July 5th until the *afternoon* of Sunday, July 7th for a Family Reunion. The guest list is between 100-150 people. We are interested in renting the Midway Hall for the use of the washrooms and kitchen, dependant on the renovation schedule. Our second option is the curling rink, which we will contact in the event that the Midway Hall is unavailable.

We are asking permission for the use of the park to hold the main gathering. Activities that would take place would include;

- lawn games,
- scrimmage ball game,
- connecting with new and extended Family,
- group meals

We are also interested in using the Park for self-contained camping, as the Frank Carpenter Memorial Campground is fully booked that weekend. We expect many people to stay with Family still in the Boundary area, but there is a need to have camping for those who no longer have immediate Family in the area. Other day-use vehicles would park in the parking lot between the Hall and Curling Rink. We will have signs to keep congestion to a minimum.

We are aware of the requirement of Event Insurance, and have a quote from InsureBC. Insurance will be purchased closer to the date of the event.

We are excited to reconnect and visit with Family. There has not been a formally planned reunion since 1988, which was held on the Zwick property. Our Family has grown over the years, and it is important to many that the reunion be held in Midway as that is where so many grew up, and still continue to have roots.

If you need any further information, please reach out. I am best reached by phone.

Sincerely,
Veronika Zwick-Cooper
veronika_zwick12@hotmail.com
250-354-3767

CAO Report to Council

Date: April 15, 2024

File No: 0640-40

Important dates:

- **3rd reading and adoption for OCP Bylaw 559, 2024 – April 15th meeting**
- **Introduction of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 561, 2024 and consideration of 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings**
- **May Council meetings – May 6th and May 27th, 2024 @ 7:00pm**

- 1) The audit of our 2023 financials has begun and will continue into next week. Grant Thornton will produce draft financial statements for the CAO's review, and a Special meeting will be held for Council to be informed of the audit results and to approve the Financial Statements for year ending 31st Dec, 2023. The deadline for the approved financial statements to be sent to the Ministry is May 15th, 2024.
- 2) Community Centre project tender closing – the contractors are still waiting on answers to questions that require Civil engineers verification which is taking longer than anticipated. Project manager Wendy Higashi requested for the closing date to be extended by three days, to April 19th. Her recommendation will allow contractors to provide a more accurate bid. Once bids have been reviewed by Cover, a Special meeting with Council will be arranged.
- 3) OCP Bylaw 559, 2024 – third and final reading. At the Public hearing there was a suggestion for the following to be added to the OCP Bylaw:
7.8 Public Involvement
In addition to any statutory requirements for public notification, that notification be given in the Midway Municipal Newsletter for all Council activities.
Whilst staff think that it is a great idea to include Public Notices in the Village newsletter in addition to the newspaper advertisement and Village website, it is not recommended for it to be added into the OCP Bylaw, as this is not the place for it. The Council procedure Bylaw provides the basis for how legal notices are advertised, and if Council wishes to change the method of advertising, then it would need to be amended in this Bylaw only. Staff are recommending tabling this review until after the audit and budget. In the meantime, staff will ensure to include public notices in the newsletter.
- 4) Boundary Economic Diversification Plan – I met with Sarah and Jennifer from Community Futures today and we are meeting with the REDIP funder on a Teams call on Monday to discuss funding opportunities, for the next stage of the project.
- 5) Summer Student grant application – I received a phone call from MP Richard Cannings office confirming that we have been approved for funding for a summer student through the Federal Government Summer Students Program. Once the funding approval documentation has been received, I will place an advertisement for the position.
- 6) Strategic Planning – staff have reached out to the consultant to get an update on the final document.
- 7) Deputy Finance position – interviews being scheduled next week.
- 8) Budget 2024 – CAO will be back working on the Budget draft next week and will start scheduling budget meetings. *Please can Council advise of any dates that will not work at end of April/first two weeks of May.*
- 9) BMHA Board meeting – Nick Bosovich has reached out regarding their next Board meeting. They are holding a meeting April 19th (time and place TBD) to discuss some budget options for the upcoming season. Mayor McMynn had mentioned about meeting with their board again before the beginning of the new season. This could be a good meeting for everyone to attend if they are interested.

The Village of
Midway

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN



April 15th 2024, ready for 3rd Bylaw Reading & Adoption

The Corporation of the Village of Midway

BYLAW No. 559, 2024

A Bylaw to Establish an Official Community Plan for the Village of Midway

WHEREAS an Official Community Plan may be enacted pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act and the Community Charter;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Midway has conducted a review of the Village of Midway Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 380 which has resulted in a comprehensive rewrite of the Plan's objectives and policies and substantial changes to the maps associated therewith;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Midway, in open and public meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Citation

This Bylaw may be cited as "Midway Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 559, 2024".

2. Repeal

Midway Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 380, 2007 and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

3. Plan Schedules

The Community Plan text (Schedule A), Schedule B (the Land Use Map), Schedule C (the Development Permit Area Map), Schedule D (the Water Service Area Map), and Schedule E (the Sewer Service Area Map) attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, are hereby designated as the Midway Official Community Plan.

READ A FIRST time this 4th day of March 2024.

READ A SECOND time this 25th day of March 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ADVERTISED the 6th day of March 2024.

and also

the 13th day of March 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD on this 25 day of March, 2024.

READ A THIRD time this 15th day of April, 2024.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2024.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

**THE VILLAGE OF MIDWAY
BYLAW No. 561, 2024**

A Bylaw to Amend the Village of Midway Zoning Bylaw No. 464, 2015

WHEREAS the Village of Midway may amend its Zoning Bylaw pursuant to the provisions of the *Community Charter*;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Midway, in open and public meeting assembled, enacts the following:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as Zoning Amendment Bylaw 561, 2024.
2. The Village of Midway Zoning Bylaw 464, as amended, is further amended by:
 - i) Adding Two family dwelling as a permitted use in Section 402.2 of the Residential 1 Zone.
 - ii) Revising Section 402.4 (Dwellings Per Parcel) in the Residential 1 Zone to read:
 - (a) Not more than two dwelling units shall be located on a parcel in the Residential 1 Zone.
 - (b) Dwelling units shall be located within the same building on parcels less than 1 hectare in area that are not connected to community sewer.
 - iii) Revising Section 403.5 (Dwellings Per Parcel) in the Residential 2 Zone to read:
 - (a) Not more than two dwelling units shall be located on a parcel in the Residential 2 Zone.
 - (b) Dwelling units shall be located within the same building on parcels less than 1 hectare in area that are not connected to community sewer.
 - iv) Adding Two family dwelling as a permitted use in Section 407.2 of the Rural Residential 1 Zone.
 - v) Revising Section 407.4 (Dwellings Per Parcel) in the Rural Residential 1 Zone to read:
 - (a) Not more than two dwelling units shall be located on a parcel in the Rural Residential 1 Zone.
 - (b) Dwelling units shall be located within the same building on parcels less than 1 hectare in area that are not connected to community sewer.
 - (c) For parcels located within the Agricultural Land Reserve, the maximum gross floor area of dwelling units shall be determined by the Agricultural Land Commission.
 - vi) Adding Two family dwelling as a permitted use in Section 408.2 of the Agricultural Resource 2 Zone.
 - vii) Revising Section 408.4 (Dwellings Per Parcel) in the Agricultural Resource 2 Zone to read:
 - (a) Not more than two dwelling units shall be located on a parcel in the Agricultural Resource 2 Zone.
 - (b) Dwelling units shall be located within the same building on parcels less than 1 hectare

in area that are not connected to community sewer.

- (c) For parcels located within the Agricultural Land Reserve, the maximum gross floor area of dwelling units shall be determined by the Agricultural Land Commission.
 - (d) Section 408.4 (a), the maximum number of dwellings per parcel may be exceeded if the Agricultural Land Commission determines the dwelling(s) to be necessary for farm labour.
- viii) Adding Two family dwelling as a permitted use in Section 409.2 of the Open Space 3 Zone.
- ix) Revising Section 409.4 (Dwellings Per Parcel) in the Open Space 3 Zone to read:
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 - (b) Dwelling units shall be located within the same building on parcels less than 1 hectare in area that are not connected to community sewer.
 - (c) For parcels located within the Agricultural Land Reserve, maximum gross floor area of dwelling units shall be determined by the Agricultural Land Commission.
 - (d) Despite Section 409.4 (a), the maximum number of dwellings per parcel may be exceeded if the Agricultural Land Commission determines the dwelling(s) to be necessary for farm labour.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME THIS 15th DAY OF APRIL, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING NOT HELD AS PER SECTION 464 (4) of the *Local Government Act*.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOT HELD ADVERTISED THE 4TH & 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024

Approved pursuant to section 52(3)(a) of the *Transportation Act* this day of 2024

for Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure

ADOPTED THIS DAY OF 2024

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer



VILLAGE OF MIDWAY

Cheque Listing For Council

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| 20240328 | 2024-04-04 | DUNSDON, RICHARD | 2324243 | PAYMENT COMM GARDEN - TRAIL CAMERA | 67.19 | 67.19 |
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| 20240331 | 2024-04-04 | GFL ENVIRONMENTAL INC | WP0000057799 | PAYMENT MEDICAL CLINIC RECYCLING MARC | 26.63 | 26.63 |
| 20240332 | 2024-04-04 | HIGASHI, WENDY | 31 | PAYMENT COMM CENTRE UPGRADE - MARCH | 2,625.00 | 2,625.00 |
| 20240333 | 2024-04-04 | HOULE CONSULTING | 111 112 | PAYMENT SUBDIVISION & DAPR PROJECT SUBDIVISION & DAPR PROJECT | 193.50 656.25 | 849.75 |
| 20240334 | 2024-04-04 | LORDCO AUTO PARTS | MAR 2024 | PAYMENT MARCH 2024 PURCHASES | 538.55 | 538.55 |
| 20240335 | 2024-04-04 | MCMYNN'S BUILDING CENTRE | MAR 2024 | PAYMENT MARCH 2024 PURCHASES | 515.68 | 515.68 |
| 20240336 | 2024-04-04 | MCMYNN'S FAMILY FOODS | MAR 2024 | PAYMENT MARCH 2024 PURCHASES | 371.51 | 371.51 |
| 20240337 | 2024-04-04 | SHAW BUSINESS | 2469915 | PAYMENT APRIL 2024 LANDLINES | 316.34 | 316.34 |
| 20240338 | 2024-04-04 | SHAW CABLE | MAY 2024 | PAYMENT INTERNET FOR MAY 2024 | 557.71 | 557.71 |
| 20240339 | 2024-04-04 | SHKRABUIK, THOMAS RANDOLPH | MAR 2024 | PAYMENT COMPUTER MAINTENANCE MARCH | 2,502.50 | 2,502.50 |
| 20240340 | 2024-04-04 | WORKSAFE BC | JAN-MAR 2024 | PAYMENT WCB JAN-MAR 2024 | 4,222.45 | 4,222.45 |
| 20240341 | 2024-04-08 | RIDDLE, CATHY | | | | |
| 20240342 | 2024-04-08 | RIDDLE, CATHY | | | | |
| 20240343 | 2024-04-11 | CANADA POST | 9909692064 | PAYMENT FEB 22 & MAR 21 NEWSLETTERS | 123.07 | 123.07 |
| 20240344 | 2024-04-11 | CARO ANALYTICAL SERVICES | IC2405352 IC2405768 IC2406405 IC2407146 | PAYMENT MARCH 5 WATER TEST MARCH 12 WATER TEST MARCH 19 WATER TEST MARCH 26 WATER TEST | 195.30 195.30 195.30 195.30 | 781.20 |
| 20240345 | 2024-04-11 | CLOVER KITCHEN EXHAUST LTD | 4324 | PAYMENT ARENA CONCESSION DUCT CLEANI | 551.25 | 551.25 |
| 20240346 | 2024-04-11 | FORTISBC-NATURAL GAS | MARCH 2024 | PAYMENT MARCH 2024 NATURAL GAS | 1,302.53 | 1,302.53 |
| 20240347 | 2024-04-11 | GRANT THORNTON LLP | IBC-31945 | PAYMENT SERVICES RENDERED IN RELATION | 5,722.50 | 5,722.50 |
| 20240348 | 2024-04-11 | JENKS, SUZANNE ALICIA | APRIL 5/24 | PAYMENT BYLAW LEVEL 2 TRAVEL EXPENSES | 188.18 | 188.18 |
| 20240349 | 2024-04-11 | MINISTER OF FINANCE | 2021728 | PAYMENT STREET LIGHT COST SHARING JAN- | 110.52 | 110.52 |



VILLAGE OF MIDWAY

Cheque Listing For Council

2024-Apr-12
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| Cheque | | | | | Invoice | Cheque |
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| Cheque # | Date | Vendor Name | Invoice # | Invoice Description | Amount | Amount |
| 20240350 | 2024-04-11 | MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN | 20240330+V/S | PAYMENT PAY PERIOD ENDING MARCH 30/24 | 4,495.53 | 4,495.53 |
| 20240351 | 2024-04-11 | ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHOENIX | IN0145537 | PAYMENT ROAD RESCUE - EDRAULIC MINOR | 1,724.80 | 1,724.80 |
| 20240352 | 2024-04-11 | SHADOW CREEK PROPERTIES LTD | 223951 331958 331963 | PAYMENT STREET MAINT - COMMUNITY GARD PW EQUIP - STREET SWEEPER BAT CEMETARY MAINT - BURIAL PREP & | 367.50 459.20 945.00 | 1,771.70 |
| 20240353 | 2024-04-11 | TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC | APR 2024 BP APR-MAY/24 | PAYMENT LANDLINES APRIL 2024 APR - MAY BLUE PAGES | 305.45 79.38 | 384.83 |
| 20240354 | 2024-04-11 | TELUS MOBILITY | F/C APR 2024 | PAYMENT FIRE CHIEF CELL, TABLETS & WATC | 166.85 | 166.85 |
| 20240355 | 2024-04-11 | VIRGIN PLUS | APR 2024 | PAYMENT V/S CELL PHONE APR 2024 | 73.21 | 73.21 |

Total 117,685.63

*** End of Report ***



OMBUDSPERSON
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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February 29, 2024

Mayor Douglas McMynn

Village of Midway
Box 160
MIDWAY BC V0H 1M0

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VILLAGE OF MIDWAY

Dear Mayor Douglas McMynn:

Re: Office of the Ombudsperson Quarterly Report: October 1 - December 31, 2023

This package of documents details the complaint files the Office of the Ombudsperson closed for Village of Midway between October 1 and December 31, 2023. Though no action is required on your part, we hope that you will find this information useful and share it within your organization.

These reports provide information about the complaint files we closed regarding your organization within the last quarter, including both files we investigated and files we closed without investigation. Files currently open with the office are not included in these reports.

Enclosed you will find detailed reports containing the following:

- A one-page report listing the number of files closed and the category under which they were closed. The categories we use to close files are based on the sections of the *Ombudsperson Act*, which gives the Ombudsperson the authority to investigate complaints from the public regarding authorities under our jurisdiction. A more detailed description of our closing categories is available on our website at: <https://bcombudsperson.ca/assets/media/QR-Glossary.pdf>.
- If applicable: Copies of closing summaries written about the complaint files we investigated. These summaries provide an overview of the complaint received, our investigation and the outcome. Our office produces closing summaries for investigated files only, and not for enquiries or those complaints we chose not to investigate.
- If applicable: A summary of the topics identified in the complaint files closed during the quarter. We track general complaint topics for all complaints we receive, and when applicable, we include authority-specific and/or sector-specific topics for your organization and/or sector. Our office tracks the topics of complaints we investigate and



those we close without investigation, but not for enquiries. Because complaints to our office are confidential, we do not share complaint topic information if we received too few complaints to preserve the complainants' anonymity.

If your organization received too few complaints to produce a summary of complaint topics but you would like further information about the complaints our office received about your organization, our Public Authority Consultation and Training (PACT) Team can provide further details upon request. Please contact the PACT Team at 250-508-2950 or consult@bcombudsperson.ca

If you wish to update your organization's contact information, or if you notice any inaccuracies in the data provided, please contact us at info@bcombudsperson.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Jay Chalke
Ombudsperson
Province of British Columbia

Enclosures



| Type of complaint closure for Authority: Village of Midway | # closed |
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| Enquiries – Many people who contact us are not calling to make a complaint, but are seeking information or advice. These contacts are classified as <i>Enquiries</i> to distinguish them from <i>Complaints</i> , which are requests that our office conduct an investigation. | 0 |
| Complaints with No Investigation – Our office does not investigate every complaint it receives. First, we determine whether we have authority to investigate the complaint under the <i>Ombudsperson Act</i> . We also have discretion to decline to investigate for other reasons specified in the <i>Ombudsperson Act</i> . | 1 |
| Early Resolution Investigations – Early Resolution investigations provide an expedited process for dealing with complaints when it appears that an opportunity exists for the authority to take immediate action to resolve the issue. Typical issues that are addressed through Early Resolution include timeliness, communication, and opportunities for internal review. | 0 |
| Complaint Investigations – When we investigate a complaint we may conclude with a determination that a complaint is not substantiated, or with a negotiated settlement of the complaint, or with public findings and recommendations. We may also exercise discretion to cease investigation for a number of other reasons specified in the <i>Ombudsperson Act</i> . | 0 |
| Reason for closing an Investigation | |
| Pre-empted by existing statutory right of appeal, objection or review. | 0 |
| Investigation ceased with no formal findings under the <i>Ombudsperson Act</i> . | |
| More than one year between event and complaint | 0 |
| Insufficient personal interest | 0 |
| Available remedy | 0 |
| Frivolous/vexatious/trivial matter | 0 |
| Can consider without further investigation | 0 |
| No benefit to complainant or person aggrieved | 0 |
| Complaint abandoned | 0 |
| Complaint withdrawn | 0 |
| Complaint settled in consultation with the authority – When an | 0 |



investigation leads us to conclude that action is required to resolve the complaint, we try to achieve that resolution by obtaining the voluntary agreement of the authority to settle the complaint. This allows matters to be resolved fairly for the complainant and authority without requiring a formal finding of maladministration.

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| Complaint substantiated with formal findings under the <i>Ombudsperson Act</i> . | 0 |
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| Complaint not substantiated under the <i>Ombudsperson Act</i> . | 0 |
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| Ombudsperson Initiated Investigations – The Ombudsperson has the authority to initiate investigations independently from our process for responding to complaints from the public. These investigations may be ceased at the discretion of the Ombudsperson or concluded with formal findings and recommendations. | 0 |
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The tables below summarize the complaint topics we are tracking for your sector and/or authority and the number of times this topic was identified in the files (investigated and non-investigated complaints) that were closed in the most recent quarter.

If you would like more information on the types of complaints we receive, please contact our Public Authority Consultation and Training Team: email us at consult@bcombudsperson.ca or call us at 250-508-2950.

Sector-Specific Complaint Topics – All Local Government

| | | |
|---|----|-----|
| Business Licensing | 3 | 2% |
| Bylaw Enforcement | 52 | 33% |
| Council Member Conduct (incl. Conflict of Interest) | 18 | 11% |
| Fees/Charges (incl. Taxes) | 18 | 11% |
| Official Community Plan/Zoning/Development | 24 | 15% |
| Open Meetings | 7 | 4% |
| Other | 16 | 10% |
| Procurement | 1 | 1% |
| Response to Damages Claim | 2 | 1% |
| Services (incl. Garbage, Sewer, Water) | 17 | 11% |

General Complaint Topics – All Local Government

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----|
| Accessibility | 11 | 5% |
| Administrative Error | 5 | 2% |
| Communication | 34 | 15% |
| Delay | 7 | 3% |
| Disagreement with Decision or Outcome | 73 | 33% |
| Discrimination | 5 | 2% |
| Employment or Labour Relations | 1 | 0% |
| Other | 5 | 2% |
| Process or Procedure | 57 | 26% |



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| Review or Appeal Process | 4 | 2% |
| Treatment by Staff | 21 | 9% |



BRITISH
COLUMBIA

VIA EMAIL

Ref. 66386

April 10, 2024

His Worship Douglas McMynn
Mayor of the Village of Midway
Email: dmcmynn.midwaybc@shaw.ca

Dear Mayor Douglas McMynn:

British Columbia is facing an unprecedented housing shortage. We need every local government in the province to work with us to enable the development of more housing in every community. We need all types of housing; rental housing, family housing, housing that is appropriate and accessible for seniors and housing that presents real opportunities for ownership to first time buyers. That is why in the 2023 fall legislative session, we passed three legislative packages (Bills 44, 46 and 47) designed to shift land use planning away from site-by-site rezoning decisions that slow down the delivery of housing and amenities toward more 'up-front' planning and zoning practices.

Collectively, these legislative changes will help to address the housing crisis in BC by promoting greater diversification of the housing stock to address the unique needs for homes across a variety of demographics, tenures, household lifecycles, and income ranges. They will enable more efficient and predictable planning for housing need, reduce administrative and negotiation costs, help deliver more housing options for a range of incomes, and contribute to economic growth.

In our consultations on the Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing legislation with planning staff and home builders, we heard clearly that this type of housing, four to six units on a single-family lot, can be challenging to realize within overly prescriptive site guidelines. Allowing for maximum flexibility on site will ensure we have the best chance of seeing "gentle" density realized in our communities. And because we know this type of development can be challenging and that streamlined development approvals process will help, Bill 44 also requires that you do not unreasonably restrict or prohibit the development of Small Scale Multi-Unit Housing.

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His Worship Douglas McMynn

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We also expect many Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing Developments will be strata titled and provide more accessible pathways to homeownership for people who would not be able to afford a single-family home in many communities. The Province recommends local governments allow stratification at every opportunity.

Alongside these bills, we also published the [Provincial Policy Manual and Site Standards](#) for Small Scale Multi-Unit Housing. This manual provides a framework that will create a healthy development environment to realize the diverse housing types needed to meet the unit level density required by Bill 44. I would like to remind you that Bill 44 requires that you consider this policy guidance when crafting your zoning bylaw amendments. We strongly encourage you to adopt the provincial site standards around lot coverage, building height and setbacks and to allow as many unit types as possible in as many residential zones as you can so we can build more homes for people.

I know your staff are already working hard to prepare your bylaw amendments to meet the compliance deadline of June 30, 2024, and I appreciate the work and thought that you are putting into this process.

Thank you for working with us to address restrictive zoning and make it easier for people to build small scale, multi-unit homes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ravi Kahlon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing

pc: Lisa Teggarty, Chief Administrative Officer (midwaybc@shaw.ca)



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Government to increase tax credits for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers

From: [Department of Finance Canada](#)

News release

April 10, 2024 - Ottawa, Ontario - Department of Finance Canada

Volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers play a critical role in protecting Canadians. Every year thousands of Canadians volunteer their time, and sacrifice their own safety, to keep their neighbours safe. Whether responding to flooding in Nova Scotia or wildfires in British Columbia, these volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help with firefighting and search and rescue.

In recognition of this, today the federal government announced that Budget 2024 will propose to double the Volunteer Firefighters Tax Credit and the Search and Rescue Volunteers Tax Credit.

This means the tax credit will increase from \$3,000 to \$6,000 for 2024 and subsequent tax years, saving volunteer firefighters up to \$900 per year. This increase will particularly benefit rural communities where firefighters are most often volunteers and they are confronting increasingly more frequent wildfires

due to climate change. Over the next six years, this represents about \$105 million in new support for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers across the country.

Today's announcement also includes \$166.2 million over five years in new funding in support of First Nations emergency management and preparedness. Recognizing that many First Nations communities are especially vulnerable to the impact of natural disasters, this investment will better support First Nations to protect their communities.

These investments will help ensure that our essential first responder volunteers are better supported in the selfless work they do to keep all of us safe. Alongside these measures, in the upcoming budget, the government will announce further action to build more homes, faster, make life more affordable, and create more good jobs and economic growth to ensure every generation can get ahead.

Quotes

“Volunteer firefighters keep Canadians safe, while putting their own lives at risk. As wildfires and natural disasters grow more severe, these volunteers remain some of the only first responders in their community. The Volunteer Firefighters Tax Credit and the Search and Rescue Volunteers Tax Credit are there to support the service of remarkable Canadians and encourage more people to do this critical, lifesaving work.”

– The Honourable Chrystia Freeland,
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

“The 2023 Wildfire Season was instructive – it showed us what the world will be like if we fail to tackle climate change and prepare for increasingly intense burn seasons. The immediate priority of any government is to protect lives and livelihoods – and increasingly that starts with recognizing the scientific reality of climate change and investing in measures to mitigate and adapt our changing climate. That is why the federal government has been working hard to train more firefighters, provide more lifesaving equipment, and partner with provinces and territories in anticipation for the 2024 wildfire season and fire seasons to come.”

– The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson,
Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

"Canadians from coast to coast to coast have felt the increasing impacts of intense wildfires due to the changing climate. These emergencies, which threaten our communities, livelihoods and environment, are met by extraordinary individuals who volunteer as firefighters and search and rescue personnel. There is no braver person than one who is willing to sacrifice their own life for another. Our federal government recognizes this essential community service through the Volunteer Firefighters and Search and Rescue Volunteers Tax Credits.”

– The Honourable Harjit Sajjan,
President of the King’s Privy Council for Canada and Minister of
Emergency Preparedness and Minister responsible for the Pacific
Economic Development Agency of Canada

“Today’s announcement marks another big step forward as we implement Canada’s first National Adaptation Strategy. We are committed to protecting communities, our economy and our natural environment from the costly impacts of climate change. While we work to reduce the carbon emissions that are driving climate change, we are also safeguarding Canadians from immediate climate impacts, such as more intense and costly wildfires.”

– The Honourable Steven Guilbeault,
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

“First Nations communities and their traditional lands are experiencing firsthand the impacts of climate change. They are disproportionately affected, with 80% of communities at risk of wildfire. First Nations know best what they need to manage wildfires, and today’s announcement incorporates their traditional knowledge while building their capacity in a self-determinate way. Our message is clear: we will be at First Nations’ side and support their efforts both before, during, and after the wildfire season.”

– The Honourable Patty Hajdu,
Minister of Indigenous Services and Minister responsible for the
Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario

Quick facts

- The Government of Canada’s Budget 2024 will be tabled in the House of Commons by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

BOUNDARY ART TRAIL

SHOWCASING: THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL

Explore the breathtaking Trans Canada Trail in Boundary Country! Stretching nearly 225 km, it's the longest intact section of the Trans Canada trail system. Nature enthusiasts flock here to witness its stunning landscapes. Thousands of global visitors discover local gems along the way, while residents relish its social and health benefits.

Join us in celebrating the Trans Canada Trail with an art exhibition from Big White to Christina Lake in September. Artists of all mediums are invited to capture their unique perspective. Painters, photographers, quilters, woodworkers, and more can showcase their talents. Short stories and poetry submissions are welcome too. Don't miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty of our world as you journey through our communities.

Artwork will be collected in August and displayed for public enjoyment in a variety of communities. Venues will be revealed at a later date.



CALL FOR ARTISTS

AGE CATEGORIES

0-12 years old

13-18 years old

19-64 years old

65+ years old

Questions: 250-528-0227

Pat Henley: Trails To The Boundary Society - president