

The Village of

Midway
 MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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Next Council Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2024

Monday, May 27, 2024

Agendas close at noon

If you would like to appear as a delegation, or have an item added to the agenda, please contact the Village office prior to noon on the following dates for the upcoming meetings:

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Contact the Council

Mayor McMynn:

dmcynn.midwaybc@shaw.ca

ICBC & Motor Vehicles

The Village of Midway Office offers all of your ICBC Autoplan and Drivers Services needs.

Tree Recycling Facility

Has reopened for the 2024 season.

The only materials allowed at this site are **branches or bushes that have been pruned with a diameter of 6" or less.**



NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – Budget 2024

The proposed 2024-2028 Financial Plan will be considered by the Council of the Village of Midway at a Special meeting on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Midway Village Council Chambers. This is an ideal opportunity for residents to provide comments and suggestions on the proposed budget.

Budget information packages may be picked up at the Village of Midway, 661 Eighth Avenue, Midway, B.C., during office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., from Monday, May 6th, 2024. You may request a digital information package to be sent to you by email, by sending a request to midwaybc@shaw.ca

For more information, please contact Lisa Teggarty, Chief Administrative Officer at 250-449-2222.

Special Budget Meeting Dates - Special budget meetings have been scheduled as follows:

Tuesday 7th May at 6:00pm - Budget 2024

Presentation/ Budget deliberations.

Thursday 9th May at 6:00pm - Budget deliberations.

Monday May 13th at 6:00pm - 2024-2028 Financial Plan & 2024 Tax Rate Bylaws - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Readings.

Wednesday May 15th at 8:30am - 2024-2028 Financial Plan & 2024 Tax Rate Bylaws Adoption.

All meetings are open to the Public.

Property Tax Notices - Will be sent out in the mail by the end of the month. The deadline for paying taxes and utility fees is Thursday July 2, 2024 at 4:30pm. Any outstanding amounts will incur a 10% penalty. The Village can accept cash, cheque or debit (no credit cards) as payment. Post-dated cheques to July 2, 2024 are accepted but post-marks will not be accepted. Please remember that if you haven't paid for your Water and Sewer utilities that they are also due by July 2, 2024. Homeowner grants are being accepted by the Provincial Government again this year. Please visit gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant for more information. If you are new to Midway, please contact the office to make sure we have your current mailing address.



Landfill Hours of Operation

- **Rock Creek** - Monday, Thursday, Saturday: 10 am - 3 pm Sunday: 10 am - 5 pm
- **Greenwood** - Tuesday, Friday, Saturday: 9 am - 4 pm

Battery Recycling

Drop off your dead household batteries in the red box at the Village Office parking lot.

New Midway Residents

Welcome to Midway! New residents are asked to contact the Village Office to ensure we have your correct mailing address (Box #) on file. Please phone 250-449-2222.

Council Meeting Minutes

Are available on our website at: www.midwaybc.ca/minutes-newsletters/

If you do not have access to the online version, please contact the Village Office for a hard copy.

Substation Fire - The Village of Midway and Midway BC Fire/Rescue would like to take a moment to recognize all of the hard work and cooperation by members of the multiple organizations that responded to the fire and power outage on Tuesday, April 23.

Midway Fire and Rescue worked alongside the Midway BC RCMP, FortisBC crews, Village of Midway staff, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Emergency Program, and multiple local contractors. As you can see in the attached



photo, this was a very hazardous scene in the initial stages and thankfully FortisBC staff were able to get to the scene quickly and get the power shut off so that we could safely extinguish the fire.

The Midway Fire and Rescue team was required to return to the site multiple times as the oil that is in the transformers took a very long time to cool off to the point that it stopped smoking. This task was complicated by the fact that applying too much water would run the risk of overflowing the containment pools for the oil.

The Village of Midway staff should also be commended for their hard work and dedication. The Village office remained open with limited services. The public works and utilities staff worked non-stop, (with the help of some local contractors) until the power was restored later in the evening, to ensure that water reservoir levels were maintained (which included arranging to bring in a large generator to power the pump house), and monitoring the sewer lift stations to ensure that we did not have any backups.

FortisBC mobilized a large team to respond and repair the damage as soon as they were advised of the incident. This included bringing in a portable sub-station on a flat deck to tie into the system. When they first arrived on scene they started to evaluate how they could get the maximum number of customers back on line while they waited for the rest of the equipment to arrive. They were able to do some switching and adjustments and energize Greenwood early in the morning.

We would also like to thank the residents for their understanding and patience as everyone did their best to restore services as quickly and safely as possible.

Sorry for the long winded post but we feel like it is important for everyone to understand how many organizations worked together to mitigate this incident.



Water Conservation & the Village of Midway

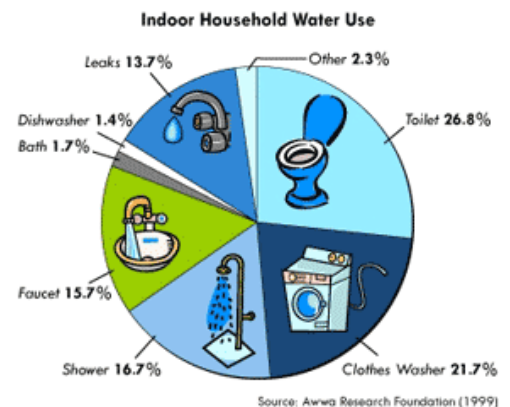
The Village of Midway requests that all residents do their part to conserve water on a daily basis. Drought conditions can happen quickly. Conserving water now can help us in late summer.

Watering restrictions in the Village of Midway are always in effect per Bylaw No. 413 and sprinkling/irrigating lawns and gardens between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm is prohibited.

The Village recommends watering/irrigating once a day and on alternate days.

Water conservation is everyone's responsibility, including residents on their own wells. Village water and well water originates from the same aquifer, and if levels continue to drop then we all suffer.

The Village would appreciate it if well owners followed the same water regulations as everyone else.



Easy tips to help conserve water – and still have a healthy lawn and garden!

- Lawns and gardens require only 35 millimetres (~1.5 inches or enough to fill a tuna can) of water per week during warm weather. Less is needed during spring, fall, and cooler weather.
- Do not over-water to compensate for expected dry periods. Soil cannot store extra water.
- Water lawns every three to five days, rather than for a short period of time every day. This will help grow deeper roots, making your lawn more tolerant to hot summer temperatures.
- Raise your lawn mower blade to cut grass no lower than eight centimetres (three inches). Longer grass also helps feed the roots and retains moisture, reducing the need for it to quickly regrow.
- Choose water-efficient plants and consider xeriscaping.
- On days when it has rained, turn off your automatic irrigation system.
- Adjust sprinklers so that water does not run down your driveway or street.
- Adding a few inches of mulch to your gardens keeps your plant's roots cool and moist.
- Municipal water is for domestic use only and for your own property, not your neighbours.

The Village of Midway reserves the right to disconnect offenders from the water service, and any service that has been disconnected will be charged a minimum of \$50.00 before service resumes.

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