

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 18:45 hours on May 27, 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
Cam Kamigochi, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Trevor Martin, Grant Thornton LLP

Gallery: Martin Fromme, Randy Houle (via Zoom)

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 18:45 hours under Section 90(1)(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

Carried

Return to Regular Meeting at 18:59 hours.

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the May 27, 2024, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Councillor Metcalf arrives at 19:02 hours.

Delegation

- a) Trevor Martens, Senior Manager, Grant Thornton LLP - Presentation of 2023 Draft Audited Financial Statements. Trevor Martens presented the audited financial statements and gave an overview of the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Operations, Statement of changes in Net Financial Assets. The Village is in good financial standing. Mayor McMynn asked for clarification on the line item for the West Boundary Community Forest.

Randy Houle joined the meeting via Zoom at 19:05 hours.

Trevor Martens leaves, and Martin Fromme arrives at 19:09 hours.

Question Period – None

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Special Budget Meeting of May 7, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Special Budget Meeting of May 9, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Special Meeting of May 13, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Special Meeting of May 15, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of May 6, 2024 (Page 6883 - 6885) – None

Special Budget Meeting of May 7, 2024 (Page 6886 - 6887) – None

Special Budget Meeting of May 9, 2024 (Page 6888 - 6890) – None

Special Meeting of May 13, 2024 (Page 6891) – None

Special Meeting of May 15, 2024 (Page 6892) – None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Staff Report – Zoning Amendments & Implementation Plan for New Provincial Housing Legislation. Randy Houle pointed out the revisions that have come up since April 15, 2024. Councillor Willsey asked about the Open Space 3 Zone and why are we talking about housing on it. Randy explained that the Provincial legislation applies to any zone that currently restricts housing to a single detached dwelling. Any of the zones that currently allow a single-family dwelling, now must allow for two. Since the previous zoning bylaw allowed for a single-family dwelling in Open Space 3 zone, it is a part of the legislation to allow for two dwellings. However unlikely that this would happen. Councillor Willsey objects with changing the Open Space 3 Zone section. At this point it cannot be changed based on the Provincial legislation. Mayor McMynn asked if an amendment could be done after the Provincial requirements are met? Staff will look into this.

Correspondence

- a) Elly Macmaster, Coordinator, West Boundary Community Forest – Invitation to ribbon cutting ceremony for newly built WBCF Outdoor Classroom. Councillors Dunsdon and Willsey expressed their intent to attend.

Administrator's Report – Verbal Report

1. Parcel Tax Review Panel – was not required. 2024 is the last year for the Municipal Sewer Parcel Tax Bylaw 2005, No. 363.
2. Housing Legislation update – Zoning amendment Bylaw.
3. Request for camping for reunion – John Boltz has reached out to the Reunion Party. They seemed okay with the field next to the arena for their reunion party.

4. Financial statements completed/Next steps completion of the LGDE.
5. Property Tax bills sent out/Taxes dues by July 2nd.
6. Boundary Economic Diversification Plan – in Newsletter. Meeting with James Chandler next week regarding resources.
7. Strategic Planning – Mayors message/Council review next step.
8. Community Centre project – It is still progressing. Discussion around a Special meeting. Wednesday and Friday afternoon would not work.
9. Summer Student grant – advertised.
10. Accessibility Advisory Committee –Next meeting is scheduled for June 3rd at 2:00pm.
11. Spray Park opening. Grass needs to be established, before a "soft" opening can happen.
12. Canada Day event. Planning has begun. To be discussed at a later date when CAO has more information.
13. Meeting with Martin Fromme and West Boundary Senior Housing Society's project manager for phase 2 of the West Boundary Community Housing project. Martin would like to extend an invitation to Randy Houle to join the meeting as well.
14. The next Accessibility meeting is June 3 at 2:00pm. Councillor Dunsdon can attend in Councillor Pownall's absence.

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor McMynn – Verbal

- Had a conversation with Jamie Haynes, he's been working with Kelly Harpur on repairing fencing along the US border. He asked if the Village could help in anyway. They do have funding from both the American and Canadian side, but he could use support from the Village to obtain future funding. Mayor McMynn thought of putting them in touch with Ross Elliot as he would have lots of knowledge about the section of the border that runs along the hiking trails. Council is ok with that.
- June 12th, Highway 3 Committee Zoom meeting.

Councillor Willsey - Verbal

- Attended the Keeping It Rural Convention in Kelowna. A lot of the same things covered: water, climate change, wildfire, smoke. Chief Louie was the keynote speaker. OIB purchased 2200 acres at the top of Anarchist Mountain. They bought it to ensure nothing would happen to it, they have no plans to develop it, at all.
- Was asked by a few people about the Economic Diversification plan not yet released.
- Prior to a presentation called "13 Ways to Kill Your Community", was told to pay close attention because a lot of it applies to Midway. Stop chasing smokestacks (industries), embrace competition, guarding water, stop siloing and think regionally.
- Number of programs, province wide networks for young people. Foundry BC, for health and wellness services, free and confidential for youth, they are looking for a place to put an office in the West Kootenays. Would benefit the region even if it is placed in Grand Forks.

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal

- Will carpool with Councillor Willsey to the WBCF ribbon cutting ceremony if she wants.
- Do we want to provide a bursary? Grad is fast approaching.

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal

- Next West Boundary Community Forest meeting, May 28, 6:30pm, in Midway.

Councillor Pownall – Verbal

- Structure fire in Greenwood on May 10.
- Will be attending the Fire Chief's meetings next week in Kamloops.

Question Period

Martin Fromme asked if there will be fireworks for Canada Day? Councillor Pownall will ask the Fire Chief at fire practice tomorrow. Councillor Dunsdon mentioned many places are banning fireworks, Beaver Valley has hired a drone light show. Brief discussion on Canada Day events followed: flagging, tossing candy to bystanders.

Martin Fromme asked if Council intends to provide support to the border fence repair. While hiking he has noticed many sections of the fence are in poor condition.

Martin Fromme reiterated that the Parkview Manor expansion plan is still full steam ahead. The goal is to be shovel ready when the next round of funding becomes available.

Is the Boundary Economic Development proposal something that Council want to see driven forward or was it money not well spent? Council said they are looking for someone to help move it forward. If Council would like community people to join the committee, please let Martin know, there's a few people in town who would be willing to help.

Financial Reports – None

Bylaws & Policies

- a) Bylaw No. 561, 2024 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 561, 2024 – For Three Readings.

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 561, 2024 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 561, 2024 be **READ A FIRST TIME** this 27th day of May, 2024. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 561, 2024 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 561, 2024 be **READ A SECOND TIME** this 27th day of May, 2024. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 561, 2024 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 561, 2024 be **READ A THIRD TIME** this 27th day of May, 2024. **Carried**

Randy Houle leaves at 20:03 hours.

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$76,546.11 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 April 2024. be rec'd and filed. **Carried**

Correspondence for Info Only – to be held for two weeks only – None

Martin Fromme leaves at 20:04

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 20:04 hours.



Mayor McMynn



CAO Teggarty