

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on May 6, 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: Wayne Robert, Lochaven Consulting  
Nick Schmidt, Lochaven Consulting  
Sarah Dinsdale, Boundary Community Futures

Gallery: Martin Fromme

**Introduction of Late Items** – **Moved/Seconded** for one late item be added: New and Unfinished Business - 8(c) Name for Disc Golf recreation area. **Carried**

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded** that the May 6, 2024, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried**

#### **Delegation**

Wayne Robert and Nick Schmidt from Lochaven consulting attended to answer any outstanding questions from Council, regarding the Boundary Economic Diversification Plans. Council agreed that they would like to proceed with the plan, but they don't know how to. Concerns about resources and having the expertise to take the project through to the next stages was discussed. Wayne Robert agreed that a diversification team would need to be created. Ideally, the team would be made of smaller groups who focus on one portion of the project. Councillor Willsey felt that the project needs to be a regional project. Sarah Dinsdale confirmed that Midway owns both plans, and if they felt comfortable, they could delegate the actions from the Regional Plan to another group. The next step is for the Village to decide if it wants to pass the project on to a group at the Regional District and if it is determined that there is capacity within the region, then a funding application to move the plan forward could be applied for. Staff confirmed that there is a fall funding intake, and an application can be put in at any time. Wayne recommended acting sooner than later. Costs never go down. Council decided to discuss further in the upcoming meetings. Sarah Dinsdale and CAO Teggarty will go over options next week.

*Wayne Robert, Nick Schmidt and Sarah Dinsdale leave at 19:41 hours.*

#### **Question Period**

Martin Fromme asked if the report from Lochaven was available to the public? No, the report is still currently in draft form. It will be put on the Village website, when it is finalized.

Martin Fromme asked what the name of the funding source is for the Diversification plan? Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program.

#### **Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded** that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2024, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

#### **Business Arising**

Regular Meeting of April 15, 2024 (Page 6879-6882) – None

#### **New and Unfinished Business**

- a) 2023 Annual Water Report. Councillor Willsey asked if our water is treated? No, it is not. She noticed on one of the graphs that it says, "Water Treated." Staff will check with the Public Works Foreman on the terminology and report back to Council.

**Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway Council accepts the 2023 Annual Water Report and releases it to the public.

**Carried**  
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- b) Wendy Higashi, Grant Writer – Carriage House Report. Wendy met with RDKB Building Inspector, Robert Silva, Aaron Pownall and Doug McMynn to discuss the status of the Carriage House. Upon inspection it was decided that the building has deteriorated to a stage that is past restoration and that the building should be torn down for safety reasons. If Council decided to rebuild a similar building so that the Senior's Centre have a storage building, it would be at the Village's expense.

**Moved/Seconded** that the Village of Midway Council decides not to proceed on rehabilitating the Carriage House. **Carried**

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- c) Name for Disc Golf recreation area. Email was received today from Ross Elliot, West Boundary Community Forest Secretary regarding a possible name for the recreational area where the new disc golf course is. WBCF has included mapping and signage in their budget and would like to get a large sign made up. Name options were provided to Council. Council determined that they would like to think about it and bring the topic back for discussion.

**Correspondence** – None

**Administrator's Report** – Written Report on file

1. Audit 2023 update – The audit is at the final stages. The audit file is currently being reviewed by the Grant Thornton's Audit Manager. A special meeting to present the 2023 financial statements will be scheduled.
2. Power outage/Emergency Plan – Fire Chief Daloise met with Mark Stephens RDKB, Manager of Emergency Programs to discuss a Village Business Continuity Plan and there was discussion during the monthly safety meeting on areas of improvement. Chief Daloise will be taking the lead on this project. Councillor Willsey asked what the long-term plan is to stabilize the situation? Are the temporary transformers capable? Mayor McMynn heard that one replacement transformer is here, and the other is on order. Councillor Metcalf said the temporary transformers are operating at capacity and they are marginally capable. The ETA for a full repair is 4-6 weeks.
3. Request for camping for reunion – Public Works staff do not recommend allowing use of the park for this type of function. They are concerned about damage to grass, there is also the consideration of the irrigation system. CAO recommended that the field next to the arena could be offered to the reunion party. Council discussed possible alternatives.
4. Boundary Economic Diversification Plan – CAO provided further information funding opportunities through REDIP and additional funding for Economic Development positions will be coming available July 2024 – early 2025. This could help with Midway specific projects that were outlined in the Plan.
5. Housing Legislation update – Discussion around Randy Houle bringing back a report for the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, with the intent to adopt an Amended Zoning Bylaw by June 17<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Willsey would like to have input regarding the section regarding two units on one lot. On the smaller Residential 1 lots (500m<sup>2</sup>), we should allow suites only and not a second building. Residential 2 lots (800m<sup>2</sup>), should we allow secondary buildings or suites only? Rural zones should be permitted to have two buildings. Councillor Pownall said if there is enough room on the lot, two buildings should be permitted. If a person were to purchase an empty lot and put their main dwelling at the front of the lot, there should be enough room for a second building. However, most of the existing lots in town, that won't be possible as most houses are centred in the lot, not allowing enough room for a second building.
6. Regional Emergency Management Indigenous Engagement – CAO confirmed that RDKB had reached out and asked if we would be interested in pooling funds for the Emergency and Disaster Management Act Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding. The RDKB will centrally lead the project, and Fire Chief Daloise will be a member of the Working group to working to complete the activities.
7. 2023 Annual Water report.
8. The Village has received another \$200,000 dividend from West Boundary Community Forest.
9. CAO gave a verbal update on the Deputy Finance position.
10. Draft Financial Plan 2024-2028 is being presented on 7<sup>th</sup> May.
11. BMHA –The letter from BMHA and the financials for the hockey season will be provided to Council during the budget meeting.
12. Strategic Planning update – draft template will be provided to Council for review.
13. Community Centre project – to be discussed at the In-camera meeting.
14. Summer Student grant – the advertisement for a Public Works Summer Student will be going out in the next week or so.
15. Accessibility Advisory Committee – Next meeting is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm. Members from the Committee have completed a tour around the Village and have noted areas of concern.
16. Property Taxes to be run once the budget is finalized, and bills will be mailed at the end of May 2024.

**Mayor and Council Reports****Councillor Pownall** – None**Councillor Willsey** - Verbal

- Attended the AKBLG Convention in Radium Hot Springs. The theme was "Resilience." The meeting subjects were centered around emergency situations and how to prepare for them, such as: Flooding, wildfires, smoke, supply chain disruption, pollution, drugs, climate change, housing, homelessness, funding shortfalls, government debt, high interest rates. Will send Council the resolutions to be voted on to take to UBCM, they want to take 5.

**Councillor Dunsdon** – Written

- Policy review: 1. EOC wage overtime payment. 2. Alcohol serving Village and Fire Hall. 3. Bylaw enforcement. 4. Electronic sign policy.
- Area E Grants: Seniors, \$4800 for painting. BCSS, \$2000 for travel.
- Logging on the old Wallace property?
- Asked to bring some MRDT money to the village. Help with signage?
- Do we have a Park Plan for the Village? I think not but we should have one.
- Mosquito control is an issue in Area D and C, using drone technology.
- Border Bruins went to Junior A, our arena could be advertised.
- Did we have any land use issues with disc golf? Other areas have.
- Do we need to look at animal control again?
- How active should we be in Boundary transit development and planning? Councillor Dunsdon will bring more info to Council.
- Should we look at a shared regional fire training service? Councillor Pownall said it's difficult to get members to commit on weekends.

Councillor Dunsdon – Continued

- Keeping It Rural, May 21-23 in Kelowna, is anyone going? Councillor Willsey is.
- What is our overtime policy? Is it contractual? Time and a half is the policy, employees usually bank the time and use it for time off. If an employee reaches their anniversary date and they have accumulated more than one week of time off, they must be paid out a portion of that time so only a maximum one week of time off is carried into their next year.
- Volunteer appreciation BBQ budget, \$600?

Mayor McMynn – Verbal

- Elementary school yard needs maintenance.
- Had a family member go to the GF hospital and all they had on staff was a Registered Nurse, no doctor.

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal

- Outdoor Education Centre will be having an official grand opening on June 19, time to be determined.
- Next West Boundary Community Forest meeting, May 28, 6:30pm, in Midway.
- WBCF has put up some advertising at the curling rink, who do they contact to put a sign up at the arena? Cam.
- Disc golf project update: mapping is laid out, 17 of the 18 concrete pads are poured. Still looking for some volunteer help to clear some of the fairways. Total materials cost has been \$15,800. The basket supplier gave a \$4600 sponsorship discount. Ross is advertising work bees on Facebook.
- WBCF provided a dividend of \$200,000 to the Village of Midway.

Question Period

Martin Fromme asked if Council would like an update and the Parkview Manor Expansion? Yes please. Mr. Fromme confirmed that he had a meeting with their Operations Manager and a member from the committee who reviews the applications. The reason they were given for not making it by the first step of the application process was they did not have an energy model. They have another meeting on Wednesday with the representatives who will help them take the project forward. Next funding intake is early 2025.

Financial Reports – NoneBylaws & Policies – NonePlanning – NoneBudgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$198,795.76 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 March 2024.
- b) Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing
  - i. Bill 16 – More affordable and liveable communities
  - ii. Small Scale Multi-Unit Housing

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) Mark Stephens, Emergency Programs Manager, RDKB – Boundary Freshet Dashboard May 1, 2024.

be rec'd and filed.

**Carried**

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 20:54 hours under Section 90(1)(e) – acquisition, disposition of land or improvements. **Carried**

*Martin Fromme leaves at 20:54*

Return to Regular Meeting at 21:07 hours.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 21:07 hours.

Mayor McMynn

CAO Teggarty