

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on June 17, 2024, Midway Council Chambers, 661 Eighth Ave., Midway, BC.

We wish to acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on non-treaty traditional 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
Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Jennifer Wetmore & Sarah Dinsdale – West Boundary Community Futures – Boundary Economic Diversification Plan

Gallery: Martin Fromme, Ron Nociar

Introduction of Late Items

Moved/Seconded that a late item be added: 8(d) – Canada Day Proposal – Boundary Minor Hockey Association. **Carried**

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the June 17, 2024, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried**

Delegation

- a) Jennifer Wetmore & Sarah Dinsdale presented Council with a recommendation to move the Boundary Diversification Plan to the Regional District level. There was discussion around staff and capacity and the REDIP program funder had indicated that the applicant for the next level of funding application would need to be Regional. The Village would still be involved moving forward; staff representation at future meetings would ensure that the Village is involved in the next steps. Council discussed their options with the information presented and decided that it would be best to move the plan to the Regional District. The Plan would be presented at the next Boundary Services Committee meeting in July.

Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway gives approval to share the Boundary Diversification Plan, in its entirety, with the Regional District Kootenay Boundary through the Boundary Services Committee.

Carried
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Jennifer Wetmore and Sarah Dinsdale leave at 19:28

Question Period – Martin Fromme asked if the Boundary Diversification Plan had gone back to the writers for changes. The plan had some minor clerical amendments, but there was no change to the main content of the document.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 27, 2024, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Special Meeting of June 3, 2024, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of May 27, 2024 (Page 6893 - 6895) – None

Special Meeting of June 3, 2024 (Page 6896) – None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Strategic Plan draft for review.
- Council discussed the proposed template, content and changes required. Council wanted to limit photos, include a message from the mayor and ensure there is longevity to the plan. There was discussion around the colours of the Strategic Plan aligning with the Midway branding colours, and Council agreed for the CAO to make this change.
- b) Canada Day & Spray Park update
- Canada Day – Boundary Minor Hockey Association (BMHA) is planning on having carnival games for Canada Day and requires Council's approval for their proposal, along with their request to purchase a liquor licence for the event. Ron Nociar voiced questions regarding the event – layout, event co-ordination and equipment ownership. CAO will coordinate a meeting at the park with Village staff, Public works and participating groups. Area E Director, Sharon Gibbs, recently provided the Village of Midway with a \$2,500 grant for the Canada Day celebrations.
 - Spray Park update – Greenwood Elementary school were hoping that the spray park would be available on the 24th of June, for their end of school year celebrations but unfortunately there are still some items that need to be completed prior to the opening. It is hopeful that that spray park will be available for Canada Day. The Grand Opening is to be scheduled at a later date.
- d) Canada Day Proposal – Boundary Minor Hockey Association.

Moved/Seconded that the Council approve and accept the Boundary Minor Hockey Association proposal for the Canada Day celebrations. **Carried**

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Moved/Seconded that the Council approve the Boundary Minor Hockey Association to apply for a Liquor licence for the Canada Day celebrations. **Carried**

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- c) UBCM 2024 Provincial Appointment Book
Council directed staff to book an appointment with Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs, at UBCM conference. The request has a submission deadline of June 21, 2024. Council discussed costs and negligible availability of accommodations. UBCM attendance is vital to make connections and enhance our community. Numerous topics of interest were noted – Agriculture Land Commission, Housing, Forestry, Health Services, Environment and Climate control, Electricity and Utility (Fortis), RCMP and Ambulance. Council will need to discuss priorities and confirm selections at the next council meeting. The deadline for meeting requests is August 21, 2024. Anticipate three attendees for this year's convention.

Ron Nociar leaves at 20:22

Correspondence

- a) Midway Partnership Fund – Bench plaque
Council discussed request and deferred the decision until bench costs can be explored further.
- b) Carole-Ann (McGarvie) Combs – Renaming request – Boundary Expo Recreation Centre
Council discussed request and felt there were alternatives for recognizing past supporters of the community, rather than re-naming the arena. Council directed staff to respond to the letter after exploring other options of recognition.

Administrator's Report – Written Report

1. Local Government Data submissions (LGDE) for 2023 Financials, approved Financial Plan and Tax Rate Bylaws have been uploaded to the Local Government reporting system for review by the Ministry.
2. Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) and 2023 Annual report must be approved by Council. A Special meeting will be required on Friday June 28th to ensure that Ministry deadlines are met. *Council will attend an 8:30am meeting.*
3. Housing Legislation update – Zoning amendment Bylaw No. 561 for final adoption – does not require MOTI approval.
4. CAO attended the 2nd Accessibility Advisory meeting on June 2nd. Further discussion resumed on a list of concerns/items provided by the group. *The Village is committed to moving forward with accessibility issues: from this point going forward.*
5. CAO attended a Zoom meeting with West Boundary Seniors Society project managers, Martin Fromme and Lisa Sims from WBSHS regarding Phase II project. The team is working towards having a “shovel ready” project for the next intake in early 2025. Timelines and next steps were discussed. The Project Manager will be providing a list of items to be completed before the end of this year, to ensure the project stays on target.
6. Property Tax bills sent out/Taxes dues by July 2nd.
7. Boundary Economic Diversification Plan – met with James Chandler and Lara Plotnikoff (RDKB), Jennifer and Sarah from Community Futures regarding the next steps of the plan and Phase II REDIP funding.
8. Strategic Planning – draft was discussed. Further input from Council was required.
9. Summer Student – interviewing next week, student due to start on June 24th.
10. Canada Day and Spray Park opening – update provided in new business.
11. Planning and Development – Currently working on a new development proposal. First step was to refer the proposal to the Ministry of Transport.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Pownall – Verbal

- Attended the Fire Chief's conference in Kamloops. It was very good.
 - Community Plans for fire are very important as West Kelowna found out last year when their plan wasn't complete. The Village should have a look at Midway's plan. Things like accommodations for 2 shifts, bussing and evacuations are just some of the items that need to be considered. In an event there are a lot of things that go on in a short period of time.
 - A big change is occurring in the province with paid on-call halls, where members get paid for callouts and practices; members are starting to unionize. It is creating a huge workload for Fire Chiefs and will be a significant cost to Municipalities.
 - This conference is a great networking opportunity, and you learn a lot. Well worth attending. Next year it is in Penticton.
 - Were the fireworks ordered? Yes, they were.
 - Another item that was brought up at the conference was Lithium batteries. They are becoming a huge issue. Putting out fires of this nature are difficult. Fires will start weeks after an accident. Electric vehicle parking garages are problematic because fire spreads rapidly, they are very hot and extremely difficult to put out. No one has answers on how to successfully deal with them.

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal

- Grand Opening of the WBCF Outdoor Wilgess Lake center 1-2:30 on Wednesday, June 19, 2024. Mayor McMynn, Councillors Dunsdon and Willsey will attend.
- FESBC is up to 1.7 million dollars and have approached the WBCF with some forestry mitigation project opportunities.
- Grad Bursaries were distributed – two @ \$2,500 – one to Sylvia Harpur and one to Alyse Price.
- Disc golf costs were allotted for \$30,000 but with all the donations and contributions, only \$16,000 was spent to date.
- West Boundary Community Forest would like to advertise in the arena, with an in-ice banner.
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Councillor Willsey - Verbal

- Accessibility Advisory Committee is discussing hearing loops. The electromagnetic wires are installed in the floor around the perimeter of the room - this would best be done at time of building/renovations in the case of the Community Hall. This would benefit hearing impaired people. There are some grants available for this technology.
- The Dermatology Association of Canada is providing large grants to promote shade structures and sun sails. BC Cancer is offering ideas for best shade structures to use.
- The Columbia Basin has an online survey if anyone is interested.

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal

- Local Government development approval program – the Village is already getting money for this program and Houle Consulting is presently working on the requirements of the funding.
- No updates on the Community Hall – just waiting for information.

Mayor McMynn – Verbal

- June 12th, Highway 3 Committee Zoom meeting - nothing for us in this area.
- Roger's Communications – have no projects here, but they want to push satellites.
- Osoyoos Mayor, Sue Mckortoff is chairing the committee to work on a tourism's angle for acquiring funding.
- BC Energy policy townhall meeting – June 20th, 2024.
- A zoom meeting with Ministers, June 18th, 2024 – update on wildfires and drought.

Question Period

Martin Fromme asked about the mentioned grant money from Sharon Gibbs - who does the money go to? *To the Village of Midway for Canada Day celebrations.*

Financial Reports – None

Bylaws & Policies

- a) Bylaw No. 560, 2024 – Village of Midway Council Members Remuneration Bylaw No. 560, 2024 – For Three Readings
- b) Bylaw No. 561, 2024 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 561, 2024 – For Adoption.

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Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 560, 2024 – Village of Midway Council Members Remuneration Bylaw No. 560, 2024 be **READ A FIRST TIME** this 17th day of June 2024. **Carried**

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- b) Bylaw No. 561, 2024 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 561, 2024 – For Adoption

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 561, 2024 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 561, 2024 be **ADOPTED** this 17th day of June 2024. **Carried**

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Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$321,765.82 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 May 2024
- b) UBCM – 2023 CEPF: Emergency Operations Centres and Training – Technology Update
- c) Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing – Zoning Legislation Deadline.

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 items:

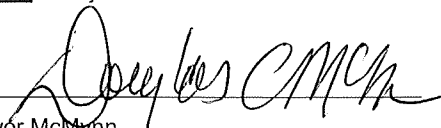
- a) The Monarchist League of Canada – Inviting you to display King's portrait.
- b) Mark Stephens, Emergency Programs Manager, RDKB – Boundary Freshet Dashboard June 5, 2024

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 21:15 hours.



 Mayor McMynn



 CAO Teggarty