

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on July 29, 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, and Pownall

Staff: Lisa Teggarty, CAO
Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant

Gallery: Martin Fromme

Introduction of Late Items - None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the July 29, 2024, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried**

Question Period – Martin Fromme asked if the Manor expansion is on the agenda? Not tonight.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2024, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Special Meeting of June 28, 2024, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

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

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of June 17, 2024 (Page 6897 - 6899) - None

Special Meeting of June 28, 2024 (Page 6900) - None

Special Meeting of July 3, 2024 (Page 6901) - None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) 2024 – 2034 Community Works Fund (CWF) Agreement – Resolution for Approval. The recently renewed CCBF Agreement provides a ten-year commitment of federal funding for investments in local government infrastructure and capacity building projects through March 31, 2034. This agreement was formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund.

Moved/Seconded that Council approve the 2024-2034 Community Works Fund Agreement between the Village of Midway and the Union of BC Municipalities and authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign on behalf of the Village. **Carried**

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- b) 2024 CRI FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Approval Agreement – Resolution for Approval

Moved/Seconded that Council agree to authorize the CAO to sign, the 2024 FireSmart Community Funding & Support grant approval agreement for the sum \$399,300, on behalf of the Village of Midway. **Carried**

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- c) Clean BC Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) 2024 Survey.

Moved/Seconded that Council agree approve the Clean BC Local Government Climate Action Program 2024 Survey submission. **Carried**

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- d) Staff report - Signing Authority – Kerstin Kleinhempel, Deputy Finance

Moved/Seconded that Council approves for Kerstin Kleinhempel to be appointed as signing authority for the Village of Midway. **Carried**

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and

Moved/Seconded that Council approve for Tami Peters to be rescinded as signing authority for the Village of Midway. **Carried**

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Councillor Metcalf arrives at 19:08

- e) 2024 UBCM Conference
i. MIABC Voting Delegate
ii. UBCM Convention Meeting Planning

CAO provided a sample of information required from the Council on topics and priorities for attending the UBCM conference. From a previous council meeting, Council discussed the interested in the following topics: Agriculture Land Commission, Housing, Forestry, Health Services, Environment and Climate control, Electricity and Utility (Fortis), RCMP and Ambulance. There is some interest in solar projects and which ministry would be the appropriate one to voice concerns with. Councillor Willsey noted that in many recent zoom conferences, the issue of the electrifying has the utility companies telling the government that they are moving too fast, and they will not be able to keep up. They are warning that power shortages will be an issue. Highway 3 traffic issues are important. The CAO will send the councillors forms for identifying meetings with prioritised topic points that need to be discussed.

- f) Memorial Bench Discussion - covered benches quotes. Council discussed costs and felt they were not financially feasible and directed staff to explore other options for covered benches.

- g) Council discussion – Letter to Grand Forks regarding Sewer Jetter Vac Truck (verbal). The Public Works foreman brought information to CAO about the availability of the Vac Truck from Grand Forks.

Moved/Seconded that Council authorize the CAO to write a letter to the Council of Grand Forks requesting information on the Jetter Vac Truck they have available for purchase, with the possibility of purchasing it for Village operations.

Carried
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Correspondence

- a) Sarah Weber, President & CEO, C3 Alliance – Invitation to the 11th Annual Resource Breakfast Series – September 17, 18, 19, 2024 (UBCM). Council directed staff to accept the invitation to each day of the breakfasts for each of the attending Councillors. The deadline for submitting the online request is August 21, 2024. Online registration for breakfast tickets must be made. Cost is \$31.00 per person, per each date.
Council direct staff to register UBCM conference attendees for breakfast each day.
- b) Birgit Schmidt, Director, MUNI UBCM Convention Coordinator – Invitation to Meet with the Health Authorities of British Columbia During UBCM Convention.
Council direct staff to accept the invitation to meet with the Health Authorities during the UBCM convention.

Administrator's Report – Written Report

1. Met with community groups and Public Works staff for the Canada Day Celebrations.
2. The Boundary Economic Diversification Plan was presented and accepted at the Boundary Services Committee meeting.
3. The final claim for the Boundary Economic Diversification Plan has been completed and sent to the funder for approval. Once approved, RDKB will be able to apply for Phase II funding.
4. Ministry of Housing Capacity funding – I have been in discussion with our Planner on the next steps to ensure that the Village stays on target to complete the requirements of the legislation. RDKB have contacted me to see if we would be interested in being part of an Interim Housing Needs report. The RDKB managed the original housing needs report that was completed in 2020 that included the 5 electoral areas and 8 municipalities. They do not know at this time who will be doing the work since it's going out as an RFP. The 2020 report was completed by City Spaces. *Does the Village want to be part of the larger study, or would Council prefer us hiring someone separately to work on the report? Funding would be allocated from the Province of BC's Housing initiatives funding program.*

Moved/Seconded that Council direct staff to inform the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary that we would like to be part of the larger study for the Interim Housing Needs report.

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5. Midway Community Centre contract administration is progressing. A special meeting will be required in approximately two weeks.
6. West Boundary Seniors Society Phase II – I have been working with our Planner to ensure that any questions asked in relation to the Planning phase for the new building are provided to the project managers in a timely manner.
7. The final claim for the Spray Park project has been completed, approved and final payment of the grant funding has been received.
8. Spray Park opening – Wendy Higashi is going to assist with the Spray Park official opening.
9. Deputy Finance training – Handover and training went well. Next step is for the signing authority to be approved, and a further handover of tasks from CAO.
10. Fire Chief recruitment – the closing date for the posting is July 26, 2024, at 4:00pm.
11. The 2024 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports grant funding was approved – further review of the priority items is needed to ensure 2024 priority items do not fall behind. CAO to update Council at a future Council meeting.
12. Planning and Development items – Ministry of Transport has completed their preliminary review of the subdivision proposal application. The next stage is for our Planner is to review the application and work towards completing a formal Preliminary Layout Approval (PLA) for the developer, in accordance with Village of Midway bylaws and zoning regulations. There is also a variance request which requires a DVP. The Development Variance permit will be presented to Council for approval. *A short discussion was had on the next steps for moving forward with the Parkview Manor expansion and Martin Fromme was concerned that things were being held up by the Village, but that is not the case. The CAO and Village Planner have been providing information and answering questions received from the Project Managers. Public meetings will be required. The Village will be continuing to work with the planner and project managers.*
13. Campground – Steve will be looking at officially retiring as Campground attendant this year. I will be meeting with him in the next couple of weeks to discuss a handover. Further discussion on the 2025 season with Council to be scheduled at a future Council meeting.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Pownall – None

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal

- Next WBCF meeting will be August 20, 2024, at 6:30pm in Midway.
- This will be Ross Elliot's last meeting. Some possible candidates for his replacement have been discussed along with the need for task designations.

Councillor Willsey - Verbal

- Has been attending some online meetings/workshops. Energy Futures – Energy efficiency will be a future problem. With new buildings – energy efficiency will be important with alternate source being important.
- Rural Retention webinar - WKBHD – new mobile MRI unit in Trail replacing old unit due to start in 2026 and be complete by 2028. A \$36 million project. It will go from 4400 visits per year to 7000 visits per year.
- News Release – TB exposure in Grand Forks.
- Regional hospital in Nelson now has a dialysis treatment center.
- A retention bonus of \$10,000 per year for current hospital staff to maintain their status.

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal

- Requires 75 chairs and 10 tables for the Community Garden event on August 24th. Along with a \$600.00 budget.
- Energy – Water is an issue, but Energy is a bigger issue.
- Questioned if there was any news on the Midway Elementary School – nothing, using it for storage-only at this time.

Mayor McMynn – None

Question Period - None

Financial Reports – None

Bylaws & Policies

- a) Memorial Bench Policy (fee update for Plaque). Council discussed options for memorial designations other than memorial benches. A short discussion on costs were had with a note that there was a typo on page 2 in the policy that needed correcting.

Moved/Seconded that Council approve the amended fee update in the Memorial Bench Policy No. 398 to increase the plaque fee from \$350.00 to \$500.00.

Carried
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Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$382,597.98 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 June 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 items:

- a) The Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing – Zoning Bylaw Amendments Deadline be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 19:59 hours under Section 90(1)(e) - acquisition, disposition of land or improvements, Section 90(1)(m)- a matter, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting, Section 90(1)(c) - labour relations or other employee relations.

Carried

Martin Fromme leaves at 19:59

Return to Regular Meeting at 20:49 hours.

Item moved from In-camera minutes to Regular meeting:

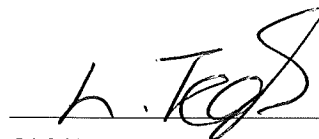
CAO to write a letter to Owner of 15 Cemetery Road advising that the owners have 3 months to obtain a building permit and secure a geotechnical report.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 20:50 hours.



Mayor McMynn



CAO Teggarty