

Mayor, Doug McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on October 1, 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
Absent:	Councillor Metcalf
Staff:	Lisa Teggarty, CAO Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant
Delegation:	Patrica Henley, President of Trails to the Boundary Society and KVR Outfitters director, Marilyn Hanson, KVR Outfitters director and Midway board member of Trails to the Boundary Society
Gallery:	Martin Fromme, Jim Nathorst and Judy Foucher from West Boundary Senior Housing Society

Introduction of Late Items

Moved/Seconded that one item be added to New and Unfinished Business as 8f – Policy No. 396 Return to Work Plan during Covid-19 Pandemic

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the October 1, 2024, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

Delegation

KVR Outfitters – Midway to Naramata Cycle Tours - Patricia Henley outlined the history of the cycling tour business that started in 2011. The Trails to the Boundary Society took over the business in August of this year. In September alone, 45 people, of international origin, took to the trail. Trails to the Boundary is the single shareholder. KVR Outfitters is a social enterprise under the umbrella of Trails to the Boundary Society and is one of many services being developed to provide money back to our communities. The future focus will be to provide more diversity of tours, not just cycling. The logistics to provide cycling tours included, shuttling luggage, booking rooms, providing food, bike repair, tour guides and other services. One of the reasons Trails to the Boundary decided to purchase the tour company was the realization that there would be a significant number of people who would be out of work. KVR Outfitters is looking to hire a manager to take over the tours. They are presently working on a business plan with the help of a grant. They are updating the website, gathering information on their bike inventory and maintenance requirements, along with starting to book tours into 2025. Their mission is to bring work, jobs and people to our communities. If anyone has ideas for providing an experience in the communities or along the trail, then KVR Outfitters will manage these ideas. Most riders noted they were not interested in the actual condition of the trail but what the area had to show them. Council had some questions regarding the season of operation – at this time cycling tours occur from May to the end of September with limited tours occurring in August due to the heat. However, if other tour-type interests are needed then operations will reflect the timing. The possibilities are endless, but the need for a coordinator who has knowledge of the trails, bikes and the area will be important.

Question Period – Patricia Henley explained that one of the success stories shared was of a food provider who was making meals in her home for the cycling tours, now has set up her own food business.

Patricia and Marilyn leave at 19:15 hours

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2024, (Page 6909-6912) be adopted. **Carried**

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of September 9, 2024 (Page 6909, Page 6910) - None
(Page 6911) – Council discussed length of minutes but will leave as is.
(Page 6912) - None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) CAO Report – West Boundary Senior's Housing Society – Lease proposal – the CAO discussed with Council the information received back from the WBSHS Project Manager. Questions included: would the building drawing need to be changed? – no, but parking configuration may change. How much land would be required – unknown until parking configuration identified and if the possibility of a greenspace is required. Council is interested in hearing a proposal to move to the west side of Parkview Manor – the east side is tight but is compliant with municipal requirements. Council discussed the lease option.

Moved/Seconded that Council approve to lease a portion of land west of the current Parkview building, for a 60 year-term, at cost of \$10.00 per year, to West Boundary Seniors Housing Society, to support the application for West Boundary Senior Housing Society to build additional housing units for Seniors. In support of this initiative, the Village of Midway will lease up to 0.44 ha (1.08 acres) of Village owned lands along the West side of the existing parcel of land. The lease is contingent of a successful application being made with the BC Housing Community Housing Fund.

Carried

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Further discussion about revised drawings and the airport location were discussed. CAO confirmed that a survey on the west side location would be required. WBSHS Board members in attendance confirmed that the cost for this could come out of the Society's project funding.

b) Staff Report – Cemetery Fees

Discussion about the revised cemetery fee schedule. Grave and cremation liners needed to be updated due to price increases associated with the purchase of new liners. Grave liners currently cost \$445 per unit. Considering the per/unit cost including shipping and PST, grave liner fees require an increase from \$350 to \$525. Cremation liners can be re-ordered at a cost of \$90 each. The last order was at \$85 per unit. To cover our costs including PST and shipping, cremation liners require an increase from \$100 to \$125. Schedule B and E on Bylaw No. 531, 2021 have been updated to reflect these changes.

c) Staff Report – Fire Quarterly report

Council reviewed the report. Report was received and filed.

Jim Nathorst and Judy Foucher leave at 19:33 hours. Report was received and filed.

d) Staff Report – Public Works Quarterly report

Council reviewed the report. Council briefly discussed the proposed new well. Report was received and filed.

e) Vac Truck Update – Verbal

CAO spoke to the CFO in Grand Forks and will bring back a report for Council on the cost of the Vac truck from Grand Forks. The price is expected to be in the \$40,00 to \$50,000 range. Public Works staff have visited and asked questions about the unit.

f) Amend Policy No. 396 Return to Work Plan during Covid-19 Pandemic

The policy was dated and needed to be updated with current CDC guidelines. Staff are requesting an amendment to Section 21. Self-Monitoring:

Moved/Seconded that Council amend Policy No. 396 - Return to Work Plan during Covid-19 Pandemic to rescind 2 a) and b) and replace with 2a) Employees with Covid-19 symptoms are encouraged to manage illness similar to other respiratory infections like influenza (flu). Stay home if you feel sick and take prevention measures to limit the spread of infection. Employees are encouraged to refer to the BC Centre of Disease Control (CDC) website for guidelines on self-monitoring.

Carried

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Correspondence – None

Administrator's Report

Council reviewed CAO report. Report was received and filed.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Pownall – Verbal

- Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting -Terms of Reference reviewed.
- Discussed covered benches but not completely resolved. Still working on costs but most designs are not acceptable. Maintenance needs to be minimal. Wood structures would be high maintenance.

Doug McMynn/ Councillor Willsey – Verbal

- Mayor McMynn, Councillor Willsey and Metcalf attended the UBCM conference.
- Highway 33 – the top 5 priorities were discussed, we are now in the bottom 5 coming up for projects in the next five years. Those would include adding lanes thru Greenwood and between Greenwood and Grand Forks. New members were added to the UBCM board and now there will be some Interior representation for Highway needs. The Westbridge bridge, poor condition of Hwy 33 along with the poor intersection of Hwy 3 and Hwy 33 were brought up.
- Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) – mostly good, aware that we completed our OCP amendment and that we will be putting in a request to removed lands out of ALR.
- BC Ambulance – We thanked them for going to 24-hour coverage in our area. Parking issues discussed a bit.
- Minister of Public Safety – found out that this sector does not run the RCMP but does manage the housing side of it. Unfortunately, the push for more members needs to come from the RCMP detachment. Members needed to provide coverage here have had to come from out of the area, so costs are getting high.
- Regional Health Authority – have no idea about a Medical Hub in our area. Doctors of Family Practice are the ones who would be spearheading this concept. Pushed the idea of more doctors or rotating doctors.
- Ministry of Housing – had meetings with both the Minister and the Ministry. Discussed removal of land out of ALR for housing with Ministry. Ministry informed us of a programme BC Builds, they look after the project – from finding the developer, identifying the needed number of units, water/sewer infrastructure and the build. The quality was good. The Village could benefit by having places to rent, stable housing and an increased tax base. The Village should explore this.

- Ministry of Forestry – Dan Macmaster attended the meeting and discussed mitigation and all that has been completed or could be done. The West Boundary Community Forest Wilgress Lake Educational Centre was brought to their attention and that it was both Forestry and Education. Value added products were briefly discussed. The possibility of a cogen plant was discussed but coastal habitants believe wood stoves are bad, but we waste so much leaving in it the woods after logging. No plans for assistance with the mill site. Tenure issue here. Most funding will be available through mitigation projects.

Councillor Dunsdon

- Discussed alternatives to Newspaper advertising for Public notifications, some cost savings.
- Has the Village has tested for any potential drainage issues? CAO will discuss with Public Works department.
- Kettle Valley Golf course and their Permissive tax exemption who does that – us or RDKB? The Village gathers the required information from the golf course and sends it into the RDKB.

Question Period

Martin Fromme asked if the Parkview Expansion still needs to go through a Public meeting and if there was something that the society could provide? The CAO responded that the Village will still be required to do a Public consultation. Revised plans will be required to accompany the ALC application.

Financial Reports – None

- 2024 Budget Variance Report – General Operating Fund
Report was reviewed and discussed.
- 2024 Budget Variance Analysis – General Water & Sewer Capital Funds
Some projects will carry over to 2025. The 2024 Capital Plan will need to be amended for the Community Hall project start delayed.

Bylaws & Policies

- Bylaw No. 564, 2024 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for philanthropic or other not for profit corporation from taxation on both land and improvement for the year 2025 – For Final reading.

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 564, 2024 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for philanthropic or other not for profit corporation from taxation on both land and improvement for the year 2025 be **ADOPTED** this 1st day of October 2024.

Carried
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- Bylaw No. 565, 2024 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for public worship from taxation on both land and improvements for the year 2025-2029 – For Final Reading.

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 565, 2024 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for public worship from taxation on both land and improvements for the year 2025-2029 be **ADOPTED** this 1st day of October 2024.

Carried
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- Bylaw No. 566, 2024 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for public athletic or recreational purposes from taxation on both land and improvements for the year 2025 – For Final Reading.

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 566, 2024 – A bylaw to exempt properties used for public athletic or recreational purposes from taxation on both land and improvements for the year 2025 be **ADOPTED** this 1st day of October 2024.

Carried
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- Bylaw No. 570, 2024 – A bylaw to amend the Village of Midway's Cemetery Operations and Administration Bylaw No. 531, 2021 – For Three Readings.

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 570, 2024 – A bylaw to amend the Village of Midway's Cemetery Operations and Administration Bylaw No. 531, 2021 be **READ A FIRST TIME** this 1st day of October 2024.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 570, 2024 – A bylaw to amend the Village of Midway's Cemetery Operations and Administration Bylaw No. 531, 2021 be **READ A SECOND TIME** this 1st day of October 2024.

Carried

Moved/Seconded that Bylaw No. 570, 2024 – A bylaw to amend the Village of Midway's Cemetery Operations and Administration Bylaw No. 531, 2021 be **READ A THIRD TIME** this 1st day of October 2024.

Carried

Planning – None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$75,978.12 to be drawn on the general account and be paid.

Carried

Correspondence for Info Only

Moved/Seconded the following Correspondence for Info Only item:

- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Building Inspection Report to the end of August 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) Brynn Bourke, Executive Director, BC Building Trades – Partnership guide
- b) Dwayne McDonald, Deputy Commissioner, BC RCMP – BC RCMP Recruiting Update
- c) Cory Heavener, Provincial Director of Child Welfare – October proclaimed Foster Family Month in BC
- d) Monica Cox, Indigenous Engagement Requirement Funding Program Update – Second Year Funding announcement
- e) Kootenay-Boundary Region Drought Bulletin

be rec'd and filed.

Carried

Martin Fromme leaves at 20:15

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 20:17 hours under Section 90(1)(g) — litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

Carried

Return to Regular Meeting at 20:31 hours.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 20:32 hours.



Mayor McMynn



CAO Teggarty