

Mayor McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:01 hours on December 2, 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 & Pownall

Staff: Lisa Teggarty, CAO
Cam Kamigochi, Executive Assistant

Delegation: Midway Fire/Rescue Department: Phil Cameron, Jason Eaton, Dave Cote, Earle Carpenter, Bob Peters, Keith Martin, Tamara Lovett, Twist Hiltz, Steve Johnson, Sean Malloy, Toby Nordstrom, Dustin Valin, Dominic Ashbee, Walter & Lillian Osellame

Gallery: Martin Fromme

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the December 2, 2024, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Delegation

a) Midway Fire/Rescue Department – Walt Osellame 45 Year Long Service Award Presentation.

Mayor McMynn presented former Fire Chief Osellame with his British Columbia 45-year Long Service Award in recognition of his commitment to the fire safety of the community from the Fire Commissioner of BC. Mayor McMynn reflected on Walt's history as Fire Chief in Midway, dating back to 1990 up until his retirement in 2020. Walt is still an active member of the department in a training role. Walt thanked the department, Council and the community for their support and especially his wife, Lillian and children, Leah and Chris for allowing him to sacrifice his time to the department, he wouldn't have been able to do what he did without their support.

Midway Fire/Rescue Department leaves at 19:09 hours

Question Period – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024, (Page 6921-6922) be adopted. **Carried**

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024, (Page 6921-6922) – None

New and Unfinished Business

a) Staff Report – Appointment of Municipal auditor for 2024 Audit

Moved/Seconded that Council appoints Doane Grant Thornton LLP for external Audit Services for the 2024 audit. **Carried**
070-2024

b) Staff Report – Tree Canada's Community Tree Grants program

Moved/Seconded that Council approve for staff to apply for a grant to the Tree Canada's Community Tree Grants program for funding up to \$10,000, for tree purchases at the James G. McMynn Park and Museum. **Carried**
071-2024

c) Staff Report – Village Office Closure – Christmas & New Year holidays

Moved/Seconded that Council approve for the Village office to be closed from December 23rd to December 27th for Christmas holidays, and a half-day closure on December 31st for the New Year's holiday and that Council approve for staff to be paid one extra day, in addition to the Xmas and New Year Statutory holidays. **Carried**
072-2024

d) Staff Report – Midway Public Library computer purchase grant request

Moved/Seconded that Council approves a grant to the Midway Public Library to purchase new computers, with funding from the Covid Restart Fund up to \$5,000.00. **Carried**
073-2024

Correspondence

a) Boundary Minor Hockey Association – Request for beer gardens during Men's hockey tournament

Moved/Seconded that Council allows Boundary Minor Hockey Association to hold a beer garden during the Men's hockey tournament during the 2024/2025 season. **Carried**
074-2024

b) Boundary District Curling Club – Growing Communities Fund.

Moved/Seconded Council has directed the CAO to review the item and report back to Council with more details. **Carried**
075-2024

Administrator's Report

Council reviewed CAO report. Report was received and filed.

- Upcoming West Boundary Community Forest meeting has been rescheduled to January 9th, 2025 @ 6pm in Greenwood.
- Two special Budget Amendment meetings are scheduled for December 16th @ 7pm and December 18th @ 9am.
- Would Council like to set up a Canada Day Committee? It would help organize the event. Yes, a committee should be created.

Mayor and Council ReportMayor McMynn - NoneCouncillor Dunsdon – Verbal

- Water and Sewer systems technology, are we up to date? Council asked if the Public Works Foreman could attend a future meeting to explain how the system works.
- Do we have cyber security systems in place? CAO confirmed that our IT services are constantly monitoring and continuously doing updates to avoid this, the Village also has cyber insurance in place.
- RDKB is currently discussing Work priorities for 2025 and are looking at some changes for Regional Fire, possibly hiring a deputy Fire Chief for Trail regional service.
- Recycle BC has renewed the recycle bins at the Rock Creek landfill for another year.
- E-comm, 9-1-1 provider is re-signed.
- Grand Forks is discussing purchasing the USCC building and using it as a community centre.

Councillor Willsey – Verbal

- Attended another Energy Futures townhall meeting. It is projected by 2026 or 2027; BC Hydro could be viewed as “unreliable.” That information should be considered when planning for the Village (electric vehicles, etc). AI services and cryptocurrency are playing a factor.
- Attended the Boundary Invasive Species meeting. It was interesting, would be open to inviting them to present to Council. Info can be included in our newsletter.
- Has heard numerous complaints regarding roaming cats in the Village. Educational info to be placed in newsletter.
- Would like to attend the AKBLG conference, April 25-27, 2025 in Kimberley.

Councillor Pownall - Verbal

- Job well done and thank you to Public Works department on the Christmas lights around town. Looks great.
- Santa and Museum light up was well attended, great event.

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal

- Provided a summary of the 2024 Fall grant funding allocations.

Question Period

Martin Fromme asked the following questions:

Who is the new planner mentioned in the CAO report. CAO confirmed that Steven Collyer is the Village's new contracted planner.

Is there a project in mind for the Tree Grant program? Yes, 90% to McMynn Park and 10% to the Museum.

Which guidelines are you using for spending the COVID restart funds? CAO confirmed that the Village receives regular updates on the guidelines and is in regular contact with the Province on this subject.

Financial Reports – None**Bylaws & Policies** – None**Planning** – None**Budgets/Accounts**

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$124,005.94 to be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence for Info Only

Moved/Seconded the following Correspondence for Info only:

- a) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Building Inspection Report to the end of October 2024 be rec'd and filed .

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

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 20:04 hours under Section 90(1)(g) — litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality, Section 90(1)(a) – personal information about an identifiable individual who hold or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality, Section 90(1)(k) – negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the review of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public & Section 90(1)(c) – labour relations or other employee relations.

Martin Fromme leaves at 20:04 hours.

Return to Regular Meeting at 20:53 hours.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 20:53 hours.



Mayor McMynn



CAO Teggarty