

Mayor McMynn opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:00 hours on **February 24, 2025**, 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
Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Jolly McMynn, Ron Nociar

Public: Martin Fromme

Introduction of Late Items - None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the February 24, 2025, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation

- a) Jolly McMynn – Bike Track/Band Shell.

Ideas around a bike track were discussed. Possibility of using local expertise and a dirt track option. A request was made for permission to create a committee to start work.

Ideas around a band shell for the park were discussed. A sample of a structure was presented and a discussion regarding design, intent of use and future expansion possibilities was had. A request was made for permission to create a committee to start work.

Further discussion and budget implications will be discussed at the next meeting.

Question Period – Ron Nociar questioned whether or not the use of the stage components would be available for Canada Day.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from Regular Meeting of February 10, 2025 (Page 6927– 6931) be adopted.

Carried

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of February 10, 2025 (Page 6927 – 6931) – None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) 2025 Early Capital Approvals

CAO presented rationale for computer replacement expenditures for 2025.

Moved/Seconded That Council of the Village of Midway approves a Capital budget of \$8,200 for computer purchases, AND THAT Council approves funding from the Covid Restart funds.

Carried

007-2025

The CAO noted that in 2024 Council approved a budget for the Municipal Office renovations. The Planning and drawings have been drafted and staff are seeking an early capital approval to proceed with the project.

Moved/Seconded That Council approves a Capital budget of \$80,000 for Municipal Offices renovations, AND THAT Council approve funding from the Growing Communities Fund.

Carried

008-2025

Jolly McMynn leaves at 19:21 hours

- b) Letter of Support – Invasive mussel defence program

Moved/Seconded That Council of the Village of Midway approves a letter to be sent to the Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship for support of the Invasive Mussel Defence program.

Carried

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- c) Letter of Support – Extending provincial park operating hours

Moved/Seconded That Council of the Village of Midway approves a letter to be sent to support the extension of Provincial Park operating hours.

Carried

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- d) Letter of Support – Fire apparatus replacement requirements

Moved/Seconded That Council of the Village of Midway approves a letter of support to be sent to Fire Commissioner for the fire apparatus replacement requirements.

Carried

011-2025

Correspondence

- a) Duncan Harfman, BCSS Grad – Request for ice time fee waived

The request was discussed and denied.

Administrator's Report – Written

- 1) 2025 Budget Planning in progress. Have had meetings with Operations and Fire Services departments to work on the 2025 Draft Operational budgets.
- 2) Midway Community Hall project update – Plumbing works are continuing. Waiting on change order options for insulation in the roof of the building. Financial claims reporting and Interim reporting has been completed for Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) and Heritage Canada grants. *Kitchen layout reviewed and number of basement doors questioned.*
- 3) Regional Asset Management - Regional District of Kootenay Boundary have reached out to their member municipalities to see if there is interest in a regional asset management service (i.e. sharing the services of an asset management manager). I have requested further details from them. *Council discussed and preferred in-house management.*
- 4) West Boundary Seniors Housing project – Surveyor has completed the field survey work for the new proposed building site.
- 5) Arena closing date – February 23rd, 2024.
- 6) Airport – Aerodrome consultant has provided some dates for presentation:
 - Monday March 10th 10am or 2:00 pm – *Council accepted March 10th at 10am.*
 - Wednesday March 12th 10 am or 2:00pm
 - Tuesday March 18th 2:00pm
 - Wednesday March 19th 10am or 2:00pm.
- 7) Year-end work is ongoing, and auditors have provided some dates for the Audit. *Remote and onsite presence.*
- 8) Midway Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2025.
- 9) Verbal – *CAO spoke to Andrew from PRIMO regarding the proposed Medical Hub direction and upcoming meeting. Meeting time will be provided to Council.*

Mayor and Council Report**Councillor Pownall** - Verbal

- Emergency Preparedness event is scheduled for April 6, 2025. Planning to have the event in Midway. Will continue to update information to confirm date and time.

Councillor Dunsdon – Verbal

- Biochar – a form of carbon derived from wood products and utilized for organic use. Will provide more information.
- Kootenay Conservation Partnership - parcel tax collected from landowners for conservation use. Interesting concept.
- Grow and Connect Interior – umbrella project for food infrastructure – will provide more information
- RDKB is applying for \$400,000 grant for flood mapping which we will be include in process.
- Budget item to consider – 2025 scholarship for a grad interested in Agriculture or Forestry - the Community Gardens would provide \$1000. Would the Village consider matching the amount?
- AKLBG - will not be attending in full, but interested in the upcoming Keeping it Rural conference in Kelowna
- Note – the Kelowna school district is now charging \$535 dollars per student, per year, for bussing.
- Are we interested in putting Council information in the newspaper? *We have an informative newsletter.*

Councillor Metcalf – None**Councillor Willsey** – Verbal

- Have attended various meetings – district meetings, community forest.

Mayor McMynn - Verbal

- The Guns & Hoses event went well.
- The U11 Boundary Predators won the banner this year. They will raise the banner at the arena.

Question Period

- Ron Nociar had questions about developing the gym in the arena for additional income, possible yearly concession uses, and questioned what materials will be utilized for the walls in the Community Hall renovation. Council discussed and noted gym does not have an ideal external access point due to fire exit location; yearly concession use would impact present seasonal users; and material for internal walls will be drywall.
- Martin Fromme informed Council that the funding intake for the Community Housing Fund Program through BC Housing is possibly coming out in March. Further discussion regarding the Consultants requirements from the Village resumed.

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

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$338,358.90 to be drawn on the general account and be paid. **Carried**

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

Ron Nociar and Martin Fromme leave at 20:12 hours

In-Camera

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 20:12 hours under 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 view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

Return to Regular Meeting at 20:26 hours.

Item moved from In-camera minutes to Regular meeting:

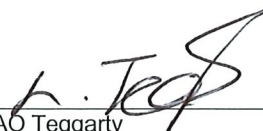
That the Council of the Village of Midway make a formal request to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary to be included in the Animal Control Services agreement, for a duration of up to one year.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 20:27 hours.



Mayor McMynn



CAO Teggarty