

Mayor McMynn opened the Special Meeting of Council at 18:00 hours on **May 7, 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 Willsey, Pownall, Dunsdon, and Metcalf *arrived at 18:04*

Staff: Lisa Teggarty CAO
Cam Kamigochi, Executive Assistant

Public: Brenda Steer, Paul Steer

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the May 7, 2025, Special Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Discussions

Budget - Presentation of Draft #3 - 2025-2029 Five Year Financial Plan

Changes on the budget draft included:

- BC Housing Capacity project work was spread out over this year and the next.
- Sparc Accessibility grant amended to \$4,317, balance remaining on grant.
- Community Garden grants applied for two grants totalling \$2,500.

Budget Requests

Kettle River Museum – Request for funding for the electrical upgrade was discussed. Curator would like to rescind the request, recognizes there are budget concerns in 2025. She is going to be looking for grant opportunities for this upgrade.

Midway Social Centre Society – Carriage House demolition has been budgeted for in 2025. Letter received requesting a grant in kind for \$5,000, and an additional \$5,000 for new shed, labour and foundation costs. Council decided to table the topic for now.

Boundary District Curling Club – Roof replacement, table discussion until further notice.

Economic Development – RDKB's Economic Diversification plan could provide some funding for Midway's Economic Development. Table for now, strong consideration for a Cleghorn St/Palmerston Ave development.

Midway Public Library – After discussion it was Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway increases Midway Public Library's Grant In-aid by \$5,000, with the additional funding from COVID restart funds.

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Community Garden – Council reviewed 2024 financial activities breakdown provided.

Midway Arena – No formal request from Minor Hockey regarding an early opening. There has been some discussion regarding Boundary Minor Hockey merging with Grand Forks team's next season. Early opening to be discussed when a request from BMHA is received.

Staff report – Property Tax Rate Analysis 10% proposed increase – a breakdown on what the tax increase would look like for all Property classes was reviewed by Council. It included taxing from other jurisdictions. The municipal assessment decrease for Major industry has significantly affected tax collection this year, also inflationary increases and maintaining service levels in 2025, required a 10% increase to taxes. After discussion it was Moved/Seconded that the Council of the Village of Midway approves a 10% tax increase for 2025 taxation year.

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Question Period

Paul Steer asked if the Village is selling any excess assets? Investing in long term infrastructure would create dividends down the road. Preparing for expansion would allow for an increased tax base. When excess assets are sold, revenue received from the sale is transferred to a reserve, so that funds can be used for Capital and Infrastructure replacement.

B. Steer and P. Steer leave at 19:03 hours

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 19:03 hours.

Mayor McMynn

CAO Teggarty