

Mayor McMynn opened the Special Meeting of Council at 18:30 hours on June 9, 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 and Metcalf
Absent:	Councillor Dunsdon
Staff:	Lisa Teggarty CAO Cam Kamigochi, Executive Assistant
Public:	John Boltz, Corey Kortmeyer, Martin Fromme, Elly Macmaster
Delegation:	Hayley Newmarch, Rob Mascheck, Taras Sandulak, Jen Datchkoff – FortisBC

In-Camera

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 18:30 hours under Section 90(1)(j) — information that is prohibited, or information that if were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

Return to Regular Meeting at 19:04 hours.

John Boltz and Corey Kortmeyer arrive at 19:04 hours.

Hayley Newmarch, Rob Mascheck, Taras Sandulak and Jen Datchkoff join via Zoom at 19:04 hours.

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the June 9, 2025, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation – Hayley Newmarch, Rob Mascheck, Taras Sandulak, Jen Datchkoff – FortisBC

FortisBC delegates presented information to Council regarding the proposed Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Policy.

Martin Fromme arrives at 19:07 hours.

The presentation covered wildfire safety, power line settings, emergency wildfire outages. FortisBC representatives communicated that the PSPS is a rare, last-resort measure triggered by factors like low humidity, high temperatures, strong winds, and dry vegetation. Analysis of the past decade showed only one potential PSPS event in the region. Criteria include a Fire Weather Index of 47+ and sustained winds over 75 km/h. While customers are advised to prepare for up to 72 hours without power, the duration of a PSPS depends on weather severity, inspection time, and damage assessment. Two warning phases are provided before initiation, and municipalities are consulted about infrastructure needs.

Elly Macmaster arrives at 19:24 hours.

Questions were raised specifically about how the general public, businesses, and emergency services would be notified. Multiple platforms will be used for communication: autodial systems will contact all customers, while vulnerable and critical infrastructure customers will receive calls from Fortis staff at 72, 48, and 24 hours in advance, as well as when an event is imminent. Additional notifications will be provided through email, the website, an outage map, and the Alertable emergency warning service.

There was discussion around the Rock Creek fire and the emergency services based out of Midway, and whether power would be maintained during such incidents. In cases where public safety depends on electricity, power will not be shut off. If a fire or other emergency has already started, the policy does not apply, as it is intended to prevent fires rather than respond to active events. Power outages will occur only if infrastructure is damaged by fire.

Further conversation focused on the implications of increased electrification in BC, including electric vehicles, and whether power shutoffs could increase risk to the public. FortisBC representatives clarified that maintaining power and ensuring public safety remain their primary responsibilities.

There was also concern regarding Fortis not communicating with respective Fire Departments on this Policy.

Martin Fromme leaves at 20:10 hours.

Brief discussion regarding fuel mitigation and summary of the PSPS policy concluded the delegation. Council thanked the Fortis delegation for their presentation.

Hayley Newmarch, Rob Mascheck, Taras Sandulak and Jen Datchkoff leave via Zoom at 20:16 hours

Question Period – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2025 (Page 6949–69450) be adopted.

Carried

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of May 20, 2025 (Page 6949 – 6950) – None

Elly Macmaster presented the Village of Midway with a dividend cheque from the West Boundary Community Forest in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Elly Macmaster leaves at 20:20 hours.

Martin Fromme arrives at 20:21 hours.

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Staff Report – Fire Department – Command vehicle award.

Moved/Seconded THAT Council approves the purchase of a command vehicle for \$62,481.27 (excluding GST) from the Fire Apparatus and Equipment Reserve.

AND THAT Council approves for the successful proponent Bannister Ford Penticton for a contract price of \$58,393.71 plus GST and PST

Carried

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Corey Kortmeyer leaves at 20:31 hours.

- b) Staff Report – Public Works Foreman Quarterly Report – Council received the report for information. Report on file. Council asked questions regarding the backup generator for #1 pumphouse. There was a discussion around water use and the proposed application for a new well. The Ministry reported that the Village of Midway uses an average of 1,000 litres per person per day, which is over three times the provincial average and twice that of the next highest-use communities. The larger yard sizes in Midway may contribute to this comparison as homes in cities generally have smaller yards. Education and reminders to the public to adhere to water restrictions needs to be stepped up.

John Boltz leaves at 20:50 hours.

- c) Staff Report – Statement of Financial Information (2023 & 2024) Revised Schedules.

Moved/Seconded THAT Council approves revised 2023 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Schedules.

Carried

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Moved/Seconded THAT Council approves revised 2024 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Schedules

Carried

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- d) Kettle Valley Bursary & Scholarship Society – Grad 2025 Donation. After discussion it was **Moved/Seconded** that Council will donate to the Kettle Valley Bursary & Scholarship Society in the same amount as the previous year's contribution.

Carried

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- e) 2025 UBCM Provincial Appointment Book. Less meetings and more focus should be the plan this year. Further discussion can take place at the Special Meeting on June 23rd.

Correspondence

- a) Clarence Louie, Tribal Chair, Okanagan Nation Alliance – Sylx Okanagan Briefing Package for Local Governments on US-Based Tribes Asserting Rights and Interests in the Arrow Lakes and Boundary/Kootenay Regions of Canada – Council directed staff to reply to the letter, thanking them for the information.
- b) Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs – Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing bylaw requirements
- c) David Eby, Premier – 2025 UBCM Cabinet Minister Meeting Requests

Moved/Seconded that items b) and c) be received and filed.

Carried

Administrator's Report - Council received the report for information. Report on file.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Metcalf – Verbal

- The next WBCF meeting will be on July 8th, 2025, in Greenwood at 6:30pm.
- There were no applicants for the \$2500 bursaries available. They extended the deadline and received two applications.
- WBCF presented its shareholders with dividend cheques of \$200,000 each.

Councillor Pownall - None

Councillor Willsey – Verbal

- Today's accessibility meeting went well.
- Will be attending the Keeping It Rural Conference starting tomorrow in Kelowna.
- West Kootenay Boundary Regional Health District Board meeting June 26th in Castlegar, will likely attend in person.

Mayor McMynn - None

Question Period - None

Financial Reports – None

Bylaws & Policies – None

Planning – None

Martin Fromme leaves at 21:23 hours.

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$194,597.90 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) Donegal Wilson, MLA Boundary-Similkameen – BCUC Order Number G-126-25 – FortisBC Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Policy Comment Period.
- b) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – RDKB Awarded REDIP Funding to Strengthen Regional Economic Development

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 only items:

- a) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Boundary Freshet Dashboard June 3rd, 2025
- b) Louise O'Shea, COO, Sparc BC – Local Community Accessibility Grant Final Payment

be rec'd and filed

Carried

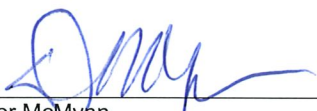
In-Camera

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 21:27 hours under Section 90(1)(m) – a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting and Section 90(1)(e) – acquisition, disposition of land or improvements.

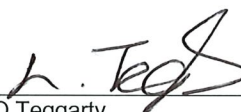
Return to Regular Meeting at 21:45 hours.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 21:45 hours.



Mayor McMynn



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