

Deputy Mayor opened the Regular Meeting of Council at 19:20 hours on March 16, 2026, 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: Councillor Willsey, Deputy Mayor
Councillors Metcalf and Pownall

Absent: Mayor McMynn, Councillor Dunsdon

Staff: Lisa Teggarty, CAO
Kerstin Kleinhempel, Deputy Finance
Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant

Public: Martin Fromme, Dan Faminoff

Zoom: Steven Collyer - Contract Planner, Don and Brenda McCaffery

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the March 16, 2026, Regular Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Delegation

- a) Jolly McMynn – Pump Track proposal – delegate cancelled

Question Period

Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2026 (Page 6980 – 6981) be adopted. **Carried**

Business Arising

Regular Meeting of February 23, 2026 (Page 6980 – 6981) – None

New and Unfinished Business

- a) Staff Report – Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 583, 2026 and Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 584, 2026. Council noted their concerns with the amendments but will continue to the Public Hearing set for April 7, 2026.

Steven Collyer leaves at 20:40

- b) Staff Report – Canoe Procurement
Deputy Finance answered questions in regard to potential benefits of the program.

Moved/Seconded that Council approves for the Village of Midway to become a member of Canoe Procurement Group of Canada.

Carried
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- c) Staff Report - Service Provider Agreement – Midway Public Library Association

Moved/Seconded that Council approves changes to the wording for the Municipal Insurance Association Service Provider Agreement between the Village of Midway and the Midway Public Library Association.

Carried
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- d) Resolution for AKBLG – tabled to the next Council meeting.
- e) Wendy Higashi, Project Manager Project Manager, Midway Community Centre – Acoustic Panels – Report. Cover Architectural Collaborative Inc has given pre-approval for the future purchase and installation of acoustic panels. The panels cannot be handmade. The Community Association will be seeking grants for this purchase.

Correspondence

- a) Hammy's Kettle Valley – Request to Council
Discussion resumed and questions were answered by staff and the contract planner.
1. Sea-can Storage request – Council discussed the addition of a 40ft sea-can to the back of the store and Council had questions regarding use and ability to adhere to setbacks and visual aesthetics.

Moved/Seconded that Council approves the placement of a 40ft sea-can on the backside of the Hammy's Kettle Valley Grocery & Liquor store, ensuring that aesthetics continue to be maintained by the property owner.

Carried
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Councillor Willsey opposed.

2. RV overnight parking request – request tabled to the next meeting.
3. Personal RV set up on north side of store – request tabled to the next meeting.

Steven Collyer leaves at 20:40

- b) Kim Haakstad, President & Ceo, BC Council of Forest Industries – Request for Official Endorsement of "Forestry is a Solution"

Moved/Seconded that the Village of Midway Council endorses the *Forestry is a Solution* initiative.

Carried
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- c) Midway Social Centre Society – Request for Continued Grant in Kind Support - request to be included in the 2026 Budget discussion.
- d) Greenpeaks Resource Management Ltd – Arena and camp rental – there was discussion about arena use for Boundary Central Secondary School graduation.

Moved/Seconded that the Village of Midway enter into a rental contract with Greenpeaks Resource Management Ltd for rental of Boundary Expo Recreation Centre, Frank Carpenter Memorial Riverfront Park overflow area and undeveloped portion of the camping area for use of the Forestry camp for 2026 season.

Carried
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- e) Cailan Libby, FortisBC Electric Vehicle Coordinator – Request for Letter of Support

Moved/Seconded that the Village of Midway Council send a letter of support for FortisBC's application to ZEVIP for funding to install a public Level 3 EV charging station in the Village of Midway.

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

- Campground Expression of interest has been advertised locally and will close on April 7, 2026.
- Budget 2026 – Met virtually with the Village's Information Technology consultant to discuss upcoming computer replacements, and priority upgrades. I will be meeting with departmental managers over the next couple of weeks to finalize draft departmental budgets. Tentative dates for the upcoming budget and 5-year financial plan will be provided to Council, and the public meeting will be scheduled.
- Economic Development Plan – The Village's Economic Development Officer has provided a draft priority list in conjunction with the meetings held with Council members. Next step is for Council to put a timeline to the items, e.g. 6-12 months, 13-24 months, 2 years+.
- Community Centre project – The construction company is working on items to obtain substantial occupancy.
- Audit 2025 – Auditors will be on site next week.
- Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding Program will be offering additional training sessions for staff and council that were unable to attend on the first round.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Metcalf

- The next West Boundary Community Forest meeting will be Wednesday, March 18th, 2026.

Councillor Pownall – None

Councillor Willsey – None

Question Period

Dan Faminoff raised concerns about a proposed sea-can behind the grocery store, its impact on his view and property values, and potential noise if refrigerated. He also flagged issues with overnight parking such as noise, bright lights, and idling vehicles. *Council approved the sea-can placement; the other two requests will be revisited at the next meeting.*

Martin Fromme asked: 1) Is there is going to be an opening ceremony for the Community Centre? 2) Who is going to be organizing the ceremony? *There has been a proposal brought forward to the project manager. Funding will be from the Village of Midway and grant funding monies. The Community Association is expected to be involved in the ceremony planning and execution.*

Martin Fromme also asked about the east side of the Community Center and whether the siding will be painted. *The east side of the building is expected to be cladded at a later date.*

Financial Reports – None

Bylaws & Policies

- a) Bylaw No. 583, 2026 – A Bylaw to Amend the Village of Midway Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 559, 2024 – First Reading
- b) Bylaw No. 584, 2026 – A Bylaw to Amend the Village of Midway Zoning Bylaw No. 464, 2015 – First Reading

Moved/Seconded THAT Council give first reading to Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 583, 2026, a bylaw amending Schedule B (Land Use Map) of Midway Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 559, to change the land use designation for 670 Palmerston Avenue from 'Commercial' to 'Village Residential';

AND THAT Council, in accordance with sections 475 and 476 of the Local Government Act, consider early and ongoing consultation on Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 583, 2026 by referring the bylaw to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI), Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) and School District 51 Boundary;

AND THAT Council give first reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 584, 2026, a bylaw amending Schedule A (Zoning Map) of Zoning Bylaw 464 to rezone 670 Palmerston Avenue from 'C1 (General Commercial 1)' to 'R1 (Residential 1);

AND THAT Council forward the bylaws to the April 7, 2026, Public Hearing.

Carried
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Planning - None

Budgets/Accounts

Moved/Seconded that budgets and accounts totaling \$77,954.04 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. Sofi Estrada, Vice President, Boundary Youth Soccer Association – Thank you response
- b. BC Ministry of Water, Lands & Resource Stewardship – Mar 1st, 2026 Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin
- c. Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Building Inspection Reports to the end of February 2026
- d. Kettle River Museum – Report to Council

be received and filed

Carried

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

Kerstin Kleinhempel, Martin Fromme and Dan Faminoff leave at 20:43 hours.

In-Camera

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 20:46 hours Section 90(1)(e) - acquisition, disposition of land or improvements, 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*, Section 90(1)(i) - the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege

Return to Regular Meeting at 22:25 hours.

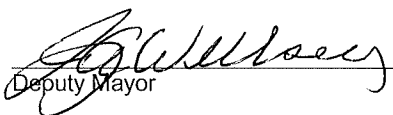
Items moved from In-camera minutes to Regular meeting:

Village of Midway Council approved an extension to Wendy Higashi's contract as Midway Community Centre Retrofit and Upgrade Project Manager to May 31, 2026.

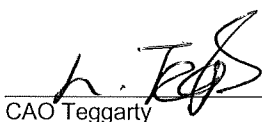
Cladding to the east side of the Community Centre will require additional funding. This item will be discussed during 2026 Budget deliberations.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 22:27 hours.



Deputy Mayor



CAO Teggarty