

Mayor McMynn opened the Special Budget Meeting of Council at 18:00 hours on May 4, 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: Mayor McMynn
Councillors Willsey, Pownall, and Dunsdon
Absent: Councillor Metcalf
Staff: Lisa Teggarty CAO
Tamara Lovett, Administrative Assistant
Public: Martin Fromme

Introduction of Late Items – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded that the May 4, 2026, Special Budget Meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Discussions

Budget - Presentation of Draft 2026-2030 Five Year Financial Plan

CAO presented the first draft of the 2026-2030 Five Year Financial Plan to Council and Public.

▪ General Operating Fund

REVENUE

- **General Taxation** – A 10% increase to Municipal taxes is required to balance the budget. Increase not related to project as funding was allocated previously. Increases in insurances, gas, and utilities contributing to increase.
- **Grant in lieu of Taxes** – FortisBC Electricity & Gas, Telus, RCMP Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)
- **Taxes Collected for Other Governments** - Although in/out, shows what we collect for other government taxes – School tax, RDKB, Hospital, BC Assessment and any MFA debt. Increase of 6% from 2025.
- **Interest on Investments** – doing well but as interest rates go down, need to adjust accordingly.
- **Provincial Grants** – Small Community grants – operational grant from the Provincial government; Street Light Assistance; Government of BC Indigenous Engagement – RDKB is assisting with this project; Climate Action grant – allocated to Community Centre project; Province of BC–Housing Capacity Grant – working on proactive planning project, as per housing assessment needs guidelines; 2024/2025 CRIP (FireSmart) – still have funds remaining, possible projects will be identified in 2026; Province of BC– Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program – Forest Impact Transition (REDIP-FIT) remaining funds transferred into business plan for the campground expansion; UBCM Next Generation 911 grant – RDKB working on this project; SparcBC Accessibility grant – still have money remaining from 2025, will confirm what it can be used for; Canada Summer Jobs Program (FSJ) - Village has been approved for one summer student position; ICIP/Rural & Northern Communities Fund and the Heritage Canada Legacy Fund grants – funding completed on Community Centre upgrade project.
- **Grants Other** – Misc Grants – none accounted for this year; Special Events grant – used for Canada Day and other Village events; RDKB Arena grant - slight increase from last year; Community Garden Grant – normally receive some funds; Road Rescue Service – based on an estimate.
- **Federal Grants** - Community Works Fund Agreement annual funding, same as 2025.
- **Ambulance Building Lease** – 5-year lease renewed last year.
- **Other building Rentals** – includes the airport hangers, pharmacy, library, medical building, social centre and arena concession. Increased for anticipated revenue.
- **Arena Revenue** – includes ice bookings, rentals, and other arena use revenue.
- **Other Sundry Income** – includes Midway Community Garden sales, adopt a Bench, Cemetery fees, subdivision fees, Miscellaneous Revenue - cost recovery for medical centre costs, Legacy Fund interest (Midway Partnership fund); FortisBC – 3% Operating agreement (decreased due to decrease in mill operations); Admin recovery fees related to RDKB Fire Services agreement and Victim services agreement and medical clinic administrative fees.
- **Campground fees** – Riverfront Park – represents total 2026 projected revenue.
- **Licences and Permits** – includes building permits, business licences, sale of tax certificates, and dog licences.
- **Protection Services** – Rural Fire Protection for the West Boundary Fire Service area (slight increase); Police Victim Service program (Midway and Grand Forks program administered by village staff).
- **ICBC Commissions** – commissions have been steadily rising, year on year.
- **Equity income from WBCF** – Equity Dividends - \$100,000 budgeted in revenue, transferred to reserves for Capital.
- **Transfers from Other Funds** – Covid-restart funds to be used for computer upgrades and Deputy Corporate position.
- **Transfers from Reserve Funds** – to be brought in for Capital expenditures (may change as Council will decide where the funding will come from). WBCF dividends and Reserve used to complete the project.
- **Estimated Total Revenue** - **\$4,196,143**. A decrease of 43.18% compared to 2025 total revenue, due to Community Centre project nearing completion.

▪ **Reviewed the General Operating Funds**

EXPENDITURES - Brief Review – more details will be discussed at next meeting

- **Administrative & Common Services** – An increase of 10.96% compared to 2025 budget. Includes wages/benefits for the wages and benefits increases and corporate position (7 months). Village office accessible doors included in Office building expenses.
- **Protective Services** – Decrease of 1.82% compared to 2025 budget. Fire Chief will be at the next meeting to discuss budget lines.
- **Transportation Services** – An increase of 1.82% compared to 2025 budget. Forecasting remains challenging because it depends on winter weather conditions.
- **Public Works** – An increase of 9.57% compared to the 2025 budget. Public works Forman will be at the next meeting to discuss budget lines.
- **Municipal Building Expenses** – A decrease of 0.79% compared to 2025 budget. Will need an adjustment as the will be back in service.
- **Parks and General Recreation** – An increase of 2.22% compared to 2025 budget.
- **Grants to Community Groups** – An increase of 12.84% compared to 2025 budget. There is an allocation of \$5,000 under Miscellaneous grants for Midway Community Association for the Community Centre opening celebration.
- **Special Projects** - A decrease of 86.66% compared to 2025 budget, due to 2025 projects completed.
- **General Capital Expenditure** - \$994,568. A decrease of 235.69% from the 2025 budget, due to Community Centre project.
- **Taxes Collected for Other Governments** – in/out funds, represents payment made for other government taxes – School tax, RDKB, Hospital, BC Assessment and any MFA debt.
- **Transfers to Other Funds (Reserves)** – Fire Apparatus & Fire Equipment Replacement, Capital Equipment, Depreciation equipment, Sick & Severance, Building Replacement, Community Hall, Land Sale, Canada Community Building fund (CCBF) and WBCF non-statutory, Cemetery Care fund. A decrease of 2.09% compared to 2025 budget.
- **Estimated Total Expenditures** - \$4,196,143. A decrease of 43.18% mainly due to the project.

▪ **Reviewed Water Operating Fund**

REVENUE

- Water user fees increase of 5% for 2026.
- Interest has increased due to balance in Water Infrastructure Reserve and favourable investment rates.
- Other/Water connections - forecast
- Transfer from Canada Community Building Fund – for new well planning.
- Estimate Revenue - \$253,927.

EXPENDITURES

- Wages & Benefits – forecasted on operational requirements.
- Maintenance & Utilities – Public Works foreman will discuss at next budget meeting.
- Administration & Other – includes training expenses and water certifications.
- Contribution to Water Infrastructure Reserve.
- Capital Expenditure - for new well planning.
- Operating Surplus is transferred to Water Infrastructure reserve.
- Estimated Expenditures - \$253,927.

▪ **Reviewed the Sewer Operating Fund**

REVENUE

- Sewer user fees increase of 6% increase.
- Sani dump income estimated.
- Interest on Sewer Infrastructure Reserve and investment rates.
- Other/Sewer Connections – forecast.
- Estimated Revenue - \$149,631.

EXPENDITURES

- Wages & Benefits – forecasted on operational requirements.
- Administration & other – includes training costs and sewer certifications.
- Operating surplus is transferred to Sewer Infrastructure Reserve.
- Estimated Expenditures - \$149,631.

▪ **Reviewed the General Capital Expenditures & Funding Sources.**

- **Administration & Information Technology** – Computer upgrades/new Catalis server.
- **Fire Protection** – SCBA (Self-contained Breathing Apparatus), Water tender scheduled for 2027. More discussions at next budget meeting.
- **Paving Program** – Funding from Canada Community Building fund.
- **Public Works** – Equipment upgrades if needed.
- **Recreation, Parks & Green Spaces** – Riverfront campground expansion business plan/design.
- **Municipal Buildings** – Municipal office project scheduled for 2026 (carry-over from 2025). Firehall needs electrical upgrade to rectify internet issues. This could be included with the municipal project. Funding to be allocated from Growing Communities Fund. (2027 capital - investigate grant for Public Works shop/office capital project).
- **Total General Capital Estimated** - \$994,568.
- **Total Sewer Capital Estimated** – nil
- **Total Water Capital Estimated** – \$100,000. New well planning.

- **Total Capital including Sewer and Water - \$1,094,458.**

Question Period - Martin Fromme asked questions

- Are the funds in the budget for the proposed Deputy Corporate position? *Yes, funding has been included.*
- Does the mill closure affect the tax base this year? *In 2025 tax revenue decreased by \$48,000 in relation to Major Industry assessment value decrease.*
- Are the Statement of Reserve funds available? *The statement will be presented at the next budget meeting.*
- Asked if the RDKB Recreation funds could have a budget on how the money could be spent? *Council clarified how recreation funds from the RDKB Area E director's budget are allocated to different groups. These funds are separate from funds allocated from RDKB to the Village for Arena operations.*
- When is the Economic Development presentation? *That meeting is scheduled for May 14th at 9:00 am.*
- Has Council considered someone working from home rather than changing office space? *Security, server access and privacy concerns make it difficult.*

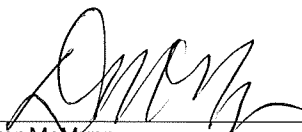
In-Camera

Moved/Seconded that Council move In-Camera at 19:11 hours under 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.

Return to Regular Meeting at 19:22 hours.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourned at 19:23 hours.



Mayor McMynn



CAO Teggarty