

The regular meeting of council was opened at 18:30 hours by Mayor Kappes on July 19, 2010 in the Council Chambers at 661 Eighth Ave., Midway, BC

Present: Mayor Kappes  
Councillors Schierbeck, Rotvold, Dunsdon  
Councillor Fromme absent

Staff: Jim Madder, Administrator  
Jenny Simmonds, Receptionist

Public: Barb Stewart (Boundary Weed Management), John Coburn

Press: Pat Kelly, Boundary Creek Times

**Introduction of Late Items:** Councillor Dunsdon requested that the Wood First Resolution be added under New Business.

**Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the July 19, 2010 agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried**

**Delegation**

Barb Stewart of Boundary Weed Management updated Council on invasive weed applications in the area. She explained that the RDKB is delivering contracts and there is a full crew in the Midway area thanks to the job opportunity program.

Mrs. Stewart explained that there is less and less Hoary Alyssum in the area and suggested to Council that the strip of land along the highway that the Village owns be reseeded or else it will become a weed patch. She provided an update on the rail trail, which falls under the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and Culture jurisdiction, and hopes there will be some dedicated funding for weed control along the entire trail.

Houndstongue is being controlled with insects but they cannot release the insect by the border because of US law.

Funding is now available for hot spot crews and an outreach worker for educational purposes in the area. She suggested that Midway focus on educating residents about Sulfur Cinquefoil. Stewart also suggested that Council continue to let the Provincial Government know that invasive weeds are an important issue in the area.

Residents are advised to watch out for puncture vine, which is coming into the area from the Okanagan. Residents are also reminded of the spray equipment loan-out program at the RDKB office in Grand Forks.

Barb Stewart left at 19:02 hours.

**Delegation**

John Coburn asked Council why the slogan "Come to play, Plan to Stay" was changed to "Come to Play, Hope you Stay" without any public input. He feels the change is weak and requested that it be changed back. Following a discussion about the process of making the change back it was **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to change back to the original wording provided by the transition committee. **Carried**

**Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the minutes from the regular meeting of June 21, 2010 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the minutes from the special meeting of June 28, 2010 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**Moved** Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the minutes from the special meeting of July 9, 2010 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**Business Arising**

Page 5386 – Nil

Page 5387 – Nil

Page 5388 – No response from the Kettle River Inn regarding operations.

Page 5389 – Nil

Page 5390 – Nil

Page 5391 – Nothing new but Leslie was supposed to get Ross Elliot to GPS the location.

**New Business**

Councillor Dunsdon suggested that the Village of Midway put forth a Wood First resolution and create a Wood First Bylaw. Councillor Dunsdon thinks the Community Garden would be a good fit for Wood First and he will be able to use it in grant applications. **Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold that the Village of Midway adopts the Wood First Resolution as submitted. **Carried**

**Budgets/Accounts**

**Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the accounts presented totaling \$189,156.51 drawn from the general revenue account, be paid. **Carried**

**Correspondence**

- a) UBCM – Small Talk Forum 2010. Following a discussion Mayor Kappes requested ideas from Council for the next regular council meeting. Mayor Kappes will also draft up something regarding RCMP issues and concerns.

**Correspondence for Info Only**

**Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold that the correspondence for info only items:

- a) UBCM – UBCM Response to CSIS Allegations
- b) Building Inspector – Building permit summary up to June, 2010
- c) UBCM – RCMP Contract Renewal Update
- d) CUPW – The Canadian Postal Service Charter and the Future

be received and filed.

**Carried**

**Correspondence for Info Only – to be held for two weeks only and then destroyed**

**Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that correspondence for info only items:

- a) Communities in Bloom Magazine – May 2010
- b) City of Vancouver – Request for support of Two 2010 UBCM Resolutions
- c) City of Duncun – Late resolution request – Local Government Studies – Grade 8 to 12
- d) UBCM – Resolutions Submission & Debate
- e) BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA) – InfoLink, May/June 2010 issue
- f) BCNPHA – 18<sup>th</sup> Annual conference, November 2-24, 2010, Richmond, BC
- g) BCNPHA – application for membership
- h) Shaw Communications – Canwest Global Communications restructuring
- i) BC Forest Professional magazine – July – August, 2010

be received and filed.

**Carried**

**Administrators Report**

- 1) Boundary Community Church Request – **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck to inform the Boundary Community Church that Council cannot meet their request because there is no section in the Community Charter that allows Council to defer property taxes on a privately owned building. **Carried**
- 2) Arena Concession – The Administrator informed Council that Merv and Marilyn will no longer be running the arena concession as they will be managing a hotel at Apex Ski Resort. Council requested a letter from Merv and Marilyn stating they are terminating their lease agreement. A decision about purchasing the deep fryer and sandwich table was deferred until the next regular council meeting after a letter is received. Staff was directed to place an ad in the newsletter requesting applications for new tenants.
- 3) Watering warning letters – Staff directed to stick to original plan of sending one warning letter and then shutting off the property owner's water.

- 4) Radon Testing – The Administrator informed Council that kits cost \$45 each and testing takes six months to one-year. **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck to purchase five (5) kits for Village-owned facilities especially those buildings with basements. **Carried**
- 5) BC Ambulance – Administrator to try and set-up a morning meeting.

### **Council and Mayor's Reports**

Councillor Schierbeck – Nil

Councillor Dunsdon

- Will hear back about the Community Garden grant by the end of August.
- Informed Council that he will no longer be attending UBCM as he would like to use the funds to attend other workshops of interest.
- Asked about the possibility of tracking hits on the website and a comment form. He will look into it a little more.

Councillor Rotvold

- Attended the Cross Border Invasive Weed tour on behalf of RDKB.
- July 29, 2010 – RDKB meeting
- September 1, 2010 – TOTA workshop in Grand Forks.
- August 10, 2010 – BEDC meeting

Mayor Kappes – Nil

### **Question Period**

Reporter Kelly asked how much Fox Lumber owes in Property Taxes and whether or not they have paid. The Administrator informed him that they have not paid and that the property goes to tax sale in September. Fox will have one-year to redeem once it goes to sale. The Administrator also informed Reporter Kelly that the total percent of taxes paid is no different from years past.

Moved Councillor Schierbeck that the meeting adjourn at 19:55 hours.

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MAYOR

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ADMINISTRATOR