

The regular meeting of council was opened at 18:30 hours by Mayor Kappes on June 21, 2010 in the Council Chambers at 661 Eighth Ave., Midway, BC

Present: Mayor Kappes
Councillors Schierbeck, Rotvold, Dunsdon and Fromme

Staff: Jim Madder, Administrator
Jenny Simmonds, Receptionist

Public: Tannis Killough, Linda Prior, Casey Bot, Elaine Fromme

Delegation

Museum Board members met with Council to discuss the bunkhouse and other items pertaining to the museum. Tannis Killough began by informing Council that the board wants to maintain focus on the bunkhouse but with the recent success of the cookhouse are thinking about going in the direction of a B&B or Inn style accommodation. The cookhouse has been mutually beneficial to the museum.

Councillor Schierbeck asked about pamphlets in the cookhouse and it was decided they should be in there. Killough informed Council that the cookhouse has historical pictures on display that can be purchased. These pictures were obtained from someone other than the library and they would like them to know that the museum can also provide this type of material.

Council and board members discussed access to the basement, specifically the middle door, and the locked door has made it more difficult to access the museum's storage area. The board feels that it may be best to leave the basement unoccupied for now until the kinks can be worked out. The Administrator informed them that there is only a master key and not a specific key for the middle door. Casey Bot expressed his concern about the slope leading to the basement and would like to build a set of stairs. He requested that staff cut the available railway ties in half.

Following a discussion about the fence the museum board asked that it not be chain link but are fine with anything else.

A brief discussion about revenue sharing was had but Council is still waiting for final expense numbers to come in.

The museum has spent \$33,000 to date on upgrades. There will be two summer students this year, both from the surrounding area.

Pat Kelly from the Boundary Creek Times enters at 18:55 hours.

Linda Prior brought up the issue of communication between the Village and the museum. She cited garbage pick-up as an area of concern and would like to know the easiest way to handle requests, etc. The Administrator informed her that they should talk directly to him.

Mayor Kappes thanked them for coming and invited them to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

Tannis Killough, Linda Prior, Casey Bot and Elaine Fromme leave at 19:00 hours.

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the June 21, 2010 agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the minutes from the regular meeting of June 7, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising

Page 5383 – The Pedologist report is in the office for Council to look at.

- Staff has not had time to look at the potential tennis court location.
- No new news from Ministry of Environment but they are still coming sometime in the summer.

Page 5384 – Letter has not been sent to Interior Health yet.

- Council expressed the need to have the new welcome signs up as soon as possible as it is already summer. The Administrator informed them that they have yet to find an accessible spot for the signs. The highway will have to be closed and flagging people hired if they go where the old signs are. Councillor Rotvold suggested the west end of the Thomet road pull-off. Staff will get them up as soon as possible.

Page 5385 – Glenn Aasen changed his deck plans so it is no longer an issue.

- Council will meet Monday, June 28 at 7:00 pm to discuss the paving and road maintenance policy. The Administrator was directed to find out if Emcon provides crack sealing services and at what cost.

Old Business

Race Track Proposal – Council concluded that people are in favour of a racetrack in the area just not on the airport lands. After a discussion it was **Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Mayor Kappes to send a letter to the Kettle Valley Racing Association informing them that Council will not allow the development of a racetrack on the airport lands. **Carried**

Council agreed to make the survey results available to the Kettle Valley Racing Association with the names blacked out.

Bylaws

Bylaw #417 –

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that bylaw No. 417, cited as regulation of meetings of council and committees amending Bylaw No. 417, be now **READ A FINAL TIME** this 21st day of June, 2010. **Carried**

Bylaw #418 –

Moved Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold that Bylaw No. 418, cited as the Village of Midway's animal control amending Bylaw No. 418 be now **READ A FINAL TIME** this 21st of June, 2010. **Carried**
Councillor Fromme opposed.

Budgets/Accounts

Moved Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Fromme that the accounts presented totaling \$175,489.86 drawn from the general revenue account and be paid. **Carried**

Correspondence

- a) Minister Pat Bell, Minister Responsible for Integrated Land Management Bureau – Response Letter to Village of Midway Letter Dated May 4, 2010. **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to send a letter thanking them and informing them that Council would like to be kept in the process. **Carried**

Correspondence for Info Only

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

- a) Ann Harvey-Constituency Assistant to Alex Atamanenko, MP BC Southern Interior – RCMP Staffing Levels in the Boundary be received and filed. **Carried**

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

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

- a) Union of British Columbia Municipalities – Coroner's Reports: Recommendations for Local Government Consideration
- b) Investment Agriculture Foundation of British Columbia – Growing Tomorrow - Summer 2010, Volume 10
- c) Union of British Columbia Municipalities – Call for Nominations for UBCM Executive-June 2010
- d) Seniors' Healthy Living Secretariat – World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15, 2010
- e) Ducks Unlimited Canada – Conservator, Volume 31, Number 2, 2010
- f) Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Connected to Our Communities-Vol.1, No. 1, June 2010

- g) Union of British Columbia Municipalities – 2010 UBCM Community Excellence Awards
 - h) Canadian Wood Council – Woodworks
- be received and filed. **Carried**

Administrators Report

- 1) Pheonix Foundation – Administrator informed Council that an additional \$3000 was found and that the foundation has not decided how it will be dispersed.
- 2) West Coast Escapes – Following a discussion about what the package includes it was **Moved** Councillor Fromme, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to approve the payment of \$1000 to West Coast Escapes for the production of a promotional video and access to high-res photos of the area. **Carried**
- 3) Norm Luczak – After some discussion it was **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to respond to Mr. Luczak stating that Council will not consider his request because the tax rate cannot be changed as it is still commercial property and they are not willing to reduce the sewer and water rates.

Following more discussion it was **Moved** Councillor Fromme, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to amend the original motion to read that Council will not consider his request for a tax rate reduction because the tax rate cannot be changed as it is still commercial property. Council will consider reducing the 2010 sewer and water user fees from the hotel rate to the restaurant rate if Mr. Luczak can demonstrate that he is no longer using the facility for food and hotel purposes. **Carried**

Councillor Rotvold opposed.

- 4) Barb Stewart – Administrator directed to invite Mrs. Stewart to the July 19, 2010 council meeting to update Council on the Boundary Weed Management.
- 5) Bunkhouse – Administrator informed Council that the Village has spent \$9000 (including wages) on bunkhouse renovations to date. Following a discussion about revenue sharing between the Village and the museum it was **Moved** Councillor Fromme, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold to inform the museum board that Council will consider revenue sharing once expenses on the preparation and development of the building stops. **Carried**

Council and Mayor's Reports

Mayor Kappes

- Nil

Councillor Fromme

- Asked if Fortis billed each municipal building separately and the Administrator informed him they did. Suggested that a comparison of power usage during the summer on the wells be completed when there is time.
- Requested specifics on the policy for watering the main park.

Councillor Schierbeck

- Nil

Councillor Rotvold

- Thanked those who attended the water meeting and asked to include a few facts in the council newsletter.
- RDKB meeting June 24, 2010.
- Hospital district meeting June 23, 2010.
- Kettle River Water Committee June 22, 2010.

Councillor Dunsdon

- Asked about the tree by Gus Sherbinin's and was informed it would be removed when Asplund has time.
- Asked if Council wanted to send a letter of thanks to Greenpeaks for bringing their business to Midway. Council decided that a formal letter was not necessary.

- Councillor Schierbeck asked if he has heard about the grant for the LED sign. Councillor Dunsdon informed Council he would not know until August.

Question Period

Reporter Kelly asked to borrow the water conservation meeting disc.

Pat Kelly leaves at 20:20 hours.

Moved Councillor Fromme, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold to go in-camera under section (90) (1) (g) at 20:23 hours. **Carried**

The regular meeting resumed at 21:12 hours.

Moved Councillor Fromme that the meeting adjourn at 21:13 hours.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR