

The regular meeting of Council was opened at 19:00 hours by Mayor Kappes on April 6, 2010 in the Council Chambers at 661 Eighth Ave., Midway, BC

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

Staff: Jim Madder, Administrator
Jenny Simmonds, Receptionist

Press: Pat Kelly, Boundary Creek Times

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold that the April 6, 2010 agenda be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Fromme that the minutes from the regular meeting of March 15, 2010 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising

Page 5357 – Councillor Dunsdon explained that it should read that anyone who received not raised, funds could advertise in the Council newsletter.

Page 5358 – nil

Page 5359 – Mayor Kappes brought in his screen from home to be used for power point presentations.

- The door quotes were redone and it was **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that staff accept the lowest bid for the four doors and move forward with the door replacement project. **Carried**

Page 5360 – Still need a sink for the Bunkhouse but everything else is ready. The Administrator informed Council that something would need to be done to the fence around the artifacts as they will need access to the ramp. Tannis Killough has been contacted and the Administrator will wait to hear her suggestions.

Page 5361 – The trail maps are temporary and the permanent maps are included in the second phase of grant applications.

Old Business

Policy #374 – Staff Hiring (Amendment)

Moved Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to adopt Policy 374 – Staff Hiring as amended. **Carried**

Financial Report – March 2010

- A brief discussion was held regarding the March 2010 Financial Report.

Bylaws

Moved Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold that Bylaw #414 – A Bylaw to Provide for Council Member Remuneration and Expenses be now **READ A FINAL TIME** this 6th day of April 2010. **Carried**

Budgets/Accounts

Moved Councillor Fromme, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold that the accounts presented totaling \$102,057.83 be drawn on the general revenue account and be paid. **Carried**

Councillor Rotvold requested that the street light at Hartland and Dominion be checked again.

Correspondence

- a) City of Burnaby – Resolution Regarding Concerns with the Government of Canada’s Lack of Consultation with Local Governments Regarding Possible Trade Agreements
Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to receive and file. **Carried**
- b) City of Grand Forks – International Forest Products Ltd, Grand Forks Division and the Removal of Midway Point of Appraisal. **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to receive and file in the appropriate file. **Carried**
- c) Scott Fraser, MLA Alberni Pacific Rim – Provincial Government & UBCM Task Force Looking for Written Comments. **Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Fromme to receive and file. **Carried**
- d) Kettle Valley Racing Association – Airport Property Development. Following a discussion about some negative comments Councillors have heard from residents regarding the proximity of the proposed race track it was **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Fromme to send out a survey with the next Council newsletter asking for resident opinions on both the proximity and concept of the proposed dirt race track. The survey will state that some negative comments on the proximity of the proposed racetrack have been received. Names will be requested but only results will be made public, names will remain confidential. **Carried**

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to send a letter to the Kettle Valley Racing Association informing them that Council is doing some more community consultation before making a decision. Results from the survey will be available once it is complete. **Carried**

Correspondence for Info Only

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

- a) Midway Senior’s Branch 117 – March 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes
- b) Union of British Columbia Municipalities – Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative
- c) Dale Wall-Deputy Minister – Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America on Government Procurement (Canada – US Agreement): Coverage of Local Government

be received and filed.

Carried

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

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

- a) Liquor Control and Licensing Branch – Early Opening of Liquor Primary Establishments During the 2010 FIFA World Cup Soccer Tournament in South Africa
- b) SeniorsBC – March 18, 2010 Volume 1, Issue 1 Newsletter
- c) Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Nomination for a Seat on the Board of Directors
- d) BC’s Farming and Food Future – Local Government Toolkit for Sustainable Food Production
- e) Kootenay Business – March/April 2010-Vol. 26 #2
- f) Route 3 – Spring 2010
- g) BC Hydro – BC Hydro Reports Earth Hour Electricity Savings
- h) Union of British Columbia Municipalities – Local Government Awareness Week

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Carried

Administrator’s Report

- 1) Movies in the Parl – Turn over to the Community Club.
- 2) Spring Dump Days – Staff directed to schedule two dates for the Spring Dump Days.

- 3) Trash to Treasure day – Scheduled for April 24, 2010
- 4) Royal Canadian Legion letter – The Administrator recommended not to purchase an ad. **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck to support the Administrators recommendation not to purchase an ad in the BC Veterans book. **Carried**
- 5) Midway Public Library request – **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to allow for overflow camping as needed between the arena and the curling rink for the John Boltz Memorial Kettle River Run on July 17, 2010. **Carried**
- 6) Community Futures request – **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to send a letter of support to Community Futures. **Carried**
- 7) Fox Lumber email – After a brief discussion it was **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to send a letter to Fox Lumber stating that Council will not support their request for a zoning change and tax break. **Carried**
- 8) Meeting with Minister of Forests and John Slater – After a discussion about the Point of Appraisal issue Council decided that it was not urgent for them to meet and it was **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Fromme to inform the Minister of Forests and John Slater that due to financial hardships Council will not be flying to Victoria for a meeting and look forward to meeting when they return to the area. **Carried**

Council then discussed the key discussion points on Point of Appraisal to be made to the Minister. These include:

- Disagreement with allowing producers ownership of fibre supply.
- Interest in knowing where the penalty money goes once it is collected.
- Ways of gaining access to fibre supply.
- Issues with the claim that it will increase jobs in the West Boundary.

A draft of these points will be sent to Council so it can be built upon for the next regular Council meeting.

- 9) Sale of surplus equipment – **Moved** Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold to advertise the sale of the old backhoe and Dodge half ton. **Carried**
- 10) Midway Partnership Fund – Council approval is not required as it is a separate entity. Monies come from the Pheonix Foundation.

Council and Mayor's Reports

Mayor Kappes

- Public meeting was held on March 29, 2010. Two questions raised were regarding solar powered streetlights and the placement of the dog waste receptacles.
- Attended the RDKB meeting on behalf of Councillor Rotvold.

Councillor Rotvold – full report on file

- March 16 – Bursary and Scholarship meeting. **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck to donate \$350 to the Bursary and Scholarship foundation. **Carried**
- March 17 – West Kootenay Boundary Hospital District meeting.
- March 24-26 – Municipal Finance Authority meeting in Victoria.
- March 31 – CCG meeting.
- April 1 – Regional Chamber meeting.
- Area B Director Marie Christensen passed away last Saturday. **Moved** Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to send a condolence card to her husband Ron. **Carried**

Councillor Fromme

- Thanked staff for filling in the ditch on the trail joining Palmerston and Beamish.
- Informed Council that the new art class at BCSS is interested in creating new summer banners. **Moved** Councillor Fromme, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold to have the BCSS art class design 10-12 new summer banners using the theme of “what to do in Midway”. The banners will be the same size as the existing banners. **Carried**

Councillor Schierbeck

- Expressed his concerns that Council was not informed of the new RCMP Corporal moving to Midway. **Moved** Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold to send a letter requesting that the new Corporal and other members attend the first Council meeting is available. **Carried**
- Expressed his concerns over having land available and out of the ALR incase investors show interest in bringing something to Midway. After a discussion it was **Moved** Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Fromme to prepare an application to the ALR to move forward with the properties they have considered removing from the ALR. **Carried**
Staff is directed to contact Diana Brooks to find out when Council can move forward with other properties in the ALR.
- Solar Community application was sent in.

Councillor Fromme asked if he should coordinate the banner project. It was decided that he should continue as the contact.

Councillor Dunsdon – full report on file

- Community Garden meeting was successful with 15 residents in attendance. Topics discussed included the location. Another meeting will be planned. Councillor Dunsdon will provide a sample policy on what Community Gardens can provide to the community at the next Council meeting.
- Attended the Dollars to Sense – Spot the Energy Savings Opportunities workshop in Castlegar. Full package is on file.
- LED sign – Blair from Fortis said they would contribute \$1,500 towards the purchase of a LED sign for the community.
- Sat in on two Webinars on climate change.
- Asked if Midway is involved in the Climate Action Charter. Yes we are.
- Kettle Valley Water Basin study – requested that Council email their issues and concerns with the Kettle River to him before the next meeting.
- Proposed a policy about cell phones in meetings. It will be brought to the next meeting and possibly included in the procedure bylaw.
- Will still plan a community clean-up day. Mayor Kappes will supply garbage bags.
- LED sign – Discussion about available grants, Administrator will contact the Grand Forks Recreation Director about their signs. Discussion about selling ad space. Council is in support of gathering more information.

Councillor Schierbeck asked about the status of Mr. McMynn’s zoning change request. The Administrator has now heard anything new but will contact Mr. McMynn.

Question Period

Pat Kelly of the Boundary Creek Times asked about the Bylaws to be discussed at the next regular council meeting.

Mr. Kelly asked for an update on the meeting with SD51. Mayor Kappes informed him that it was an in-camera meeting and could not be discussed at this time.

Mr. Kelly suggested contacting Stan Jensen regarding point of appraisal.

Mr. Kelly asked about the properties that could be removed from the ALR. The Administrator will provide him with a list.

Pat Kelly leaves at 21:18 hours.

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck to go in-camera under section (90) (1) (c) at 21:20 hours. **Carried**

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Fromme to accept the recommendations from the in-camera meeting to approve the Administrator's request for a 3% cost of living allowance. **Carried**

Moved Councillor Fromme that the meeting adjourn at 21:27 hours.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR