

The regular meeting of Council was opened at 19:00 hours by Mayor Kappes on May 17, 2010 in the Council Chambers at 661 Eighth Ave., Midway, BC

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

Staff: Jim Madder, Administrator
Sheri Harpur, Administrative Assistant

Delegation: Jim Reeves, Jennifer Turner, Lisa Baia

Press: Pat Kelly, Boundary Creek Times

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the May 17, 2010 agenda be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Delegation

Jim Reeves informed Council of an idea to have a welcoming reception for Dr. Daniel Ooi as well as an appreciation reception for Dr. Hamilton. This reception would be a formal reception with members of the Midway Medical Society, Seniors, Mayor and Council. Mr. Reeves has spoken with the Midway Seniors about the idea and it looks like they will be donating \$1000.00. Mr. Reeves has spoken to the Midway Medical Society and it looks like they will be donating \$700.00. His idea is maybe a surf and turf dinner. Mr. Reeves did stress that this was all still in the idea stages but wanted Council input on this issue. His other suggestion is to invite the public for a small fee. Lisa Baia also suggested a token of appreciation in the form of a gift for Dr. Hamilton for all that he has done for the Midway Medical Clinic.

Jim Reeves then went on to speak about the blood clinic issues and the letter he had sent to Ingrid Hempf. Mr. Reeves of the understanding that the City of Greenwood has responded in favour of the letter Mr. Reeves sent and have written a letter to our MLA John Slater. Ingrid Hempf is very agreeable as well and would like to set up meeting with the Village of Midway to discuss this issue. After a brief discussion it was:

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that a letter be written in support of Mr. Reeves letter and sent to Ingrid Hempf, City of Greenwood, Rock Creek Medical Society and MLA John Slater. **Carried**

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the Village of Midway donate up to a maximum of \$800.00 for the welcome/appreciation reception for Dr. Ooi and Dr. Hamilton. **Carried**

Council also advised that they would like notification on any planning meetings for the reception as well as the meeting with Ingrid Hempf.

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that the minutes from the regular meeting of May 3, 2010 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Delegation leaves at 19:32 hours.

Moved Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the minutes from the special meeting of May 10, 2010 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Fromme that the minutes from the public budget meeting of May 12, 2010 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Moved Councillor Fromme, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold that the minutes from the special meeting of May 12, 2010 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising

Page 5371 – Quotes from the Pedologists range from \$1,500.00 - \$6,700.00. The majority of the Pedologists feel that doing another report won't really make much of a difference. After a brief discussion it was:

Moved Councillor Fromme, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold to contract the least expensive Pedologist for a report. **Carried**

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New Business

Kiosk Signs – Mayor Kappes spoke to Jim Graham and the Trails committee has two grants that they have applied for and will be putting up kiosk signs when the money comes in. Council agreed that the big boards that are out there already are not to be used for bulletin boards.

Riparian Dumping – There is yard waste dumping on the river bank. Is this an issue that Council should be concerned about? This is the Ministry of Environment's responsibility but is it Council's duty if the dumping is hazardous to the river water quality?

Administrator directed to contact the Ministry of Environment to find out their regulations and their feelings on this issue.

Administrator directed to speak with the Public Works Foreman to see if it is ok for residents to dump yard waste at the works yard.

Bylaws

Bylaw #230 – “A Bylaw to provide to provide for animal control, licensing, protection of and protection from, domestic animals.” After much discussion it was:

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to have cats included in the bylaw and include that cats shall be owned and kept at a residence or business premises, and these cats shall be spayed or neutered. Residents can request a live trap from the Village if there is stray cat damage on their property. **Carried**

Moved Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold that a limit of 6 cats per household also be added to the bylaw. Household meaning where the cat is fed and sheltered. **Carried**

Bylaw #402 – “A bylaw to regulate the meetings of Council and committees” After a brief discussion it was:

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold to change the start time of regular council meetings to 18:30 hours when there is a delegation and 19:00 hours when there is not. **Carried**

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to have cell phones turned off or on vibrate and there will be no answering of cell phones while in chambers. **Carried**

Councillor Rotvold requested that the Public Works Foreman have a report done for the first meeting of every month again.

Budgets/Accounts

Moved Councillor Schierbeck, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that the accounts presented totaling \$54,533.01 be drawn from the general revenue account and be paid. **Carried**

Administrator directed to check with School District #51 to see if the Village could use the same computer techs as they do.

Correspondence

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that correspondence item:

a) District of Maple Ridge – British Columbia's Water Act Modernization Discussion Paper
be received and filed. **Carried**

Correspondence for Info Only

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

- a) Building Inspector – Report for April 2010
- b) BC Hydro – New Act Powers BC Forward with Clean Energy and Jobs
- c) FCM – Letter From the President of FCM
- d) Union of British Columbia Municipalities – Resolutions Process Review

be received and filed.

Carried

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

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

- a) Weeds Cross Borders – Invitation to 2010 Weeds Cross Borders Tour
- b) Wilderness Committee – Saving BC's Wild Salmon Vol. 29 No.1
- c) BC Municipal Safety Association – Sharing the Knowledge Issue 4. May 2010
- d) Order of British Columbia – Call for Nominations
- e) Union of British Columbia Municipalities – Local Government Awareness Week – Updates
- f) BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform – Requesting Support for Recommendations Made
- g) Union of British Columbia Municipalities – Executive Release-May 6, 2010

be received and filed.

Carried

Staff directed to include item d) Order of British Columbia – Call for Nominations in the Council newsletter.

Administrator's Report

1) Midway-Seniors Creating a Sustainable Community – Received a \$5000.00 grant.

2) Part time Economic Development Officer for Midway Airport –

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck to invite Bob Hatton and Eric Freeman to be a delegation for the June 7, 2010 regular meeting.

Carried

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck to put a write up into Invest Kootenay after the meeting with Bob Hatton and Eric Freeman.

Carried

3) Fox Forest Products Request –

1. Sub-Division of mill property and future land use/zoning – All of Council support considering a sub-division proposal but not rezoning.
2. Back taxes on mill – MLA John Slater contacted Mayor Kappes and explained that there is no forgiving back taxes.
3. Future taxes on mill for prospective buyer – Again MLA John Slater explained that the Village cannot change future taxes but revitalization bylaw is a possibility.
4. Determination if mill site is still a union site – This is not a Village issue
5. Possible tenure for the mill – Fox was informed by the Minister of Forests that they are unwilling to help at this time.

Administrator directed to send a letter to Fox with these answers.

4) Capital Asset Policy #378 –

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck to approve the capital asset policy as presented.

Carried

5) Deborah Baker Request – After much discussion it was

Moved Councillor Dunsdon, **Seconded** Councillor Rotvold that the renting of the lower portion of the Museum Bunkhouse be held in abeyance, for a period of one year. This would allow Council and the Museum society to accurately determine the following three things:

- a) Financial integrity regarding the current upstairs lease
- b) Actual cost (s) of making the lower portion of the Bunkhouse habitable
- c) Determine the feasibility of sustaining a Hostel milieu.

Carried

Councillor Fromme opposed.

Councillor Rotvold would like to see what the costs have been to get the upstairs of the Bunkhouse up and running.

6) Terasen Gas Operation Agreement Renewal –
Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to renew the operating agreement with Terasen Gas. **Carried**

7) Equipment Bids –
Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck that Council not accept either bid put forward and to sell the equipment privately. **Carried**

Council and Mayor's Reports

Councillor Dunsdon

- Will be starting the process for a New Horizon for Seniors grant for \$25,000.00. Will need some help from Public Works and the Administrator, Councillor Dunsdon will be getting help from Jennifer Wetmore with the wording.

Councillor Rotvold

- Will be attending a District Hospital meeting May 19, 2010
- Attended the COP AGM May 14, 2010

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to contact the RCMP properties people that Council met with at UBCM and ask what and when their plans are for the highway property that the RCMP purchased from the Village. **Carried**

Moved Councillor Rotvold, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon to write Gary Bass to find out who Council can meet with to discuss budget and staffing issues in the RCMP and who can resolve these issues. **Carried**

Councillor Fromme

Moved Councillor Fromme, **Seconded** Councillor Schierbeck to purchase a sign to be placed on 7th & Cleghorn pointing to the river trail as well as adding hanging signs to the Florence & 7th sign and Hwy 3 & Cleghorn sign directing to the river trail. **Carried**

Moved Councillor Fromme, **Seconded** Councillor Dunsdon that a meeting be arranged with Museum society regarding relations with the Village Council and Councillor Dunsdon's motion.

Carried

- Councillor Fromme requested from Public Works Foreman for any records of well water levels.

Councillor Schierbeck

- Attended a Chamber meeting May 6, 2010. The next meeting will be held in Greenwood at the Community Futures office on May 25, 2010
- Feels that as of right now the only good thing about attending the Council of Forest Industries conference would be the networking

Mayor Kappes

- Staff to include In Camera for the June 7, 2010 regular meeting

Moved Councillor Dunsdon that the meeting adjourn at 21:30 hours.

