

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, March 3, 2014, starting at 7 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Calvin Eddy; Deputy Mayor Dan Smith; Councillors Darren Boates, John Himmelman, Marc Britney and Melinda den Haan; Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Brian Smith; Director of Finance, Marianne Daine and Recording Secretary, Krista Toole.

Regrets: Councillor Gail Smith and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Also in attendance was Solicitor Bruce Gillis.

**14.03.01      CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Brian Smith advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

**14.03.02      MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Himmelman that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 3, 2014, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

**14.03.03      BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**14.03.04      NEW BUSINESS****.01      Update on Mid Valley Motel Tax Sale: Solicitor Gillis**

Solicitor Gillis reviewed his letter dated February 28, 2014 regarding the decision from the Supreme Court involving the Tax Sale of the Mid-Valley Motel property. The Court appears to have accepted virtually all of the Town's submissions and concluded that the Tax Sale and the redemption process was validly carried out by the Town and that the Town followed the appropriate courses of action throughout.

Solicitor Gillis left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

**.02      Committee of the Whole Recommendations****a.      Approval of Bills and Financial Reporting**

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith, on recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, that Council discontinue the practice of approving bills each month, but continue to receive a monthly report on accounting activities, a list of payments issued, and a quarterly budget variance report and that all relevant policies be changed accordingly. Motion carried.

**b. Appointment – Fire Department**

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor Himmelman, on recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, that Council appoint Deanne Kelly Harris as a member of the Middleton Fire Department. Motion carried.

**.03      Stillpoint Properties Ltd: Recommendation from Planning Services Advisory Panel**

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor Britney that the Town Council, on recommendation of the Planning Services Public Advisory Panel, agrees to accept first reading to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw to enable “professional offices and accessory residential uses” at 474 Main Street (PID 05267836); and further to agree to hold a Public Hearing on April 7, 2014 to receive oral and written statements on the matter. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor Britney, that the Town Council, on recommendation of the Planning Services Public Advisory Panel, agrees that, upon approval of the enabling provision of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law, the Town enter into a development agreement with Stillpoint Properties Ltd. for the purposes of allowing the development of professional offices and accessory residential uses as proposed in the application dated October 15, 2013 and subsequent application dated February 7, 2014; and further to agree to hold a Public Hearing on April 7, 2014 to receive oral and written statements on the matter. Motion carried.

**.04      2014 Municipal Boundary Review: URB Correspondence**

Acting CAO Smith informed Council that under the Municipal Government Act, every eight years, Council is required to conduct a study of the number and boundaries of polling districts in the municipality, their fairness and reasonableness and the number of councillors.

**14.03.05      REPORTS**

**.01      Mayor**

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of February.

**.02      Other Committee Reports**

- Councillor Himmelman reported that Valley Waste is getting close to budget time and looking for input from the municipal units. They are expecting a report soon from the CAO Budget Review Committee.
- Councillor Britney reported that the Annapolis Valley Health Working Group met with the CEO of Annapolis Valley Health (AVH) and Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital (SMH) Site Manager with an update on such things as ER closures which was very encouraging from last year. They are requiring new doctors sign contracts stating they have to do shifts in the ER. SMH has the second busiest ER in the province (HRM being the busiest). With a catchment area of 22,000 people,

SMH is a huge priority for AVH. Minister of Health Glavine will be meeting with Council soon.

- Mayor Eddy will contact Greg Bower to invite the senior girls' basketball team to the next Council meeting and present them with a certificate for winning the provincial title.
- Councillor den Haan reported that the Ambassador Committee met and is looking at restructuring the program. Some of the ideas being considered are to reduce the project to \$250, stretch the program out over a longer period, restructure the speeches, and enhance the community aspect portion of the program.

**14.03.06      CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of correspondence for the month of February has been circulated to all Council members and posted on SharePoint.

**14.03.07      ANYTHING BY MEMBERS**

Deputy Mayor Smith reported that it was a busy weekend in Middleton with sporting events and that the snow around the fire hydrants needs to be cleared.

Mayor Eddy reported that there is a Police Advisory Board meeting tomorrow. He and Acting CAO Smith will be taking part in the Towns Caucus meeting via conference call on Thursday from 11-3 p.m. in Council chambers and any council member is welcome to attend.

**14.03.08      IN-CAMERA**

It was moved by Councillor Himmelman, seconded by Councillor den Haan that the Council adjourn to in-camera at 7:30 p.m., to discuss matters relating to Personnel. Motion carried.

At 7:30 p.m., Recording Secretary Toole left the in-camera session.

The in-camera session ended at 7:45 p.m.

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor den Haan that Council return to regular session at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Britney seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith that Council approve the tentative agreement outlined in the March 3, 2014 In-Camera report of the Acting Chief Administrative Officer and authorizes signature of a new contract with CUPE Local 2858 under the terms of that tentative agreement reached February 27, 2014. Motion carried.

**14.03.09      ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith seconded by Councillor Britney that the Council adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried.

  
MAYOR

  
RECORDING SECRETARY