

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, July 5, 2010 starting at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Calvin Eddy; Deputy Mayor Vera Errington; Councillors Lorne Brown, Dan Smith, Darren Boates, and Melinda den Haan; Chief Administrative Officer, Clayton MacMurtry and Director of Finance, Marianne Daine.

Councillor Marc Britney was not present for this meeting.

Town Solicitor Blaine Schumacher was also not present for this meeting.

10.07.01 CHANGES TO AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

NEW BUSINESS – Action Items

.07 Membership Application – Middleton Fire Department

.08 ADEDA Funding Request

10.07.02 SOLICITOR

The Solicitor was not present for this meeting.

10.07.03 MINUTES

It was moved by Boates, seconded by Smith that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 7, 2010 be approved as circulated. The motion was carried.

10.07.04 PRESENTATION BY PUBLIC

.01 Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation – Brian Neville

Brian Neville, the Town's representative on the Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation, was present to update Council and address any questions they may have concerning the Foundation. Mr. Neville noted that he had provided the Council members with a copy of the Director's Annual Report covering the period of June 2009 through June 2010.

Mr. Neville noted that the 2009 expenditures were considerably less, in order to preserve capital to take advantage of the recovery in the investment portfolio and enable the Foundation to get back on track for 2010-2011.

Mr. Neville advised that Council members are welcome to contact him, if they have any questions concerning the Foundation.

Mayor Eddy thanked Mr. Neville for serving as the Town's representative on the Foundation and for his attendance and information.

10.07.05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mayor Eddy advised that there were a number of items he would like to deal with from previous meetings.

Mayor Eddy questioned whether an application for funding under the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program for the proposed new Community Center/Fire Hall for the Town had been submitted.

CAO MacMurtry advised that MLA Stephen McNeil had informed him that the deadline for grant submissions had passed for the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program and he now needs to write a letter requesting the Government grant permission to submit a late application. He also advised that there is a possibility for some funding through ACOA.

Mayor Eddy inquired whether any action had been taken on the request for a letter of support on the reclassification of a uniformed Policing Coordinator from John Ennis, S. Sgt., RCMP.

CAO MacMurtry advised that there was no recommendation from the Police Advisory Board.

Mayor Eddy questioned whether the CAO had contacted Bell Aliant to make the Company aware that the Town is interested in the future of the building at 270 Main Street.

The CAO informed Council that he had made the call and was waiting for someone from Bell Aliant to get back to him.

Councillor Smith advised that he may have a name and number for the CAO for a contact in the company's property department.

Mayor Eddy questioned what progress was being made by staff to correct the odour problem with the sewage treatment plant.

The CAO advised that staff was doing their best to resolve the issue, but he has been busy working on the budget for the past week and has not had the time to investigate the problem himself.

Council requested the CAO to put whatever time was needed into eliminating the odour problem.

Mayor Eddy inquired whether the work to ready the Town float for this year's upcoming activities was completed.

The CAO advised that the youth group, BAM, has completed the work and the float is ready to go.

10.07.06 ACTION ITEMS

.01 Borrowing Resolution – Sewer Lift Station and Sanitary Sewer Main

It was **moved by Brown, seconded by Boates that the Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution in an amount up to, but not exceeding, \$250,000, to finance the construction of a sewer lift station and sanitary sewer main. The motion was carried.**

.02 Borrowing Resolution – Street, Sidewalk and Storm Sewer Main

It was **moved by den Haan, seconded by Smith that the Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution in an amount up to, but not exceeding, \$241,500, to finance the construction of a street, sidewalk and storm sewer main. The motion was carried.**

.03 Borrowing Resolution – Refinancing of Balloon Payment

It was **moved by Errington, seconded by Smith that the Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution in an amount up to, but not exceeding, \$116,600 to provide for the refinancing of the balloon payment on a debenture (20-A-1) for Town Hall purposes. The motion was carried.**

.04 Borrowing Resolution – Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade (Sewer Lagoons)

It was **moved by Smith, seconded by Boates that the Council approve a one-year renewal for a temporary borrowing resolution in an amount up to, but not exceeding, \$1,300,000, to finance the sewage treatment plant upgrade and construction of sewer lagoons. The motion was carried.**

.05 Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Town General Operations

It was **moved by Boates, seconded by den Haan that the Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution for Town General operations for the fiscal year 2010/11 in the amount of \$1,249,839.06. The motion was carried.**

.06 Approval of Bills

It was **moved by Boates, seconded by Smith that the Council approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$468,691.19. The motion was carried.**

.07 Membership Application – Middleton Fire Department

It was **moved by Boates, seconded by Brown that, on recommendation from the membership of the Middleton Fire Department, the Council approve the appointment of Patrick Lewis to the membership of the Middleton Fire Department. The motion was carried.**

.08 ADEDA Funding Request

CAO MacMurtry advised that ADEDA is making a special funding request for consulting services to implement an investment attraction plan, which is part of its five-year Investment Strategy. The budget for the project is \$80,000, with funding of \$40,000 from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and \$25,000 from Nova Scotia Economic and Rural Development. ADEDA is requesting its Municipal partners to make up the balance of \$15,000 and is requesting \$2,250 from the Town of Middleton.

The CAO advised that Middleton is being requested to fund an amount greater than what would be calculated using the Agency's funding formula because Middleton will be an area of focus in the study.

Council expressed support for the project, but it was the consensus of Council that the Town's financial support should not be greater than the amount calculated under ADEDA's funding formula.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

.01 Budget Discussions

Council briefly discussed an increase in remuneration of Council members and it was decided that no changes would be made.

Council reviewed the paving list submitted by the Director of Public Works. The CAO advised that the Director was to be in attendance for this meeting, in order to answer any questions, and he did not know why he was not present.

There was then considerable discussion on the Administrative Assistant/Community Services Co-coordinator position. Council decided to eliminate this position from the budget and add a telephone answering system to the budget for the Town Office. It was also decided to change the hours that the Town Office will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It was decided that the money saved from these changes would be added to the Patching Account #23235.

Mayor Eddy declared a conflict of interest on the next item and Deputy Mayor Errington assumed the Chair.

Council agreed to add \$5,000 to the budget for a Labour Relations Consultant to assist with CUPE contract negotiations scheduled for this year.

Mayor Eddy resumed the Chair.

10.07.07 REPORTS

.01 Committee of the Whole

All items from the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 21, 2010 have been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

.02 Mayor

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of June. A copy of the report will be circulated with these minutes.

.03 Managers

The Management reports have been circulated to all members of Council.

.04 Development Officer/Building Inspector/Fire Inspector

The reports for the month of June were not available to be circulated to all Council members.

.05 RCMP

A copy of the report for the month of June has been circulated to all Council members.

10.07.08 CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence for the month has been circulated to all members of Council. There were no questions or comments on the list. A copy of the list will be circulated with these minutes.

10.07.09 ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor Brown inquired whether the CAO had contacted the Town resident who was requesting a raccoon trap, to pass along the information on the available options. The CAO responded that he has not yet done this.

Councillor Boates questioned whether the bulk water, being sold by the Water Utility to two companies, is being metered. The CAO advised that it is metered.

Mayor Eddy reminded Council of the following dates:

Heart of the Valley Festival on July 16 – 19, 2010;
The Middleton Regional High School 60th Reunion on July 23 – 25, 2010;
Middleton Antique Car Show on July 25, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Eddy requested the CAO to arrange cars from the various dealerships for Councillors to ride in the Heart of the Valley Festival parade and to order Town signs to place on the doors of the vehicles. He also asked the CAO to complete a parade application.

There being no further business, it was **moved by Smith, seconded by Brown that the Council adjourn at 8:45 p.m. The motion was carried.**

MAYOR

SECRETARY