

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, March 2, 2015, starting at 7 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Calvin Eddy; Deputy Mayor Dan Smith; Councillors Darren Boates, Gail Smith, John Himmelman and Melinda den Haan; Chief Administrative Officer, Rachel Turner; Director of Finance, Marianne Daine; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Regrets: Councillor Marc Britney.

**15.03.01      CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**15.03.02      APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**150302.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.**

**15.03.03      APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**150302.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 9, 2015, be approved, as circulated. Motion carried.**

**15.03.04      NEW BUSINESS****.01      Committee of the Whole Recommendations****a.      Valley Waste-Resource Management – 2015/16 Budgets**

**150302.03: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the January 21, 2015 draft operating budget for the Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority of \$10,372,787.00, and the January 21, 2015 draft capital budget for Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority of \$895,000.00, with the Town's share being \$150,589.00 for 2015/16. Motion carried.**

**b.      Valley Regional Enterprise Network – 2014/15 Budget**

**150302.04: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the projected start-up costs for the Valley Regional Enterprise Network, of \$284,683.00, with the Town's share being \$4,447.00 for 2014/15. Motion carried.**

**c.      RFD 005-2015 – Amend Planning Policies**

**150302.05: It was moved and seconded that Council amend Planning Policies G.1.1, G.1.2, G.2.1, G.2.2, G.3.1 and G.3.2, as circulated. Motion carried.**

**.02      Pre-approval of Debenture Issuance Resolution**

**150302.06: It was moved and seconded that Council pre-approve a debenture issuance resolution in the amount of one hundred thirteen thousand, nine hundred thirty-five dollars (\$113,935.00), for a period not**

to exceed a ten-year term and for an average interest rate not to exceed 5.5% for that term, with amounts to be used to finance the purchase a backhoe. Motion carried.

.03 RFD 007-2015 – Facilities Assessment Study

CAO Turner informed Council that:

- the facilities have been in need of several major capital upgrades, including the Fire Hall, Swimming Pool and Public Works facilities;
- a Facility Assessment and Capital Planning Study is recommended, to develop a prioritized capital plan for the next ten years;
- funding is available to share the costs in having the study completed.

**150302.07: It was moved and seconded that Council approve a Facility Assessment and Capital Planning Study, in partnership with the Department of Municipal Affairs, and fund the Town's share of the study from the General Operating Reserve Fund in an amount no greater than \$40,000.00. Motion carried.**

**15.03.05**      **REPORTS**

.01 Mayor

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of February.

.02 Budget Variance Report

The Budget Variance Report for the period ending February 18, 2015, was circulated to all Council members.

The Town is still projected to come in on budget, even though snow removal expenses have increased. The Director of Public Works has cut back in other areas, to cover off the increased costs.

.03 Other Committee Reports

a. Valley Regional Enterprise Network (REN)

Mayor Eddy informed Council that the Recruitment and Selection Committee met last week, and six names are being recommended for the Board of Directors.

b. Annapolis Partnership Steering Committee (APSC)

Mayor Eddy, Deputy Mayor Smith and CAO Turner attended the APSC meeting on February 26. Discussion included the:

- dissolution of the Town of Bridgetown and its impact on existing Intermunicipal Agreements;
- role of municipalities in having backup generators available during emergencies.

c. Valley Waste-Resource Management

Councillor Smith informed Council that:

- the Valley Community Fibre Network made presentation to the Board on the services they provide;
- Councillor Himmelman is sitting on the Hiring Committee for the new Operations Manager;
- VWRM is working on the budgetary impacts of the dissolutions of the Towns of Bridgetown and Hantsport.

## d. REMO Advisory

Deputy Mayor Smith and Councillor Smith attended the REMO Advisory Committee conference call. Items discussed included:

- the retirement of the REMO Coordinator in the fall;
- Committee members taking the EMO courses;
- the role of municipalities in having backup generators available during emergencies.

**15.03.06      CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**15.03.07      ANYTHING BY MEMBERS**

Council members raised concerns regarding parking in the downtown core and people continuing to park on the crosswalks. CAO Turner will work with the RCMP on the issue and is exploring signage options.

Mayor Eddy updated Council members on the Legacy 2017 Celebrations and the weekend events attended by municipal leaders and the Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages.

**15.03.08      ADJOURNMENT**

150302.08: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried.

  
MAYOR

  
RECORDING SECRETARY