

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, January 18, 2016, starting at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Regrets: Councillors Darren Boates and Marc Britney.

Also in attendance were: John Pearson, Director of Public Works; Jennifer Coolen, Director of Recreation and Community Services; Jena Holmes, Municipal Physical Activity Leader; and one (1) member of the public.

16.01.01 CALL TO ORDER

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

16.01.02 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

CAO Turner informed Council that the following item has been deleted from the agenda:

16.01.05.04 RCMP Report – October 1 to December 31, 2015

160118.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

16.01.03 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

160118.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of December 7, 2015 be approved, as circulated. Motion carried.

16.01.04 NEW BUSINESS

.01 Snow Removal: Discussion

John Pearson informed Council that, depending on the storm:

- it takes approximately five (5) hours to plow all the Town roads;
- clearing of sidewalks starts approximately two (2) hours after the start of road clearing;
- if snow is less than six (6) inches, sidewalks are plowed and salted which takes approximately four (4) hours;
- if snow is greater than six (6) inches, sidewalks are snow blown which takes approximately six (6) to seven (7) hours followed by salting/sanding which takes an additional four (4) hours for a total of ten (10) to twelve (12) hours;
- streets are cleared in the following order: Commercial Street, Main Street, Bridge Street, King Street, School Street, Victoria Drive followed by the side streets;
- parking lots are plowed after street plowing is complete;
- total cleanup takes approximately twenty-four (24) hours from the time the storm ends;
- weather patterns, mechanical breakdowns and staffing all impact the aforementioned times.

.02 Committee of the Whole Recommendations

a. Valley Waste-Resource Management Draft Budget – 2016-2017

160118.03: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the November 19, 2015, draft 2016-2017 operating budget for the Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority of \$10,302,256.00, with the Town's share being \$146,074 for 2016/17. Motion carried.

160118.04: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the November 19, 2015, draft 2016-2017 Capital budget for Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority of \$440,400, with the Town's share being \$7,820.00 for 2016/17. Motion carried.

b. RFD 001-2016: Fire Department Donations Policy

160118.05: It was moved and seconded that Council amend *Policy F.1.2 Donations - Fire Department*, as presented. Motion carried.

c. RFD 002-2016: Electronic Voting

160118.06: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the development of a bylaw authorizing voters to vote electronically in the 2016 municipal election; and further that Intelivote Systems Inc. be contracted under the HRM Bulk Purchasing Tender to provide e-voting services. Motion carried.

.03 MPAL Strategy: Final Document

The draft Middleton Active Living Strategy 2001-2016 & Ongoing was presented to Council in October 2015. The following changes have been made to the draft document:

- Page 4 - added Council member names;
- Page 13 - deleted LMK Bowling Lanes as they are no longer in operation;
- Page 14 - added Macdonald Museum to the list of contacts;
- Page 15 - added two new programs (yoga and core cardio).

160118.07: It was moved and seconded that Council adopt the Middleton Active Living Strategy, as presented by the Department of Recreation and Community Services. Motion carried.

.04 RFD 003-2016: Award of Tender – Sale of Land

CAO Turner informed Council that the three (3) properties went to tax sale twice and did not sell. At the December Council meeting, Council decided to issue a tender for the sale of the properties without a minimum bid.

160118.08: It was moved and seconded that in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Part 6, Council awards the tender for land to be sold, that being the property of Green Haley & Pye Inc. Trustees (# 10264480), Lot D-2, 19 Hollow Drive, Middleton to Parsons Investments Ltd. in the amount of \$2,600. Motion carried.

160118.09: It was moved and seconded that in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Part 6, Council award the tender for land to be sold, that being the property of Peter Paul Lorenz (#00459534), Apartment, 2-7 Second Street, Middleton to Parsons Investments Ltd. in the amount of \$7,600. Motion carried.

160118.10: It was moved and seconded that in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Part 6, Council award the tender for land to be sold, that being the property of Peter Paul Lorenz (# 02253658) Land and Dwelling, 3 Second Street, Middleton to Parsons Investments Ltd. in the amount of \$3,600. Motion carried.

One (1) member of the public left the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

.05 Provincial Active Transportation Policy Framework

Council agreed to send a letter to the Honorable Leo Glavine, Minister of the Department of Health and Wellness, in support of the draft Active Transportation Policy Framework and expressing the Town's interest in being a key partner in the development of the Framework's implementation strategies.

.06 Uniform Assessment Report & Preliminary Assessment Roll

The Uniform Assessment Report and Preliminary Assessment Roll were circulated to all Council members.

The Total Uniform Assessment has increased 2.13 % from \$104,283,525 to \$106,501,158. The Preliminary Assessment Roll shows an increase in total assessed value of \$981,800 or 0.92% over 2015. Residential assessments increased (+1.87%) and commercial assessments decreased (-3.31%).

16.01.05 REPORTS

.01 Management

The Management Reports were circulated to all Council members.

.02 Planning Services – November & December 2015

The Planning Services Reports for the months of November and December 2015 were circulated to all Council members.

.03 Police Advisory Board

CAO Turner informed Council that the Police Advisory Board had passed the following motion at their meeting on December 8, 2015:

151208.03: It was moved and seconded to recommend to Council, that Council consider purchasing an additional one or two speed signs with the possible locations of Bridge Street and Commercial Street. Motion carried.

Council agreed to refer the recommendation to staff for review during budget deliberations.

.04 Valley Waste Resource Management (VWRM)

Councillor Himmelman tabled his report for the month of December 2015.

.05 Mayor

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of January.

16.01.06 CORRESPONDENCE

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

16.01.07 ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Mayor Eddy provided Council with an update on the Valley Regional Enterprise Network:

- the strategic plan has been completed, will be reviewed by the Liaison & Oversight Committee and has been forwarded to the Municipal units for review and input;
- Alan Johnson has been hired as an Economic Development Officer;
- the recruitment committee for new board members has met and selected five (5) new members and will be making their recommendation to the Liaison & Oversight Committee for final approval.

Mayor Eddy reminded Council of the following events:

- Planning Services Public Advisory Panel meeting on January 25;
- Committee of the Whole on February 1.

Council agreed to retain the sponsorship status of Patron with the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce.

16.01.08 ADJOURNMENT

160118.11: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY