

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, June 4, 2012 starting at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Calvin Eddy; Councillors Dan Smith, Darren Boates, Marc Britney, Melinda den Haan, and Gail Smith; Chief Administrative Officer Clayton MacMurtry; Director of Finance, Marianne Daine; Director of Recreation & Community Services, Jennifer Coolen and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley. Also in attendance were Brian Neville, Katie Sloma, John Thompson, Jan Davis and four (4) Youth Ambassador Candidates.

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Vera Errington.

Solicitor Gillis arrived at 7:05 p.m. and left the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

12.06.01 PROCLAMATION**.01 Recreation Month**

Mayor Eddy proclaimed the month of June as Recreation month in the Town of Middleton.

12.06.02 PRESENTATIONS**.01 Youth Ambassador**

Councillor Britney stated that this is the Town's third year of participation in the Youth Ambassador Program and introduced Jan Davis who has been pivotal in having this program up and running. Jan Davis thanked Council for sponsoring the program and asked each of the candidates to introduce themselves. The four candidates introduced themselves: Erica Rice; Laura Pye; Paige Sellars; and Calvin Gough.

Jan Davis, Erica Rice, Laura Pye, Paige Sellars and Calvin Gough left the meeting at 7:10.

.02 Rotary Club: Splash Pad – Brian Neville

Brian Neville and Katie Sloma of the Rotary Club presented an overview and literature on the proposed splash pad at Rotary Park:

- The Christmas Light Show in Nictaux has committed to donate its proceeds for three years and last year raised \$7,200.00.
- The Rotary Club will also conduct fundraising.
- They met with Kim St. Pierre of ABC Recreation Ltd.
- The splash pad on pages 11-12 is the size being proposed with a cost of approximately \$90,000.00 to \$100,000.00.
- It is two years in the future.
- They are not expecting a decision tonight, but wanted to provide Council with information and have Council consider whether something like this would be beneficial to the town.
- Later meetings will look at the dollars involved, the location, etc.

Councillor den Haan stated that the Splash Park can be built in components. The initial infrastructure will have to be built to handle the total capacity and that components can then be added in phases.

The Town of Hantsport is building a smaller splash park and Director of Recreation & Community Services Coolen will provide information and pictures to Council for their information.

Brian Neville and Katie Sloma left the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

12.06.03 CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The CAO advised of the following changes to the agenda:

- move item 12.06.05: In Camera to the end of agenda;
- add item 12.06.08.04: Appointment - Middleton Fire Department;
- renumber the remaining New Business Items;
- add item 12.06.08.08: Traffic Lights;
- add item 12.06.08.09: Budget 2012-2013.

12.06.04 SOLICITOR

Solicitor Gillis advised Council that he had received numerous bylaws. CAO MacMurtry stated that the bylaw on E-voting was sent for his review and comments.

12.06.06 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Britney, that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 7, 2012 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

12.06.07 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Business Arising Report has been circulated to all members of Council.

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Councillors Britney and ~~D. Smith~~ stated that in conversations with the RCMP they had been advised that the RCMP were conducting foot patrols at Rotary Park and talking to the kids.

CAO MacMurtry was asked to obtain clarification on the interim replacement for Cpl. Pemberton. Sgt. Calhoun had stated that they would be rotating officers through that position, however, in the RCMP Mayor's report dated May 16, 2012 it states that Cst. Henderson will be acting in a supervisory role.

Councillor den Haan stated that the speed signs have been installed on Oakland Drive for two weeks and that that people have been slowing down. There is still one car which is speeding and their license plate number will be turned over to the RCMP. On question from Council, CAO MacMurtry advised that a request has been sent to Nova Scotia Power for the installation of outlets in the other locations.

On questions from Council, CAO MacMurtry advised that the County has requested their staff to bring forth an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to restrict fur bearing farms.

12.06.08 NEW BUSINESS

Action Items

1. Approval of Bills

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor den Haan, that Council approved the payment of bills in the amount of 617,797.20. Motion carried.

2. Committee of the Whole Recommendations

a. Appointment of Animal Control Officer

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, on recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that Council appoint Keith Boudreau as Animal Control Officer for the Town of Middleton. Motion carried.

3. Joint Police Advisory Board Letter

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, that Council agree to send a joint letter with Annapolis County addressing the concerns of wait times for officers in court cases. Motion carried.

4. Appointment – Middleton Fire Department

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor Britney, on recommendation of the membership of the Middleton Fire Department, that Council approve the appointment of Dominic (Nick) Caldwell as a member of the Middleton Fire Department. Motion carried.

Information/Discussion Items

5. NS Heath & Wellness Update

CAO MacMurtry and Director of Recreation & Community Services Coolen attended a meeting with NS Department of Health & Wellness (NSH&W), the Town of Annapolis Royal and the Town of Bridgetown concerning options for the Active Living position.

Out of fifty-five municipal units in Nova Scotia, forty-four have the position and NSH&W is willing to help the Towns fund the position as they want to see the position continued. The Towns of Annapolis Royal and Bridgetown will take it to their Councils in June. Steve Raftery from Bridgetown and Jennifer Coolen from Middleton will develop a proposal, so that by the end of June we should have an idea of what the position will look like and who the partners will be.

6. Shad Fest Update

Director of Recreation and Community Services Coolen advised Council that the Annapolis Valley Fly Fishing Association has not hosted a Shad Fest in five years. The Town:

- has placed a display on shad fishing in the kiosks including an interview with a local resident expert;
- will place information on shad fishing in the newsletter prior to the season;
- will promote Middleton as being the number eight place in Canada for river sport fishing;
- may look at placing banners across the road welcoming shad fishers;
- will place information on the website;
- will promote local accommodations during the season.

CAO MacMurtry advised Council that he had spoken with Facilities Manager Bigelow and at this time the Town is not having a problem with overnight camping at Riverside Park. The Town can look at posting the "No Overnight Camping" signs if it does become a problem.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Coolen left the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

7. Committee of the Whole Process

CAO MacMurtry advised Council of the following changes to the Committee of the Whole (COW) process and that minutes will be:

- approved at the following COW meeting;
- signed by the chair and recording secretary;
- posted on the website once approved;
- emailed to the distribution list and media once approved.

CAO MacMurtry will seek clarification on approving minutes of COW meetings after Council has acted on the recommendations.

8. Traffic Lights

CAO MacMurtry advised Council that:

- Three tenders were received for the traffic lights: Black & MacDonald Ltd.; Mid-Valley Construction (1997) Ltd.; and Dexter Construction Company Ltd.
- The approximate budget will be \$253,077.00 including repaving the intersection, moving the Aliant pole, engineering and taking into account the deductions for the Save East contributions and entrance.

9. Budget 2012-2013

CAO MacMurtry advised Council that the target date to have the budget information to Council members is June 29, 2012. Council agreed to a Special Town Council Meeting on Monday, July 9, 2012 to review the budget.

CAO MacMurtry reviewed items for the Capital Budget including the streetlights, the bridge on Marshall Street and repairs to the crack in the reservoir. A more detailed list will be presented with the proposed budget.

12.06.09

REPORTS.01 Committee of the Whole

All items from the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 21, 2012 have been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

.02 Mayor

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of May. 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 Planning Services

The report for the month of April has been circulated to all Council members.

.05 RCMP

The RCMP report for the month of April has been circulated to all Council members.

12.06.10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of correspondence for the month of May has been circulated to all Council members.

On question from Councillor Britney on item # 3, CAO MacMurtry advised Council that there would not be any changes to the training for Town staff but that the province is exploring other ways to deliver the training.

CAO MacMurtry advised Council that the issues raised by Tom Ross are being addressed and that he will write Mr. Ross a letter outlining the actions taken.

12.06.11 **ANYTHING BY MEMBERS**

Councillor D. Smith inquired as to when the line painters will be in Town. CAO MacMurtry will follow up with them.

Councillor Boates regrets that he will not be able to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 18 and apologized for missing it.

Mayor Eddy stated that Deputy Mayor Errington had asked him to advise Council that the Neighbourhood Watch meeting on June 3, 2012 was not well attended and that the next meeting will be in September. At the meeting it was reported that people have noticed speeding traffic and burning rubber at the High School as the students are arriving and leaving. CAO MacMurtry will follow up with the RCMP.

Mayor Eddy advised Council that on:

- June 8 the Relay for Life will be taking place at Rotary Park;
- June 10 at 7 p.m. the Decoration of Graves Ceremony will take place;
- June 16 three major events will take place including the Walk for Autism, the Annual Car Show and Serenade in the Park with Pete Luckett which raises funds for Soldiers' Memorial Hospital.

12.06.05 **IN-CAMERA**

It was moved by Councillor D. Smith, seconded by Councillor G. Smith, that the Council adjourn to in-camera at 8:15 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations & potential litigation. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Boates, that council return to regular session at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried.

12.06.12 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor D. Smith, seconded by Councillor Britney, that the Council adjourn as 8:42 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY