

A regular monthly meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, March 18, 2013, starting at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Calvin Eddy; Deputy Mayor Dan Smith; Councillors John Himmelman, Marc Britney and Melinda den Haan; Chief Administrative Officer, Clayton MacMurtry; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Regrets: Councillors Darren Boates and Gail Smith and Director of Finance, Marianne Daine.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

CAO MacMurtry advised the Committee that there were no changes or additions to the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor Himmelman that the minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting of February 18, 2013, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

4. ACTION ITEMS**4.1 Special Reserve Funding Withdrawal: LED Traffic Lights**

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that Council authorize the withdrawal of up to \$35,672.00 from the Operating Reserve Fund, to cover the over-budget amount for the LED Traffic Lights. Motion carried.

4.2 Request for Funding: Middleton Curling Club

Committee agreed to approve a grant to the Middleton Curling Club, provided they are made aware of the process for grant applications and that they are placed in the funding matrix.

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Britney that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that Council approve a grant of \$2,500.00 for the Middleton Curling Club, to assist in funding for a furnace from the 2013/14 budget. Motion carried.

4.3 Changes to the Inter-Municipal Emergency Services Agreement

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor den Haan that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that Council agree to amend the Inter-Municipal Emergency Services Agreement by adding the words "or designate" after Warden in clause 5.a.i. Motion carried.

4.4 Bills

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Himmelman that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that Council approve the payment of the bills for March 2013, in the amount of \$207,448.73. Motion carried.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Management Reports

The Management Reports were circulated to all Committee members.

CAO MacMurtry informed Committee that:

- Presentation was made to Annapolis Royal and Annapolis County on the Regional Enterprise Network's (RENs) Declaration of Cooperation, and the document will be presented to their councils for approval.
- There is a tentative meeting of the REN on April 5, 2013, in Middleton and a meeting in Halifax with Provincial representatives on March 26, 2013.
- He attended a CAO meeting on Policing, and municipalities have many of the same issues, including the high cost of policing and services provided.
- Council is invited to a meeting with S/Sgt. de Winter in follow up to the March 4, 2013, presentation to Council.
- He will be attending a workshop on LED streetlights with Director of Finance Daine. The Town will have to decide by June 30, 2013, whether the Town or NS Power will be responsible for changing the streetlights to LED.

On questions from Committee, concerning the removal of the hydrants on Brooklyn and Junction Streets, CAO MacMurtry will:

- follow up with CAO Campbell regarding Annapolis County Council discussions/approval on removing the hydrants;

- research Annapolis County accessing the Town's Water Utility without the Town's permission;
- report back to Council on April 2, 2013.

5.2 Planning Services Report – February 2013

The Planning Services Report for the month of February 2013 was circulated to all Committee members.

5.3 Canada Post: Street Letter Box Changes in Middleton

A letter from Canada Post was circulated to all Committee members. Canada Post is stating that all mail will be sent to Halifax, sorted and returned and that there will be no disruption in service and no loss of jobs.

5.4 Regional Municipal Caucus: Joint Media Release

Committee agreed to table the joint media release on the Regional Municipal Caucus.

6. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Mayor Eddy informed Committee that:

- the Middleton Fire Department Banquet will be taking place on March 23 at 6 p.m.;
- the ceremony for the traffic lights and bridge will be taking place on March 25 at 2 p.m., followed by a meeting with MP Greg Kerr and the Community Centre / Fire Hall Committee;
- he and Councillors Britney and Himmelman will be attending a meeting at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on March 25 at 6:30 p.m.;
- he and CAO MacMurtry will be attending a meeting in Halifax for an update on the REN.

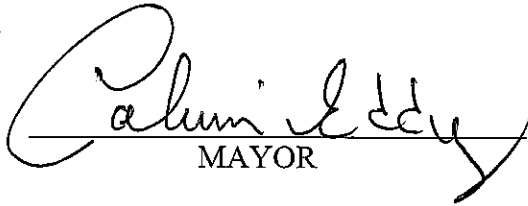
7. IN-CAMERA (Litigation)

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Britney that the Committee adjourn to in-camera at 8:38 p.m., to discuss a litigation item. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor den Haan that the Committee return to regular session at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor den Haan, that the Committee adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY