

A regular monthly meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, October 21, 2013, starting at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Calvin Eddy; Deputy Mayor Dan Smith; Councillors Darren Boates, John Himmelman, Marc Britney and Melinda den Haan; Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Brian Smith, Director of Finance Marianne Daine; and Recording Secretary Krista Toole.

Also in attendance were Director of Recreation and Community Services Jennifer Coolen, Jeff Hanshaw, Trevor Connell and Sarah Manning, TMC Law.

Regrets: Councillor Gail Smith and Sharon McAuley.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PRESENTATIONS**2.1 SkatePark – Trevor Connell**

Since the last update to Council regarding the SkatePark, Trevor Connell reported that they have created the Heart of the Valley/BMX Society, with President Chris Hiltz, Vice President Trevor Connell. The Society has an agreement in principal for \$30,000 over two years with the County of Annapolis. Mr. Connell has also met with Mike Trinacty, MP Greg Kerr and MLA Stephen McNeil regarding grants and other government funding options for the project. The group has held various fundraisers totalling \$3500.00. Mr. Connell invited everyone to their next meeting on October 28 at Middleton Regional High School beginning at 6:30pm. It was recommended that the Society work with the Recreation Department to discuss the pros/cons of the various locations for the skatepark and have staff make a recommendation to Council. Mayor Eddy thanked Mr. Connell for attending.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Acting CAO Smith advised Committee that there were no changes to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Himmelman, seconded by Councillor Britney, that the minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting of September 16, 2013, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

5. ACTION ITEMS**5.1 VCFN and Internet Access**

Jeff Hanshaw gave an overview of the benefits from an IT and staff perspective of the Valley Community Fibre Network (VCFN) and the associated costs. At this point, Hanshaw recommends that Middleton becomes a "customer" in the VCFN and the Committee agrees. Jeff will begin the process for Middleton to join the VCFN as a customer.

5.2 Annapolis Partnership Steering Committee Protocol

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Britney, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council, that Council endorse the current 'Protocol for Regional Cooperation' document as a working draft and direct staff to propose edits to reflect Middleton Council's concerns about the role of the CAO's on the Steering Committee and complying with the MGA, for referral back to the Annapolis Partnership Steering Committee and then to the participating Councils. Motion carried.

5.3 Smoking Restrictions for Rotary Park

It was recommended that staff increase signage at all Town parks to discourage smoking in areas where people congregate to observe or take part in recreational activities.

5.4 Bills

It was moved by Councillor Himmelman, seconded by Councillor den Haan, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council, that Council approve the payment of the bills for October 2013 in the amount of \$165,141.65. Motion carried.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**6.1 Management Reports**

The Management Reports were circulated to all Committee members.

Councillor Britney asked the location of the electric car plug as reported in the Director of Public Works report. Acting CAO Smith told Committee that the plug is on the south end corner of the Town Hall by the back fire escape. The Director of Finance is looking into the final cost of the installation.

7. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Deputy Mayor Smith inquired about the Town having a "curbside giveaway"; similar to what is offered in HRM. Acting CAO Smith is waiting for a response from Valley Waste.

Mayor Eddy mentioned that he and Deputy Mayor Smith will be attending the swearing in of the new provincial executive council at the Kings Theatre Tuesday morning and the public is invited to the reception following the swearing in at the Legion in Annapolis Royal.

8. IN-CAMERA (PERSONNEL)

It was moved by Councilor Britney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith that the Committee adjourn to in-camera at 8:06 p.m., to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.

Director of Finance Marianne Daine and Councillor den Haan and Recording Secretary Krista Toole, left the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Britney, that Committee return to regular session at 9:45p.m. Motion carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Himmelman, that the Committee adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY