

A regular monthly meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, February 17, 2014, starting at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Regrets: Councillor Melinda den Haan.

Also in attendance were: Municipal Activity Coordinator, Jena Kiviaho; Annapolis County Chief Administrative Officer, John Ferguson; Annapolis County Councillors Gregory Heming, Wayne Fowler, Tim Habinski and Diane LeBlanc; Annapolis County Manager of Economic Development and IT Services, Cody Joudry; Kings Transit Acting General Manager, Stephen Foster; Director of Recreation and Community Services, Jennifer Coolen; Admin. Assistant, Jodie Moase.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Acting CAO Smith advised Committee that there were no changes 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 January 20, 2014, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS**4.1 Active Living – Jena Kiviaho**

Municipal Activity Coordinator Jena Kiviaho informed Committee that her role is to promote active living in the Town of Middleton through:

- planning and implementing quality after-school programming;
- providing various seasonal options to promote activity;

- marketing and advertising all active programs to the community;
- planning and implementing various Active Transportation options;
- creating an all-encompassing physical activity strategy, specifically tailored to the Town of Middleton and its needs;
- providing fun and active challenges in which residents can participate;
- working towards recruiting and providing training for sustainable leadership within the community.

Municipal Activity Coordinator Kiviaho outlined a number of activities taking place, including sledding, cross-country skiing, free community skates, snowshoeing sign-out program, mixed martial arts, after-school activity program, fall fitness challenge, sizzling summer challenge, Christmas challenge, Santa fun run and a summer tennis tournament. This summer, the Town will be initiating a new program where residents will be able to borrow canoes and kayaks.

Municipal Activity Coordinator, Jena Kiviaho, Director of Recreation and Community Services, Jennifer Coolen, and Admin. Assistant, Jodie Moase, left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

4.2 Annapolis County Economic Development Strategy–Municipality of the County of Annapolis

Annapolis County Councillors, Gregory Heming and Tim Habinski informed Committee that:

- the process to develop an Economic Development Strategy for Annapolis County was started in October/November of 2012;
- an Economic Development Committee was created, to advise and make recommendations to Municipal Council;
- they are recommending a two-pronged strategy, with the first step being the establishment of broad-stroke goals and the second step being the creation and implementation of a three-year action plan;
- the Committee is now in the process of consulting with the three Towns and asking them to provide feedback on the 2050 targets which are:
 1. 80% of the food consumed in Annapolis County is produced in Annapolis County;
 2. 80% of the energy consumed in Annapolis County is produced in Annapolis County;
 3. efficient, quality housing is available to all residents, at an annual cost of no more than 25% of minimum wage;
 4. residents of Annapolis County will have access to affordable training in progressive vocational, innovative business, and living skills;
 5. reduce, remediate and manage contamination of Annapolis County land, air and water.

- the Committee will also consult with the public through a mail-in household survey, with door-to-door sampling, public café sessions held across the County, and stakeholder consultation.

Councillor Heming invited the Town to advise them of any changes they would like made to the plan and they will endeavor to accommodate them.

Annapolis County Chief Administrative Officer, John Ferguson, and Annapolis County Councillors, Gregory Heming, Wayne Fowler, Tim Habinski and Diane LeBlanc left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

5. IN-CAMERA (Contract Negotiations)

It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Himmelman that the Committee adjourn to in-camera at 7:42 p.m., to discuss a matter relating to contract negotiations. Motion carried.

At 7:42 p.m. Recording Secretary McAuley left the in-camera session.

6.3 Notice of Policy Update / Policy Amendment**a. Tax Exemption – Low Income – A.1.20**

Director of Finance Daine informed Committee that:

- the Town of Middleton's income level and exemption seems to be comparable to other municipalities in the area;
- there were no recommended changes last year;
- the income level of \$19,000.00 will qualify one senior living alone with no income other than OAS/GIS for a \$200.00 exemption;
- the number of people receiving the exemption last year was four (4);
- there are no recommended changes this year.

7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**7.1 Management Reports**

The Management Reports were circulated to all Committee members.

7.2 Planning Services Reports – January 2014

The Planning Services Report for the month of January 2014 was circulated to all Committee members.

7.3 RCMP

The RCMP Occurrence Report for the month of January 2014 was circulated to all Committee members.

The RCMP Community Program Officer Activity Report for the month of January 2014 was circulated to all Committee members.

8. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor Britney informed Committee that Mayor Eddy, Councillor Himmelman, and he will be meeting with Annapolis Valley Health on February 26, 2014.

9. IN-CAMERA (Personnel)

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Himmelman, that the Committee adjourn to in-camera at 8:17 p.m., to discuss a matter relating to personnel. Motion carried.

At 8:17 p.m., Director of Finance Daine and Recording Secretary McAuley left the in-camera session.

The in-camera session ended at 9:20 p.m.

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor Smith that Committee return to regular session at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Himmelman that the Committee adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Calvin Leroy
MAYOR

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RECORDING SECRETARY