

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, July 3, 2012, starting at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Calvin Eddy; Deputy Mayor Vera Errington; Councillors Dan Smith, Darren Boates, Marc Britney, Melinda den Haan, and Gail Smith; Chief Administrative Officer, Clayton MacMurtry; Director of Finance, Marianne Daine; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Also in attendance was IT Consultant, Doug Bryant.

Solicitor Gillis arrived at 7:03 p.m. and left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

12.07.01**PRESENTATIONS****.01 Surveillance Cameras – Doug Bryant**

IT Consultant Bryant provided an overview of the proposed HD Camera System including that:

- the proposed system is based on the Town of Hantsport's system and includes the costs of cameras, fibre optic backbone (fibre) and recording server;
- the fibre optic network currently runs down Main Street and up Commercial Street to the Nova Scotia Community College;
- cameras outside of the main fibre route will either have to be operated wirelessly or have fibre run to them, at an average cost \$18,000.00 per location;
- wireless will incorporate 90% of what is needed;
- additional benefits include the ability to use phones and internet over the fibre network and enable wireless access throughout the Town;
- the costs include wireless cameras for \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 per camera and wireless access point, costing about \$4,000 to \$5,000.00;
- as the project is totally scalable, if the Town has a certain budget, the system can start at that amount and add on, as monies become available.

Council will be meeting for budget discussions on Monday, July 9, and IT Consultant Bryant will supply firmer numbers and include ongoing maintenance.

IT Consultant Bryant left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

12.07.02**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

The CAO advised of the following changes to the agenda:

- move item 12.07.04(In Camera) to the end of agenda;
- add item 12.07.07.04 - Active Living Program;
- add item 12.07.07.08 - Town Float;
- renumber remaining New Business Items.

12.07.03**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Gillis advised Council that discussions are ongoing with CAO MacMurtry, relating to the Mid Valley Motel Tax Sale, and Aliant, on the movement of the pole for the traffic lights.

12.07.05 MINUTES**.01 Town Council Meeting – June 4, 2012**

Amend item 12.06.07, second paragraph to read; "Councillors Britney and Boates 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."

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Britney, that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 4, 2012 be approved, as amended. Motion carried.

.02 Special Town Council Meeting – June 18, 2012

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, that the minutes of the Special Council meeting of June 18, 2012, be approved, as circulated. Motion carried.

12.07.06 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

12.07.07 NEW BUSINESS**Action Items****1. Approval of Bills**

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Britney, that Council approved the payment of bills in the amount of 334,446.41. Motion carried.

2. Sewage Treatment Plant Power Monitor

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Errington, seconded by Councillor Boates, that Council approve the purchase and installation of a power monitor at the Sewage Treatment Plant for \$6,252.00 plus HST.

3. Committee of the Whole Recommendations**a. Appointment – Middleton Fire Department**

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Errington, on recommendation of the membership of the Middleton Fire Department and Committee of the Whole, that Council approve the appointment of John Paul Reyes as a member of the Middleton Fire Department. Motion carried.

b. Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Town General Operations

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Errington, seconded by Councillor den Haan, on recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that Council approve a Temporary Borrowing Resolution for the Town General Operations, for the fiscal year 2012/13, in the amount of \$1,353,552.01. Motion carried.

c. **Soldiers' Memorial Hospital ER Closures – Letter to Minister**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Errington, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, on recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that Council forward the letter to the Minister of Health and Wellness, other municipalities, the media and to the residents of Middleton. Motion carried.

4. **Active Living Program**

CAO MacMurtry advised Council that:

- the CAOs and Recreation Directors from the Towns of Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown, and Middleton had met;
- the three Towns have agreed that the Active Living Program should continue;
- emails have been received from the Towns of Annapolis Royal and Bridgetown confirming their involvement;
- it will cost the Town of Middleton \$5,000.00 which is the same amount as last year;
- there will be additional work placed on the Director of Finance and the Director of Recreation and Community Services.

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor den Haan, that Council continue with the Active Living Program, in partnership with the Province, the Town of Bridgetown, and the Town of Annapolis Royal, with the Coordinator based in Middleton under the supervision of the Director of Recreation and Community Services, as laid out in the proposed budget. Motion carried.

Information/Discussion Items5. **Tent on Basketball Court**

Several citizens have raised concerns regarding the use of tent pegs on the basketball court and the resulting damage. A letter was also received and distributed from Paul Shaffner which raises similar concerns. CAO MacMurtry advised Council that Jersey barriers will be used to anchor the tent and that boards will be placed under the barriers and tent poles, to ensure the basketball court remains undamaged.

CAO MacMurtry will determine if a policy is required to ensure that Committees contact the CAO prior to erecting structures on town facilities.

Council agreed to proceed and if the basketball court is damaged, the Town will not do it again and will look into resurfacing the basketball court.

CAO MacMurtry will write a letter to Paul Shaffner advising him of the Town's decision.

6. **Traffic Light Update**

CAO MacMurtry advised Council that:

- the first construction meeting was held last week with Loblaw's, Mid Valley Construction, the engineers, Director of Public Works, and the CAO;
- the lights have to be custom made, and the order has now been placed for their production;
- construction will start after the Heart of the Valley Festival.

On questions from Council, CAO MacMurtry will:

- seek clarification on how construction will impact the Century Ride in August;
- develop a construction timeline for Council and staff.

7. Transit

A letter has been sent to the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, advising them that as the County has terminated its transit agreement with Kings Transit Authority effective July 18, 2012, the Umbrella Agreement of August 8, 2000, is hereby terminated. The Town of Bridgetown has sent a similar letter.

CAO MacMurtry will contact the Towns of Annapolis Royal and Bridgetown, to determine next steps.

8. Town Float

Council agreed to ride in golf carts in the Heart of the Valley Festival Parade, as the Youth Ambassador candidates will be on the Town float.

12.07.08

REPORTS

.01 Committee of the Whole

All items from the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 18, 2012, have been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

.02 Mayor

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of June. A copy of the report will be circulated with these minutes.

On question from Councillor Britney, Mayor Eddy advised Council that the owners of the Glass House Restaurant Gallery raised a number of concerns which they will be outlining in a letter to Council.

.03 Managers

The Management reports have been circulated to all members of Council.

.04 Planning Services

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

.05 RCMP

The RCMP report for the month of May is available at Town Hall for review by Council members.

Mayor Eddy advised Council that he had received a letter from Superintendent Gibson advising that he will be leaving in mid-July, to assume a new position in Prince Edward Island, and his replacement, Superintendent Bourassa-Muise, is expected to be in place by September 2012.

12.07.09 CORRESPONDENCE

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

CAO MacMurtry will review the email from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities regarding the shutting down of the CBC analogue transmitters.

12.07.10 ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor G. Smith stated that the sidewalk on the north side of Main Street going towards the hospital is very uneven and that it causes problems for devices with small wheels such as wheelchairs and strollers.

Councillor den Haan advised Council that one of the things that Annapolis County has done well is their newsletter which has a nice quality to it.

Council suggested that safety and information circulars could be inserted in the Town newsletter and on the website. Topics could include guidelines for biking on the roads, crosswalk safety, and snow removal policy.

Council discussed various methods of welcoming newcomers to the Town including:

- inviting them to an information session and inform them of our recreation facilities and other town-related topics;
- having a package available at town hall to be handed out to newcomers which could include a letter of welcome from the mayor, a town pin, Valley Waste calendars, information on Neighbourhood Watch, business directory, etc.

Councillor Britney suggested that the Town should become more involved with the Physician Recruitment Committee.

Mayor Eddy stated that Town Crier Gary Long is considering ending his Town Crier activities for the Town of Middleton. Mayor Eddy will ask Mr. Long to let the Town know in writing what he would like to do.

Cancellation of August 7, 2012, Council Meeting

Mayor Eddy advised that Council has, as a summer break, cancelled previous August Council meetings and requested input.

It was moved by Councillor D. Smith, seconded by Councillor den Haan, that the regular Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2012, be cancelled. Motion carried.

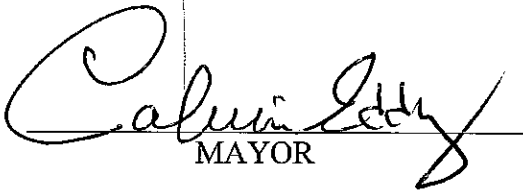
12.07.04 IN-CAMERA

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, that the Council adjourn to in-camera at 8:58 p.m., to discuss sale of municipal property. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Deputy Mayor Errington, that council return to regular session at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.

12.07.11 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor D. Smith, seconded by Councillor Britney, that the Council adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY