

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, October 1, 2012, starting at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Regrets: Councillor Melinda den Haan.

Also in attendance were Jeff Hanshaw of Custom Page Media & Consulting Inc. (CPM Inc.) and Councillor-elect John Himmelman.

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

12.10.00 SOLICITOR

Solicitor Gillis advised Council that there was nothing to report that required comment. In the matter of who pays for the cost of moving the Bell Aliant pole, he has reviewed the CRTC decisions that were referenced, concluded they did not apply to the situation and has advised Bell Aliant that the proportion which should be borne by the Town would be zero. The Mid Valley tax sale case has been postponed for two weeks, on the request of one of the parties.

12.10.01 PRESENTATIONS**.01 IT**

Mayor Eddy welcomed Jeff Hanshaw of CPM Inc., to talk about the Town's IT requirements. J. Hanshaw advised Council that he had conducted an assessment of the Town's current IT, including networking, servers, workstations, software, infrastructure controls and project management. He reported on those findings and provided suggestions and recommendations which will be compiled in a report and submitted to CAO MacMurtry.

12.10.02 PROCLAMATION**.01 Fire Prevention Week**

Mayor Eddy proclaimed the week of October 7 to 13, 2012 as Fire Prevention Week in the Town of Middleton.

12.10.03 CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The CAO advised that there are no changes to the agenda.

Councillor-elect J. Himmelman and Jeff Hanshaw left the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

12.10.04 IN-CAMERA

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, that the Council adjourn to in-camera at 8:22 p.m. to discuss land acquisition. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, that council return to regular session at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Councillor-elect J. Himmelman re-entered the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor Britney, that the Town of Middleton Water Utility purchase fifteen (15) acres, PID # 05075809, from Kenneth Crowell in the amount of \$15,000.00 (fifteen thousand dollars) plus legal and transfer costs, with the closing date of April 1, 2013. Motion carried.

12.10.05 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor D. Smith, seconded by Councillor Boates, that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 4, 2012, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

12.10.06 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

12.10.07 NEW BUSINESS

Action Items

1. Bills

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, that Council approve the payment of bills for September 2012 in the amount of \$376,078.29. Motion carried.

2. Surplus Equipment – Wheel Loader

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor G. Smith, that Council accept the highest tender for the 1994 L70 Volvo Loader and attachments in the amount of \$27,080.00 by Tom Bowers (Elmcroft Ltd.). Motion carried.

Information/Discussion Items

3. Mayors' and Warden Meeting Update

The Report on the Mayors' and Warden Meeting has been circulated to all members of Council.

CAO MacMurtry reviewed the highlights of the meeting including transit, trails and having a shared Council orientation session.

4. Rink Financial Report

The Rink Financial Report has been circulated to all members of Council.

Council agreed to the release of the annual grant.

Councillor D. Smith advised Council that the High School is going to have a hockey team this year which should help the finances of the Rink.

12.10.08 REPORTS**.01 Committee of the Whole**

There were no recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 17, 2012, that had to be dealt with in this meeting.

.02 Mayor

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of September. 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 August has been circulated to all Council members.

.05 RCMP

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

On request from Council, CAO MacMurtry will review the letter from Annapolis County to the RCMP regarding the lack of NCO and the cost savings to the municipality.

12.10.09 CORRESPONDENCE

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

12.10.10 ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor G. Smith advised Council that two benches at the Rotary Park are damaged and should be removed, as children were playing on them and could be injured.

Deputy Mayor Errington:

- reminded Council that Valley Waste Resource Management would be hosting an open house Thursday morning at 11 a.m.;
- asked CAO MacMurtry to investigate the ladder at the residence on Bridge Street which may be creating a dangerous situation.

Councillor D. Smith advised Council that:

- the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities will be hosting an orientation session for new Councils on November 15-17 in Truro;
- he has received a lot of complaints about the road near the lights.

CAO MacMurtry advised Council that Public Works will be fixing the road in the early morning of October 2, 2012.

Councillor Boates asked that the pea gravel at the elementary school be swept away, as it presents a hazard. There are also a number of signs appearing around town that are not legal. CAO MacMurtry will investigate and take appropriate action.

Councillor Britney advised Council that:

- the Youth Ambassador Ceremony will be taking place on October 6, 2012, and he will confirm time and location and inform Council;
- the next Police Advisory Board Meeting will be taking place on October 9, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.;
- the "Ride in Your Riding" organization is still interested in conducting a ride in Middleton, and he has referred them to the Town's Department of Recreation and Community Services.

Mayor Eddy advised Council that:

- there was a good turnout for "Picnic in the Park" with good food, good music and good comments;
- only five people turned out for the Terry Fox Run;
- Linda and Earl Bennett were recognized at the Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony for their years of service to the sport of golf.

12.10.11

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor D. Smith, seconded by Councillor Britney, that the Council adjourn as 9:28 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY