

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, June 3, 2013, starting at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance were Jan Davis, Youth Ambassador Candidates Austen Brown, Leah Hancock, Natasha Wotten and Sage Dixon, Youth Ambassador Judges Karen Bower and Zillah Gaul, Director of Recreation and Community Services Jennifer Coolen and Heart of the Valley Festival Committee Members Scott Veinot, Dick den Haan and Bill Dahr.

Solicitor Gillis arrived at 7 p.m. and left at 8:25 p.m.

13.06.01 PROCLAMATIONS

.01 Recreation Month

Mayor Eddy proclaimed the month of June as *Recreation Month* in the Town of Middleton, to recognize and celebrate the year-round benefits of recreation and parks at the local, regional and provincial level.

.02 National Health and Fitness Day

Mayor Eddy proclaimed *National Health and Fitness Day* in the Town of Middleton as the first Saturday in June.

13.06.02 PRESENTATIONS

.01 Youth Ambassadors

Jan Davis stated that this is the Town's fourth year of participation in the Youth Ambassador Program and thanked the Council for their continued support. She asked each of the candidates to introduce themselves and their projects:

- Leah Hancock will be conducting a town cleanup with the slogan "Clean the Heart";
- Sage Dixon will run ten non-competitive educational sports events for girls in grades six to nine;
- Austen Brown will work with the Memory Lane Railway Museum on various projects, including an outdoor park, flooring and a sorting facility.
- Natasha Wotten will build boards and bleachers around the outdoor rink and install rubber mats.

Jan Davis, Austen Brown, Leah Hancock, Natasha Wotten, Sage Dixon, Karen Bower and Zillah Gaul left the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

.02 Heart of the Valley Festival Committee

Committee members from the Heart of the Valley Festival advised Council that:

- there is a new website for the Festival (www.hotvf.ca);

- they will be publishing a booklet this year that will include a message from the Mayor, introduce the Youth Ambassadors, trivia about the Town, a listing of events and sponsor ads;
- the Thursday night event has been cancelled, and more emphasis is being placed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday;
- events include Yuk-Yuks, Kitchen Party, Lob Ball and Tennis Tournaments, Parade, Teen Coffeehouse, Bed Races, Bounce Kingdom and much more;
- businesses are being generous with their sponsorship;
- they are requesting an operating grant from the Town of \$7,500.00 which is the same as last year.

Heart of the Valley Festival Committee Members left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

13.06.03 CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The CAO advised Council of the following changes to the agenda:

- Action Items:
 - Add item 13.06.07.04: Heart of the Valley Festival – Operating Grant;
 - Renumber remaining New Business items.
- Move item 13.06.07.05: Macdonald Museum Greenhouse Update to follow item 13.06.04 Solicitor In-Camera.

13.06.04 SOLICITOR IN-CAMERA (Acquisition of Property and Litigation)

Director of Recreation and Community Services Coolen left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

It was moved by Councillor Himmelman, seconded by Councillor Britney, that Council adjourn to in-camera at 7:40 p.m., to discuss acquisition of land and litigation. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor den Haan, that Council return to regular session at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Coolen re-entered the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

13.06.07 NEW BUSINESS

Information/Discussion Items

.05 Macdonald Museum Greenhouse Update

Director of Recreation and Community Services Coolen advised Council that:

- the Macdonald Museum wants to cut its ties with the greenhouse;
- the Middleton Regional High School, Town and Nova Scotia Community College are interested in partnering, taking over the greenhouse and involving the community;
- the greenhouse would be given an overhaul and uses would include:
 - growing bedding plants to be planted throughout the Town;
 - growing foods to be used in the school cafeteria;
 - enhancing the community garden club;
 - educational uses.

- the costs are being worked out, and it may be a three-season operation, although alternate heat sources may be looked at for the winter months.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Coolen left the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

13.06.05 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor Himmelman, that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 6, 2013, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

13.06.06 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

Council asked CAO MacMurtry to:

- Follow up with S/Sgt. John de Winter regarding enforcement of the six outstanding parking tickets.
- Draft a letter to the Minister of Justice outlining the Town's concerns with Annapolis County's decision not to fund additional police officers and how the use of the grandfather clause is a detriment to the safety and security of the people of Middleton. A copy of the letter should be sent to Stephen McNeil and the County.

13.06.07 NEW BUSINESS

Action Items

.01 Amendment to Policy D4.6: Payroll Procedures

It was moved by Councillor Himmelman, seconded by Councillor Britney, pursuant to seven-day notice given at Committee of the Whole, that Council approve the amendment to policy D 4.6 Payroll Procedures as presented. Motion carried.

.02 REMO Inter-Municipal Emergency Services Agreement Changes

Council agreed to table the item, pending further clarification being received on clause 11.a.

.03 Committee of the Whole Recommendations

a. Approval of Bills

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that Council approve the payment of the bills for May 2013, in the amount of \$166,778.89. Motion carried.

b. Appointment: Regional Enterprise Network 3 Liaison Committee

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Britney, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that Council approve the appointment of the Town Chief Administrative Officer, Clayton MacMurtry, to the Liaison Committee for Regional Enterprise Network 3. Motion carried.

.04 Heart of the Valley Festival Operating Grant

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor Himmelman, that Council approve seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) for an operating grant for the Heart of the Valley Festival Committee for the year 2013/14. Motion carried.

13.06.08 REPORTS

.01 Committee of the Whole

All items from the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 21, 2013, have been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

.02 Mayor

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of May.

.03 Management

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

.04 Planning Services

The Planning Services report for the month of April has been circulated to all Council members.

.05 RCMP

The RCMP report for the month of April has been posted on SharePoint, for viewing by all members of Council.

13.06.09 CORRESPONDENCE

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

13.06.10 ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor Boates informed Council that he has one member and another potential member for the Planning Services Public Advisory Panel.

Councillor Smith advised Council that:

- a number of people have mentioned that youth are hanging around the Rotary Park pavilion;
- at 10:30 one night, there were approximately twenty-five people;
- people are not walking their dogs at night because of it.

CAO MacMurtry will follow up with the RCMP, as they are supposed to be patrolling the area. He also stated that surveillance cameras are in this year's budget and that the Brooklyn Street Lift Station and Rotary Park Pavilion were graffitied on the weekend.

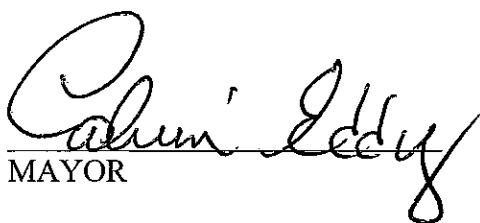
Councillor Himmelman requested when the line painting is taking place, if they could delineate the two parking spots beside the post office. The space is meant for two vehicles, and some people take up the whole space. CAO MacMurtry advised that all parking spots in the downtown core will have t-bars which clearly show each parking space.

Mayor Eddy informed Council that:

- June 9 at 7 p.m. is the annual "Decorating of the Graves" ceremony;
- June 26 at 6:30 is the Police Advisory Committee meeting;
- June 14 is the "Relay for Life";
- June 15 is the "Walk for Autism", Antique Car Show and Serenade in the Park.

13.06.11 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was **moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Himmelman that the Council adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried.**


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY