

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, starting at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Regrets: Councillors Darren Boates, Gail Smith and Melinda den Haan.

Also in attendance were: the Middleton Regional High School (MRHS) Senior Girls' Basketball Team players, coaches and parents; Dick den Haan, Heart of the Valley Festival; Jennifer Coolen, Director of Recreation and Community Services; and two (2) citizens.

15.04.01 CALL TO ORDER

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

15.04.02 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

150407.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

15.04.03 PROCLAMATION

.01 Volunteer Week

Mayor Eddy, in recognition of the splendid efforts of Volunteers, designated the week of April 12 to 18, 2015, as Provincial Volunteer Week in the Town of Middleton.

15.04.04 PRESENTATIONS

.01 MRHS Senior Girls' Basketball Team

Mayor Eddy welcomed the coach and players from the MRHS Senior Girls' Basketball Team and, on behalf of the Town and Council, presented individual certificates and lunch bags to each team member and congratulated them on winning the NSSAF Division 3 Provincial Championship for the third time.

MRHS Senior Girls' Basketball Team players, coaches, and parents left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

.02 Heart of the Valley Festival

Dick den Haan from the Heart of the Valley Festival (HOVF) informed Council that this year the HOVF will:

- be focusing on youth and the Fire Department's 125th Anniversary;
- have the Yuk-Yuk comedy festival, movie and fun run on Friday;
- have the street festival prior to the parade, which will include shutting down Commercial Street in the morning, musical acts, merchants having sidewalk sales, bed races and a pumper pull;
- host a family dance and talent show Saturday afternoon;
- have the car show, modified reptile show and circus act for Sunday.

The Committee will submit its financial statements and is requesting an operating grant from the Town, for the same amount as 2015, of \$7,500.00.

Dick den Haan left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

15.04.05 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

150407.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 2, 2015, be approved, as circulated. Motion carried.

15.04.06 NEW BUSINESS

.01 Committee of the Whole Recommendations

a. Proposed Capital Budget - 2015/16

150407.03: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the Capital Budget for 2015-16, as submitted. Motion carried.

.02 Approval of ½ of Operating Budget

150407.04: It was moved and seconded that Council approve one-half of the Operating Budget for 2015-16, in the amount of \$1,856,481.00, for the purpose of providing spending authority in the new fiscal year. Motion carried.

The 2015/16 Operating Budget will be brought forward for full approval in the near future.

.03 Appointment – Middleton Fire Department

150407.05: It was moved and seconded that Council, on recommendation of the Middleton Fire Department, appoint Witney Purdy as a member of the Middleton Fire Department. Motion carried.

15.04.07 REPORTS

.01 Mayor

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of March.

.02 Other Committee Reports

a. Valley Waste-Resource Management (VWRM)

Councillor Himmelman informed Council that:

- VWRM has received additional monies from the Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB), increasing the surplus and the money that will be returned to the municipalities;
- Kaizer Meadow Landfill was approached by a company interested in using municipal solid waste to manufacture pellets for heating;
- HRM is allowing their solid waste to go outside of the boundaries of Halifax, and various landfills are bidding on the project;
- both these initiatives could reduce VWRM tipping fees and lengthen the life of the landfill;
- Stantec is working with VWRM on a reorganization study;
- the VWRM Transfer Stations are now accepting electronics;
- Hankinson Salvage & Recycling Ltd has stopped operating as a registered ENVIRO-DEPOT™, and residents will have to travel to

Greenwood, Annapolis Royal or New Minas until a new service provider is established.

b. Police Advisory Board

CAO Turner informed Committee there was no news on the new RCMP Detachment.

c. Valley Regional Enterprise Network (REN)

Mayor Eddy informed Committee that:

- eleven of the Board positions have been filled;
- Rob Perry from Middleton is now on the Board;
- the REN will be moving into new facilities on Webster Street in Kentville;
- the next meeting is on April 23, to review the Inter-Municipal Agreement, as Bridgetown and Hantsport will no longer be part of the agreement.

15.04.08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of correspondence for the month of March has been circulated to all Council members and posted on SharePoint.

Recording Secretary McAuley will send Council regrets to the Apple Blossom Festival Committee.

15.04.09 **ANYTHING BY MEMBERS**

Mayor Eddy informed Council that:

- MP Greg Kerr will be in Middleton on April 9, 2015, to make an announcement for the New Horizons for Seniors Program. All Council is welcome to attend.
- The Annapolis County Volunteer Ceremony will take place on April 16.

15.04.10 **ADJOURNMENT**

150407.06: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY