

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, June 1, 2015, 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, Rachel Turner; Director of Finance, Marianne Daine; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Also in attendance were: Director of Public Works, John Pearson; Director of Recreation and Community Services, Jennifer Coolen; and Brian Neville and Jim Mosher, SMH Foundation.

#### **15.06.01      CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **15.06.02      APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**150601.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.**

#### **15.06.03      PROCLAMATION**

##### **.01      Recreation Month**

Mayor Eddy proclaimed the month of June, 2015 to be ***“Recreation Month”*** in the Town of Middleton.

#### **15.06.04      PRESENTATION**

##### **.01      Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital (SMH) Foundation**

Brian Neville and Jim Mosher (chairman) gave an overview of the SMH Foundation and its activities including:

- history of the organization, mandate and catchment area;
- the Society is made up of thirteen members including an appointed member from the Town of Middleton (Brian Neville) and meets annually to elect a Board of Directors and an Executive who run the day to day operations of the Society;
- the investment fund is worth approximately 4.5 to 5 million dollars and they maintain the capital in the fund and utilize the interest for projects;
- expenditures of approximately \$200,000 are made annually on capital equipment and other health related items;
- donations are sometimes made to Valley Regional Hospital projects that benefit our citizens;
- the annual general meeting will be on June 8 and B. Neville will send a report to Council after the meeting;
- the Foundation will be leading the fundraising for the new Collaborative Practice Unit, an expansion to the hospital, to house a team of doctors, dieticians, nurses, and physical therapists.

Brian Neville left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

**15.06.05      APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**150601.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 4, 2015 be approved, as circulated. Motion carried.**

**15.06.06      NEW BUSINESS****.01      Committee of the Whole Recommendations****a.      Utility Accounts for Write-Off**

**150601.03: It was moved and seconded that the uncollectible water accounts listed in the Water Uncollectible Accounts of May 2015 in the amount of \$10,806.93 be written off. Motion carried.**

Director of Finance Daine will research the reporting of these accounts to the credit bureau.

**.02      Budget Approvals****a.      General Operating**

CAO Turner informed Council that, based on the Committee of the Whole recommendations, recreation programs have been increased by \$10,000, grants to organizations have been reduced, the tax rate is increased by two cents, \$46,000 will be transferred to reserves and the remaining deficit of \$107,000 will be covered by the 2014-15 surplus.

**150601.04: It was moved and seconded that it be resolved that the Council of the Town of Middleton estimates that the sum required for the lawful purposes of the Town for the year 2015/16, after crediting probable revenues from all sources, other than the rates for the year, is the sum of \$3,914,910 and; further resolved that the Town Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a rate for the current year of \$4.29 per \$100 on the value of the property assessed in the assessment roll as Commercial property and Business Occupancy and \$1.81 per \$100 on the value of the property assessed in the assessment roll as Residential and Resource property, the rate of \$2.96 per acre for property assessed in the assessment roll as Farm Acreage, and the rate of \$3.22 per \$100 on the value of the property assessed in the assessment roll as Seasonal Tourist Businesses, and a sewer service charge of a flat fee of \$250 plus an additional rate of \$0.25 per \$100 on the value of the property assessed in the assessment roll as taxable Residential and Commercial property on which any building is connected to the sewage system of the Town, these being the rates the Council deems sufficient to raise the sum to defray the expenditures of the Town for the current year and; further resolved that the rates and taxes be due and payable September 30, 2015 and; further resolved that an interest rate of 24% per annum, compounded, be charged on the 2015/16 final tax bills still outstanding after September 30, 2015 and; further resolved that a sewer usage rate of \$1.119 per one cubic metre of water consumed by tax exempt properties, which are not paying full grants in lieu of taxation, be levied in accordance with the Sewer Service Charge Bylaw for the year 2015/16. Motion carried.**

Jim Mosher left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**b.      Visitor Information Centre**

**150601.05: It was moved and seconded that it be resolved that the 2015/16 Visitor Information Centre budget in the expenditure amount**

of \$21,607, being the estimated expenditure level required to operate the Centre for the current fiscal year, be approved. Motion carried.

c. Water Utility Operating

150601.06: It was moved and seconded that it be resolved that the Town of Middleton Water Utility Operating budgets for the years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18, with planned expenditure amounts of \$583,784, \$613,077 and \$640,991 respectively, and projecting no annual surpluses or deficits, be approved. Motion carried.

.03 Re-designation of Sewer Operating Reserve to Sewer Capital Reserve

150601.07: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the re-designation of the Sewer Operating Reserve to the Sewer Capital Reserve. Motion carried.

.04 Capital Budget Amendments

150601.08: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the amendments to the 2015-16 Capital budget as presented. Motion carried.

.05 Valley Waste Resource Management – Approval of Municipal Guarantee

150601.09: It was moved and seconded that Council approve to guarantee the Town of Middleton's share of the Valley Region Solid Waste Resource Management Authority borrowing in the amount of \$16,856.00. Motion carried.

.06 Police Advisory Board Recommendation – NS Assoc. of Police Governance

150601.10: It was moved and seconded that Council, , on recommendation of the Middleton Police Advisory Board, approve the Police Advisory Board becoming a member of the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance for a period of one (1) year. Motion carried.

.07 RFD 14-2015: Outdoor Café & Restaurant

150601.11: It was moved and seconded that Council grant permission to the Capital Lounge and Grill and Valley Beans Café for outdoor patios until spring 2016 under the same conditions as the current permission. Motion carried.

.08 Legacy 2017: Board of Directors Appointment

150601.12: It was moved and seconded that Council appoint Mayor Eddy as our representative on the Legacy 2017 Board of Directors and CAO Turner as the alternate. Motion carried.

15.06.07 REPORTS

.01 Mayor

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of May.

.02 Police Advisory Board

Councillor Britney informed Council that the Police Advisory Board Recommendation on joining the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance had been addressed earlier in the meeting.

.03 Valley Waste Resource Management (VWRM)

Councillor Himmelman informed Council:

- the Province is working on illegal dumping;
- the organization review is nearing completion;
- VWRM will also be conducting a service review;
- Halifax Regional Municipality has begun using the Chester landfill resulting in reduced tipping fees for VWRM;
- VWRM has not yet received the one year notice from Hantsport.

**15.06.08 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**15.06.09 ANYTHING BY MEMBERS**

Councillor Himmelman inquired on the left turn from the Save Easy parking lot. CAO Turner will follow up with Save Easy and Loblaws.

Councillor Smith asked that Public Works place some gravel on Gates Avenue where the water main break took place as the potholes are quite large.

There was general discussion on an Outdoor Smoke Free Places Bylaw and if there is capacity for enforcement. The Town can promote Town events as being smoke-free and place the notification in town literature.

Deputy Mayor Smith informed Council that the Middleton and Area Business Association had five people at their last meeting and they are going to conduct a mail-out to find out if businesses are still interested in having an association.

Councillor den Haan provided an update on the status of the Heart of the Valley Festival and asked Committee members to refer anyone interested in volunteering for the HOVF or next year's committee to her.

CAO Turner will review why upcoming events are not posted on the Town's Calendar of Events.

Mayor Eddy reminded Council of the following meetings:

- Relay for Life on June 13;
- Decoration of the Graves on June 14;
- Committee of the Whole meeting on June 15.

**15.06.10 IN-CAMERA (Personnel)**

**150601.13: It was moved and seconded that Council adjourn to in-camera at 8:18 p.m., to discuss matters relating to personnel. Motion carried.**

At 8:18 p.m., Director of Finance Daine and Recording Secretary McAuley left the in-camera session.

The in-camera session ended at 8:35 p.m.

**150601.14: It was moved and seconded that Council return to regular session at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried.**

15.06.11 ADJOURNMENT

150601.15: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.  
Motion carried.

  
MAYOR

  
RECORDING SECRETARY