

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, December 7, 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: Karl Bigelow; Jennifer Coolen, Director of Recreation and Community Services; Krista Toole; John Pearson, Director of Public Works; Wayne Groszko, Faculty Advisory – Nova Scotia Community College; and nine (9) learners from the Nova Scotia Community College.

15.12.01 CALL TO ORDER

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

15.12.02 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

151207.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

15.12.03 PRESENTATIONS

.01 Service Recognition Awards

Mayor Eddy presented a watch, plaque and service pin to Karl Bigelow in recognition of his twenty-five (25) years of service to the Town.

Mayor Eddy presented a plaque, cheque and service pin to Krista Toole in recognition of her ten (10) years of service to the Town.

Karl Bigelow and Krista Toole left the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

.02 Nova Scotia Community College Student Projects

a. Solar Power for the Middleton Splash Pad

Lucas Doran, Michael Kennedy, Jonah Van Meekeren and Davis Gosse conducted a pre-feasibility study on installing photovoltaic panels on the Centennial Park comfort station roof with the objective to supply the electrical demands of the facility with solar power. They reviewed the proposed site, the solar site analysis tool, shading losses, proposed solar panel configuration, retscreen analysis, costs, results and conclusions.

The team concluded that the payback would be nineteen (19) years due to the facility only being used in the summer months and the amount of electricity used by the facility being minimal. The Town may be able to access funding which would reduce the amount of payback years. Electricity produced by the solar panels in the off-season could be fed back to the grid and a credit would be issued to be used against other Town facilities.

b. Solar Heating for the Middleton Pool

Andrew Robertson, Cam Lyster and Leighton Croft conducted a pre-feasibility study to determine if the pool is a candidate for heating by either oil or solar water heating and whether the pool facility showers are suitable

for solar heating. They reviewed the pool heating parameters, solar heating, financial breakdown of pool, facility analysis, bathroom hot water analysis, and results.

The team concluded that both projects are not feasible as the simple payback for heating shower water is thirty-four (34) years.

c. **Hydroelectric Power Generation at the Water Reservoir on Gates Mountain Road**

Steven Vézina, Zack Tesfaldet and Jacob Woods' project was to determine the feasibility of generating enough hydroelectricity necessary for a return on investment and reveal any added revenues for the Town of Middleton from the Lily Lake Reservoir. They reviewed how hydro power is produced, the location, Gates Mountain Road reservoir facility, preliminary specifications, financial benefits project cost estimation, financial analysis, next steps and conclusions.

The team concluded that there is potential for micro-hydropower with a simple payback of eight (8) years, annual revenues of one thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1,500) and a rate of return of fifteen percent (15%).

Mayor Eddy and Director of Public Works Pearson thanked the learners for the project work they conducted and for helping foster the very important partnership between the Town and the Community College.

Wayne Groszko and the nine (9) learners from the Nova Scotia Community College left the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

15.12.04 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

151207.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 2, 2015 be approved, as circulated. Motion carried.

15.12.05 NEW BUSINESS

.01 Committee of the Whole Recommendations

a. RFD 023-2015: Whistle Blower Policy

151207.03: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the *Whistle Blower Policy*, as circulated. Motion carried.

b. Appointment of Building and Fire Inspectors

151207.04: It was moved and seconded that Council appoint Russell MacKintosh and Danny Wright as Building and Fire Inspectors for the Town of Middleton for the period January 1, 2016 to November 21, 2016. Motion carried.

.02 Second Reading and Passing: Amendment to the *Building Bylaw, Chapter 19*

151207.05: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the second reading and passing of amendments to the *Building Bylaw, Chapter 19*, as presented. Motion carried.

.03 Second Reading and Passing: Repeal the *Town Council Bylaw, Chapter 4*

151207.06: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the second reading and passing, to repeal the *Town Council Bylaw, Chapter 4*, as presented. Motion carried.

.04 Second Reading and Passing: Repeal the *Rules Governing Council Bylaw, Chapter 4*

151207.07: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the second reading and passing, to repeal the *Rules Governing Council Bylaw, Chapter 5*, as presented. Motion carried.

.05 Second Reading and Passing: Repeal the *Town Meetings Bylaw, Chapter 22*

151207.08: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the second reading and passing, to repeal the *Town Meetings Bylaw, Chapter 22*, as presented. Motion carried.

.06 Appointments

a. Regional Emergency Management Coordinator

151207.09: It was moved and seconded that Council appoint Kevin Beard as Regional Emergency Management Coordinator for the Town of Middleton. Motion carried.

b. Climate Change Action Plan Adaption Committee

151207.10: It was moved and seconded that Council appoint Kevin Beard and Mike Toole as members of the Climate Change Action Plan Adaption Committee for the Town of Middleton. Motion carried.

c. Youth Ambassador

151207.11: It was moved and seconded that Council appoint Kayla Gillespie as Youth Ambassador for the Town of Middleton. Motion carried.

.07 Temporary Borrowing Resolution: Multi-Purpose Municipal Tractor

151207.12: It was moved and seconded that Council approve a Temporary Borrowing Resolution in an amount up to, but not exceeding, ninety-three thousand dollars (\$93,000) to finance the purchase of a multi-purpose Municipal tractor for the Town's Public Works Department. Motion carried.

.08 Facility Assessment Study Follow-Up

CAO Turner informed Council that the Senior Management Committee had met to discuss the Facility Assessment Study Report and to prepare a response as to how the Town can address the issues raised in the report.

Councillor Britney raised a concern on the amount of work required for the swimming pool complex in light of the percentage of people using the swimming pool from the Town versus the County. CAO Turner replied that all pools and rinks in Annapolis County are soon going to need to be assessed with a larger-picture plan.

15.12.06 REPORTS**.01 Mayor**

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of December.

.02 Valley Waste Resource Management (VWRM)

Councillor Himmelman tabled his report for the month of December.

15.12.07 CORRESPONDENCE

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

15.12.08 ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor Britney raised a concern regarding the Municipality of the County of Annapolis not sharing the costs of the RCMP facility in Middleton. CAO Turner informed Committee that she is working with the Annapolis County CAO on the issue.

Mayor Eddy reminded Council of the following events:

- Police Advisory Board Meeting on December 8;
- Committee of the Whole on January 4.

15.12.09 IN-CAMERA (Tax Sale Minimum Price)

151207.13: It was moved and seconded that Council adjourn to in-camera at 7:55 p.m., to discuss matters relating to setting a minimum price to be accepted by the town for a tax sale. Motion carried.

At 7:55 p.m., Director of Public Works, John Pearson left the in-camera session.

The in-camera session ended at 8:18 p.m.

151207.14: It was moved and seconded that Council return to regular session at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried.

15.12.10 ADJOURNMENT

151207.15: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY