

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, January 23, 2017, starting at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Sylvester Atkinson; Deputy Mayor Gail Smith; Councillors Melinda den Haan, Clayton MacMurtry, Gary Marshall, and Brad Reid; Director of Finance, Marianne Daine; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Regrets: Councillor Michael Fairn and Chief Administrative Officer, Rachel Turner.

Also in attendance were Lori Cox and Arminta Kennedy, Valley Business Leaders Initiative.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

170123.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1. Valley Business Leaders Initiative (VBLI) – Lori Cox and Arminta Kennedy

Lori Cox and Arminta Kennedy, provided Council with an overview of the Valley Business Leaders Initiative and the “Live, Work, Grow” marketing campaign including:

- a video on Live, Work, Grow in the Annapolis Valley and an overview of the Live, Work, Grow campaign;
- the VBLI being a non-profit society, founded in 2016 by a group of local business leaders with the mission being to help stimulate economic growth by attracting people to live, work and invest in the Annapolis Valley;
- the planning of a summit for April 3 with speakers Ray Ivany and Michelin’s President of Canadian Operations.

Lori Cox and Arminta Kennedy left the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

170123.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of December 19, 2016 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Uniform Assessment Report & Preliminary Assessment Roll

The Uniform Assessment Report and Preliminary Assessment Roll were circulated to all Council members.

The Total Uniform Assessment has increased 1.19 % from \$106,501,158 to \$107,773,930. The Preliminary Assessment Roll shows a decrease in total assessed value of \$32,900 or - 0.03% over 2016. Residential assessments increased (+0.46%) and commercial assessments decreased (-2.3%).

5.2. Appointment – Western Regional Housing Authority

170123.03: It was moved and seconded, that Council recommend to the Minister of Community Services the appointment of Dianne McDonald, for a three-year term, as the Town's Citizen-at-Large Representative on the Western Valley Regional Housing Authority. Motion carried.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Management

The Management Reports were circulated to all Council members.

6.2. Planning Services – December 2016

The Planning Services Report for the month of December 2016 was circulated to all Council members.

6.3. RCMP – October 1 to December 31, 2016

The RCMP Report for the period of October 1 to December 31, 2016 was circulated to all Council members.

6.4. Valley Waste-Resource Management (VWRM) – January 2017

The Valley Waste-Resource Management Report for the month of January 2017 was circulated to all Council members.

6.5. Mayor

Mayor Atkinson tabled his report for the month of December 2016.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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

8. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Council agreed to recognize businesses in Town that will be celebrating a milestone (anniversary) in 2017, the 150th anniversary of Confederation. Staff will communicate with the business community, advising of the milestone recognition taking place on July 1, and asking businesses to submit their milestone to the Town Hall by the beginning of June.

9. ADJOURNMENT

170123.04: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved by Council Motion 170221.02, February 21, 2017.