

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 starting at 7 p.m.

**PRESENT**

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

Regrets: Solicitor Gillis

**12.01.01      PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Eddy proclaimed January as Alzheimer Awareness Month in the Town of Middleton.

**12.01.02      CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

CAO MacMurtry advised that the following items are to be added to the agenda:

Information/Discussion Items

- .03      Meeting with the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations
- .04      Report on the Loblaws' Development

**12.01.03      SOLICITOR**

CAO MacMurtry will contact Solicitor Gillis regarding outstanding issues and report back to Council.

**12.01.04      MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Britney, that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of December 5, 2011 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Errington, that the minutes of the Special Council meeting of December 20, 2011 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

**12.01.05      BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Council requested that the dry hydrant and the blocking of the Town water lines be brought to Council for discussion prior to budget deliberations. CAO MacMurtry will determine the approximate cost of the two items prior to the meeting.

**12.01.06      NEW BUSINESS**

Action Items

- .01      Approval of Bills

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Errington, seconded by Councillor G. Smith, that Council approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$611,751.77. Motion carried.

**Information/Discussion Items****.02    Police Advisory Board Report**

CAO MacMurtry distributed the letter from Jan Davis, Chair of the Middleton Police Advisory Board (PAB) including the minutes of the PAB meeting held on December 13, 2011. As a result of concerns raised by Town citizens, the PAB has suggested the following items for Council's consideration:

- a. rescheduling of the RCMP to better cover the hours that the break-ins seem to be taking place;
- b. clinics set up between the RCMP and the business community to address the problem of break-ins and establish better lines of communication;
- c. clinics set up to better educate the public on measures that can possibly prevent break-ins;
- d. establishment of better lines of communication between the RCMP and all residents of Middleton.

Council agreed to have CAO MacMurtry:

- send a letter to Sgt. Rocky Calhoun of the RCMP and request a response to the questions raised regarding shift changes, clinics and communication;
- review options available to the Town and the associated costs;
- explore the cost of a dedicated police force including the implications of the Town's agreement with the County of Annapolis;
- ensure the next meeting of the PAB on January 30 is advertised;
- set a time with the Town of Hantsport to review their facility and how their cameras work.

**.03    Meeting with the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations**

Minister John MacDonell will be meeting with the Middleton Town Council on January 17, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**.04    Report on the Loblaws Development**

CAO MacMurtry advised:

- That he and Development Officer Chris Millier have been negotiating with Loblaws on the traffic lights. Loblaws has agreed to reconfigure their parking lot and entrance, to give the Town easements for the traffic controller and two poles and to contribute twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) towards the cost of the traffic lights.
- That Loblaws has withdrawn their request for a variance on the Save Easy loading dock. They will remove what was constructed prior to the stop work being issued.

**12.01.07****REPORTS****.01    Mayor**

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of December. A copy of the report was circulated to all members of Council.

**.02    RCMP**

The RCMP report for the month of December was circulated to all members of Council.

**12.01.08      CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**12.01.09      ANYTHING BY MEMBERS**

CAO MacMurtry advised Council that he had contacted the County of Annapolis and was advised that they have given notice to withdraw from Kings Transit. The new service will be providing the same route, same fees but with a different provider. Council asked that CAO MacMurtry:

- explore the option of the Town of Middleton remaining with Kings Transit;
- ask Solicitor Gillis to review the Town's agreement with Annapolis County and determine options available to the Town;
- invite CAO Orchard from the County of Annapolis to attend a Council meeting to explain the decision to withdraw from Kings Transit.

Councillor den Haan stated that there is quite a bit of debris by the green shed in Rotary Park and asked if it could be cleaned up.

Councillor G. Smith noted that the RCMP conducted thirty-one foot patrols this month as opposed to thirty-six foot patrols last month.

CAO MacMurtry advised that ABL Environmental Consultants Ltd. (ABL) had received one quote for the repairs to the sewage treatment plant and one company had declined to submit a quote. ABL has asked their insurance provider for approval as the quote was higher than initially considered.

CAO MacMurtry reviewed a list of properties that would be advertised shortly for tax sale.

**12.01.10      IN CAMERA (Personnel)**

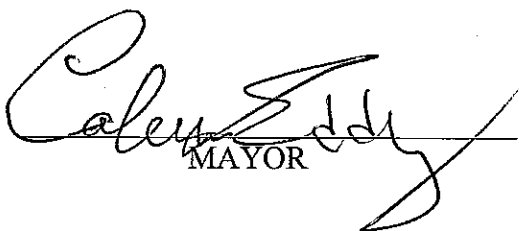
Recording Secretary McAuley left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Errington, seconded by Councillor G. Smith, that the Council adjourn to in-camera at 7:34 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor den Haan, that council return to regular session at 7:43 p.m.

**12.01.10      ADJOURMENT**

There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, that the Council adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

  
MAYOR

  
SECRETARY