

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, February 6, 2012 starting at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Calvin Eddy; Deputy Mayor Vera Errington; Councillors Dan Smith, Darren Boates, Marc Britney and Gail Smith; Chief Administrative Officer Clayton MacMurtry; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Regrets: Councillor Melinda den Haan and Director of Finance Marianne Daine.

Solicitor Gillis arrived at 7:00 p.m. and left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

12.02.01 PRESENTATIONS

.01 Service Recognition Awards

Town employee Norbert Richard was in attendance, at Council's request, to be recognized for his years of employment with the Town.

Mayor Eddy presented a plaque and gift to Mr. Richard, Working Foreperson for the Public Works Department, in recognition of his fifteen years of service with the Town.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Richard came from New Brunswick, started as a labour operator and today is a working foreperson. He has served the Town extremely well, manipulates the Volvo with great expertise and is respected by his fellow workers and citizens of the Town.

Mr. Richard thanked the Council for its recognition.

12.02.03 SOLICITOR

Solicitor Gillis advised that the only item to report is that the Town has completed the sale of another property in the Industrial Park.

Solicitor Gillis and Mr. Richard left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

12.02.01 PRESENTATIONS (continued)

.02 Valley Waste Resources Management – Ross Maybe, General Manager

Ross Maybee, General Manager and Brian Van Rooyen, Manager, Policy and Planning, Valley Waste Resource Management, were in attendance to make a presentation to Council on the Authority's 2012/13 draft operating and capital budgets.

Mr. Maybee noted that a copy of the presentation was previously circulated to Council and proceeded with the presentation which covered such areas as an update on the Administration Building, budget process, key budget features, 2012-2013 budget highlights and budget approval recommendations. In addition the Authority is researching the use of wind power, developing an investment policy and exploring ways to divert materials from disposal and resell then to the public.

Mayor Eddy thanked Mr. Maybee and Mr. Van Rooyen for their information and presentation.

Ross Maybee and Brian Van Rooyen left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

12.02.02 CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The CAO advised that the following item is to be added to the agenda:

Action Item 12.02.06.03: Traffic Lights and the remaining Information/Discussion Items to be renumbered.

12.02.04 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor Boates that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 3, 2012 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

12.02.05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items requiring Council's attention from previous meetings.

12.02.06 NEW BUSINESS

Action Items

1. Approval of Bills

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Errington, seconded by Councillor Boates, that Council approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$373,850.61. Motion carried.

2. Committee of the Whole Recommendations

.01 Council Honoraria

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor Boates, on recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that Council approve the resolution stating that one-third of the total honoraria and expense allowance paid to elected officers of the Town of Middleton shall be non-taxable income. Motion carried.

.02 Appointment of Fire Chief, Fire Wards & Fire Constables

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Errington, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, that in accordance with the results of the elections of the Middleton Fire Department, that Council ratify the appointments of Chris Barker as Fire Chief; Chris Barker, Mike Toole and Scott Veinot as Fire Wards; and David McCoubrey, Gordon Rodgers and Philip Townsend as Fire Constables. Motion carried.

.03 Traffic Signs

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor Boates, on recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that Council approve the eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) in the capital budget allocated for a new crosswalk be reallocated to

purchase two (2) speed control signs and that a new crosswalk be considered in the 2012-2013 budget. Motion carried.

.04 Request for Membership – Canadian Mental Health Association

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Errington, seconded by Councillor Boates, on recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that the request for a representative on the Annapolis Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association be respectfully declined and that the Annapolis Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association be removed from the Town's Committee list. Motion carried.

3. Traffic Lights

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Errington to table the engineering of the traffic lights to the Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 20, 2012. Motion carried.

Council asked CAO MacMurtry to review the exclusions and ensure that the Town is covered for design problems either through the new contract with Genivar or the existing contract with Genivar.

Information/Discussion Items

4. Mayors and Warden Meeting Report

Mayor Eddy advised Council that Mayors and Warden Meeting was held on January 24, 2012 and the following items were discussed:

- RCMP Community Policing Officer: the funding for this pilot project will be ending and Annapolis County has asked what the municipal units would like to do with this position. The total cost for the position is eight-two thousand dollars (\$82,000.00). Council in principal supports the position but would like to know the percentage of time the position spends in Middleton, the amount of funding required from Middleton and that a letter be sent to the Province stating the concern that there is funding for pilot projects and no funding for the continuation of successful projects.
- Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP): The CCAP is due December, 2013 and Annapolis County has asked if the municipal units want to prepare separate plans or cost share in a consultant that would prepare each municipal plan. Annapolis Royal will not be participating as their plan is almost complete. CAO MacMurtry will research the cost of preparing a plan for Middleton versus partnering with Bridgetown and the County.
- Shared Services: The Town of Mahone Bay, Town of Bridgewater and District of Lunenburg hired a consultant to conduct a Regional Governance and Shared Service Review. The municipal units agreed to ask their respective Councils if they would be interested in conducting a shared services review of our area. Annapolis County has already advised the Towns that they are not interested in participating in a study prepared by a consultant and would first like to prepare their own list of shared services in-house. Prior to making a decision, Council has asked for a list of all the Middleton Intermunicipal Agreements.
- Active Living Coordinator: the current Active Living Coordinator Andre Bouchard has accepted another position. Prior to staffing the position, the County has asked if the municipal units are interested in continuing to support the program. CAO MacMurtry advised that Director of Recreation

and Community Services Coolen feels that it is a valuable position and the program is very worthwhile.

.5 Policing Issues

Mayor Eddy reviewed the various initiatives that have been undertaken to address policing issues in the Town of Middleton. Recording Secretary McAuley will send copies of the Intermunicipal Agreements relating to Policing to Council. CAO MacMurtry will investigate cameras for the Town and contact the Department of Justice to research what the Town can do concerning a dedicated police force/town police force/ status quo, the cost of a police review and at what stage a police review is required when looking at policing options. The Town has taken a number of steps to address policing issues and information should be communicated to the citizens through the newsletter and media releases.

12.02.07 REPORTS

.01 Committee of the Whole

All items from the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 16, 2012 have been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

.02 Mayor

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of January. A copy of the report will be circulated with these minutes.

.03 Managers

The Management reports have been circulated to all members of Council.

.04 Planning Services

The reports for the months of November and December have been circulated to all Council members.

.05 RCMP

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

12.02.08 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Council asked that when the Mayor is unable to attend a function, the invitation be circulated to Council to see if another Council member would like to attend.

12.02.09 ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor Britney would like to ensure that the monitor in the Council Chambers is set up and usable whenever it is required.

Councillor Boates stated that the tennis nets are still up.
Mayor Eddy asked that:

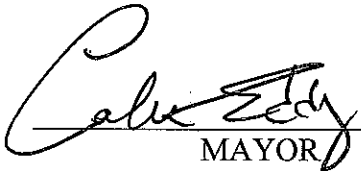
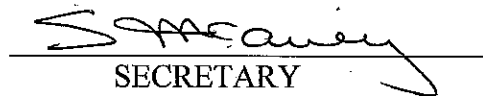
- a policy be developed on the kiosks including who is responsible for notices in the kiosks and what items should go into the kiosks;
- the Service Rewards Policy be reviewed.

12.02.10 IN-CAMERA

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, that the Council adjourn to in-camera at 9:18 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, that council return to regular session at 10:03 p.m.

There being no further business, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Errington, seconded by Councillor G. Smith that the Council adjourn as 10:04 p.m.


MAYOR
SECRETARY