

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, April 2, 2012 starting at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Calvin Eddy; Deputy Mayor Vera Errington; Councillors Dan Smith, Marc Britney, Melinda den Haan, and Gail Smith; Chief Administrative Officer Clayton MacMurtry; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley. Also in attendance were Dean Smith, Intelivote and Returning Officer, Krista Toole.

Regrets: Councillor Boates; Director of Finance, Marianne Daine

12.04.01 PROCLAMATION

.01 Volunteer Week

Mayor Eddy in recognition of the splendid efforts of Volunteers designated the week of April 15th to 21st, 2012 as Provincial Volunteer Week in the Town of Middleton. The Mayor advised that Gordon MacDonald will be the Town's nominee at the Provincial ceremony being held in Halifax. The Mayor also advised that the annual flag raising event, saluting Volunteer Week, will be held in Centennial Park at 12:00 noon, April 16th, and the annual awards presentation will take place April 18th at Kings Theatre in Annapolis Royal.

12.04.02 PRESENTATIONS

.01 Intelivote - Dean Smith

Dean Smith, President of Intelivote Systems Inc. gave Council a presentation on electronic voting options for the 2012 municipal elections including:

- an overview of their company;
- services they provide;
- where they have done it;
- reasons for electronic voting;
- an E-voting demonstration;
- costs.

Mr. Smith advised Council that:

- costs are \$2.75/eligible voter including postage and that savings range from 50-60%;
- participation rates have increased in some elections from 35% to over 90%;
- currently there are fifteen municipalities in Nova Scotia that are looking into using e-voting;

Heart of the Valley Festival Committee Members entered at 7:33 pm.

- an auditor is present at all times and will cast votes during the course of the election to verify the vote. The ballots are marked as audit ballots and are not counted.

On Question from Deputy Mayor Errington, Mr. Smith advised that there is lots of science behind the letters that are sent out with the PINs so that people know that there is important election information inside. There are fines and jail time involved for voting with someone else's PIN and there is a protocol in place if someone loses their PIN.

Dean Smith and Returning Officer K. Toole left the meeting at 7:53 pm

12.04.08 NEW BUSINESS

3. Heart of the Valley Festival – Operating Grant

Committee members from the Heart of the Valley Festival advised Council that:

- The entertainment category of the budget includes all the entertainment, sound systems, etc.
- Costs for rides are \$5,000 plus people are charged for the rides. They have decided on a Bounce Kingdom for \$3,000 and there is no charge to people using it.
- Minor hockey will be hosting the dance at the rink and the Festival will put on an event that will not compete with the dance such as a teen dance or coffeehouse.
- Yuk-Yuks will be moved to Friday night and other entertainment will be added to try and draw a larger crowd.

Council thanked the committee for all their hard work.

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, that Council approve seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) for an operating grant for the Heart of the Valley Festival Committee for the year 2012/13. Motion carried.

Heart of the Valley Festival Committee Members left the meeting at 8:07 pm.

12.04.03 CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The CAO advised that there are no changes to the agenda.

12.04.04 SOLICITOR

The Solicitor was not present for this meeting.

12.04.05 IN-CAMERA

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Errington, that the Council adjourn to in-camera at 8:10 pm to discuss land acquisition, litigation, contract negotiations and personnel issues. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor D. Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Errington, that council return to regular session at 9:03 pm. Motion carried.

12.04.06 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor den Haan, that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 5, 2012 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

12.04.07 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Business Arising Report has been circulated to all members of Council. CAO MacMurtry advised that he had talked to Cpl. Pemberton and sent him a memo

regarding the Canada Post false alarm invoice. He will follow up with another letter asking for a report prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting. Cpl. Pemberton will be leaving on May 11, 2012.

12.04.08

NEW BUSINESS**Action Items****1. Valley Waste Bylaw Amendment – 2nd and Final Reading**

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Errington, that Council approve the second reading and passing of the amendments to the Valley Waste Resource Management Bylaw, Chapter 47 as presented. Motion carried.

2. Award of Tenders – Paving Tender

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Britney, that Council approve that the tender for patch paving for 2012 be awarded to Dexter Construction Ltd. for spreader patching at \$180.00/ton plus HST, hand patching at \$285.00/ton plus HST and bulk asphalt at the plant for \$120.00/ton plus HST. Motion carried.

3. Heart of the Valley Festival – Operating Grant

The item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

4. Approval of Preliminary List of Electors

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Errington, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, that Council authorize the use of the permanent voters' list for the Province of Nova Scotia as the method used for the establishment of the preliminary list of electors along with entering into the necessary agreement with Elections Nova Scotia. Motion carried.

5. Membership Application – Middleton Fire Department

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor den Haan, on recommendation of the membership of the Middleton Fire Department, that Council approves the appointment of Jordan Henning DeLong as a probationary member of the Middleton Fire Department. Motion carried.

6. Committee of the Whole Recommendations**a. Policy – Information Kiosks**

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, that Council adopt Policy 4.6 on Information Kiosks as recommended by Committee of the Whole with the addition of advertising criteria 2h and 2i. Motion carried.

b. Approval of Bills

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Errington, seconded by Councillor G. Smith, on recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that Council approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$393,152.99. Motion carried.

Information/Discussion Items

There were no items for information or discussion at this meeting.

12.04.09**REPORTS****.01 Committee of the Whole**

All items from the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 19, 2012 have been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

.02 Mayor

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of March. 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 report for the month of February has been circulated to all Council members.

.05 RCMP

The RCMP report for the month of February has been circulated to all Council members.

Councillor Britney stated that he advised Cpl. Pemberton that the tickets should be included in the monthly RCMP report. To date five tickets have been issued and two have been paid.

12.04.10**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

12.04.11**ANYTHING BY MEMBERS**

Deputy Mayor Errington stated that:

- In the last little while the town water has had a chlorine taste to it. CAO MacMurtry stated that he would look into it as a tank had been installed at a cost of \$200,000 dollars to correct this problem.
- A new RCMP Staff Sergeant started on April 1st and he is in the process of introducing himself to the CAOs and Mayors.

On question from Councillor D. Smith, CAO MacMurtry will follow up with NS Justice regarding their presentation.

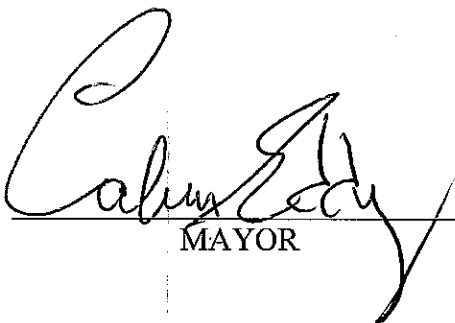
Councillor den Haan thanked the Council for the flowers and stated that she had attended the Fire Department's Annual Banquet and the food and band were very good.

Mayor Eddy advised Council that:

- the next meeting of the Police Advisory Board will be on May ^{24th} 27 at the Fire Hall and that it will be a joint meeting with the Annapolis County Police Advisory Board;
- E-Voting will be placed on the April Committee of the Whole Agenda;
- the regional meeting of the UNSM will take place on April 19, 2012;
- at the Fire Department Annual Banquet the federal and provincial governments recognized the volunteers and he asked CAO MacMurtry to research how other municipalities recognize their Fire Department volunteers.

12.04.12 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor D. Smith, seconded by Councillor Britney, that the Council adjourn as 9:22 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


SECRETARY