

A regular monthly meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, August 20, 2012, starting at 7:03 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.

Also in attendance was Kathy Leonard-Bayes.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

CAO MacMurtry advised the Committee that there were no changes or additions to the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Errington, that the minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting of July 16, 2012, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Bills

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor D. Smith, that Committee of the Whole recommends to Council, that Council approve the payment of bills for July 2012 in the amount of \$452,888.83 and August 2012 in the amount of \$488,744.86. Motion carried.

On question from Mayor Eddy regarding the status of the Canada Post unpaid invoices for false alarms, CAO MacMurtry advised Committee that he had talked to the staff at the Post Office and was that the Town could not deduct the invoices from their next mail-out billing. If the Town did not put postage on their mail, it would be returned to sender or placed in the persons' mailbox with a postage due notice. CAO MacMurtry will write a letter to the Regional Manager at Canada Post requesting that the overdue invoices for false alarms be paid.

CAO MacMurtry will prepare a quarterly report for Council on the amount of monies donated for the new community centre/firehall detailing the funds that the Town and the Fire Department have received. He will also ask the Fire Department to have a thermometer placed so that the people of Middleton can see how the fundraising is progressing.

4.2 Town Crier

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Errington, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council, that Peter Davies be appointed as the Town Crier for 2012/2013. Motion carried.

4.3 Valley Waste Resource Management – Temporary Borrowing Resolution

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Errington, seconded by Councillor Boates, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council, that Council approve to guarantee the Town of Middleton's share of the Valley Waste Resource Management's Capital Borrowing Requirements in the amount of \$10,507.00. Motion carried.

4.4 Pre-approval of Debenture Issuance Resolution

It was moved by Councillor D. Smith, seconded by Councillor Britney, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council, that Council pre-approve a debenture issuance resolution in the amount of one hundred ninety five thousand dollars (\$195,000.00), for a period not to exceed a ten-year term, and for an average interest rate not to exceed 5.5% for that term, with amounts to be used to finance the purchase of a loader for the Town's Public Works Department. Motion carried.

4.5 Borrowing Resolution – Sewer Treatment Plant and Sewer Lagoons

It was moved by Councillor D. Smith, seconded by Councillor Britney, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council, that Council approve a one-year renewal for a temporary borrowing resolution, TBR09/10-01, in the amount up to, but not exceeding \$3,870,000.00 to finance the sewage treatment plant upgrade and construction of sewer lagoons. Motion carried.

4.6 Ratification of Transfer to Surplus

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Boates, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council, that Council approve a transfer of \$352,720.82, as of March 31, 2012, to the Special Reserve Fund General Operating Account. Motion carried.

4.7 REMO – Changes to Peacetime Emergency Plan

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Errington, seconded by Councillor Boates, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council, that Council approve the changes made to the Regional Emergency Management Organization Peacetime Emergency Plan as presented. Motion carried.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS5.1 Management Reports

The Management Reports were circulated to all Committee members.

CAO MacMurtry advised Committee that on the subject of Transit:

- he had attended a meeting with Deputy Mayor Errington, Annapolis County and the Towns of Annapolis Royal and Bridgetown;
- based on discussions, Annapolis County will draft a final agreement, present it to their Council and then send it to the towns;
- to date we have not received the revised document;
- he will seek clarification with TMC Law regarding the Town's commitments with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

On question from Deputy Mayor Errington, CAO MacMurtry advised that the owner of the Mid Valley Motel has advised guests and staff not to feed the ducks and this has resulted in a reduction in the number of ducks on the property.

5.2 Planning Services Report

The Planning Services Report was circulated to all Committee members.

5.3 RCMP Reports

The RCMP reports for the months of June and July are available at Town Hall for review by Council members.

CAO MacMurtry will have a report prepared for Committee on the number of parking tickets issued and how many have been paid.

5.4 Ride in Your Riding

Councillor Britney has contacted Robin Tress at Bicycle Nova Scotia regarding organizing a "Ride in Our Riding" and will advise Committee when he has the information.

5.5 ADEDA Board Representative

CAO MacMurtry advised Committee that John Bartlett has given notice that he will finish his term in November 2012 and does not wish to reoffer. Committee agreed to wait on the appointment of another representative as Municipal Elections are taking place in October, the Federal Government is ending its funding and the Province is reviewing the Regional Development Agency model.

6. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor Britney advised the Committee that:

- may attend, if available, the public forum at the end of the month on shared service;
- the Emergency Room at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital has been closed again making this the fourth closure in August.

Committee agreed to have Councillor Britney follow up on the Emergency Room closures.

Councillor den Haan advised Committee that the Heart of the Valley Festival:

- is in the process of wrapping up;
- that they had good weather and good participation;
- that the Thursday night teenage event was not well attended and there may not be a Thursday event next year;
- is preparing a report to be submitted to Council;
- Yuk-Yuks event was very popular and a Yuk-Yuks' fundraiser is being planned for February.

Councillor Boates stated that:

- movie night was incredible and there was a good turnout;
- he has received positive feedback on the speed signs.

Councillor D. Smith also stated that movie night was well attended and had a fantastic atmosphere with children in pajamas and with their sleeping bags. He has asked Director of Recreation and Community Development Coolen about movies for different age groups and was informed that it will be tried next year.

Deputy Mayor Errington said she has had a number of good comments about the activities in the park and the Heart of the Valley Festival. There has been an increase in the number of skateboarders and Director of Recreation and Community Development Coolen has stated that a place for skateboarders will be addressed in next year's budget.

Councillor G. Smith is concerned about the Farmers' Market and that last Friday there were only four vendors. The Market has tried various activities such as a talent contest and bounce kingdom to attract more people. Picnic in the Park was cancelled on Sunday due to the weather and it was suggested that maybe someone should have been at the park advising people of the cancellation.

Mayor Eddy advised Committee that:

- the Seniors' Tea will be taking place on August 26;
- the Pentecostal Church in Middleton is celebrating the 50th anniversary of their establishment in the Town and invites the Town Council to the events starting on August 31;
- the Town has received a letter from the Canadian Auto Workers asking the Town speak up if they believe the Nova Scotia government needs to maintain a bus service within the Province.

Kathy Leonard-Bayes left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

7. IN-CAMERA

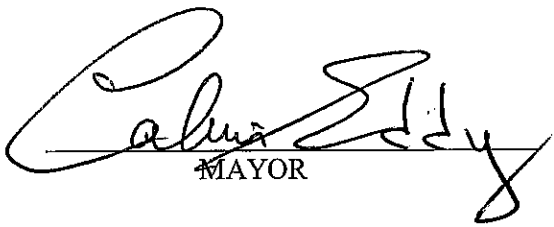
It was **moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Britney, that the Committee adjourn to in-camera at 8:40 p.m. to discuss litigation issues. Motion carried.**

Recording Secretary McAuley left the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

It was **moved by Councillor G. Smith, seconded by Councillor Boates, that Committee return to regular session at 9:37 p.m. Motion carried.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor D. Smith, seconded by Councillor M. Britney, that the Committee adjourn at 9:38 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY