

A regular monthly meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, February 18, 2013, starting at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Regrets: Councillor Marc Britney.

Also in attendance were Ross Maybee, General Manager, Valley Waste Resource Management and Constable Irene Clouter, RCMP.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. RCMP INTRODUCTION

CAO MacMurtry introduced Constable Irene Clouter who is a member of the local RCMP. Constable Clouter advised Committee of her background and that she is looking forward to working in the area. Mayor Eddy welcomed her to the community.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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

4. PRESENTATIONS**4.1 Valley Waste Resource Management – Ross Maybee, General Manager**

Ross Maybee, General Manager was in attendance to make a presentation to Committee on the Authority's 2013/14 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 overview of

Authority-owned facilities including the new Administration Building, budget process, key budget features, 2013-2014 budget highlights and budget approval recommendations. In addition, he advised the Committee that the Authority will not pursue establishment of a small wind turbine, has developed an investment policy and will maintain existing services levels and the operation of The Last ReSort Reuse Centre and provide additional enforcement support.

Mayor Eddy thanked Mr. Maybee for his information and presentation.

Ross Maybee and Constable Clouter left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

4.2 Fiber Options – Jeff Hanshaw, Custom Page Media and Consulting Inc.

CAO MacMurtry informed Committee that, due to the weather, Jeff Hanshaw was unable to attend the meeting and will be rescheduled.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Himmelman, that the minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting of January 21, 2013, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Valley Waste Resource Management – Approval of Draft Operating and Capital Budgets

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor den Haan, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council, that Council approve the December 19, 2012 draft Operating budget for the Valley Region Solid Waste Resource Management Authority of \$9,244,299.00, and the December 19, 2012 draft Capital budget for Valley Region Solid Waste Resource Management Authority of \$242,500.00 with the Town's share being \$128,115 for 2013/14. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Smith, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council, that Council approve to guarantee the Town of Middleton's share of the Valley Region Solid Waste Resource Management Authority borrowing in the amount of \$4,577.00. Motion carried.

6.2 Special Reserve Fund Withdrawal – Industrial Park Improvements

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Himmelman, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council, that Council authorize the withdrawal of \$11,236.74 from the Industrial Park Land Special Reserve Fund to cover the cost of improvements to Lots 6-11 (\$6,992.21) and signage (\$4,244.53). Motion carried.

6.3 Bills

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council, that Council approve the payment of the bills for February 2013 in the amount of \$462,664.12. Motion carried.

7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**7.1 Management Reports**

The Management Reports were circulated to all Committee members.

7.2 Planning Services Report – January 2013

The Planning Services Report for the month of January 2013 was circulated to all Committee members.

8. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor den Hann raised the concern about the taking down of the holiday banners as they are being destroyed by the wind. CAO MacMurtry will follow up on having them taken down.

Deputy Mayor Smith reminded Committee members of the meeting with the Middleton and Area Business Association on Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The "Meet and Greet" will be an opportunity to meet with the business community, gain input on how Council can help them and remind everyone that Council is available and willing to work with the business community.

Councillor Smith informed Committee that:

- people are very happy with the traffic lights;
- she has been receiving a lot of positive comments about the outdoor skating rink;
- people appreciate the signage board in front of Town Hall.

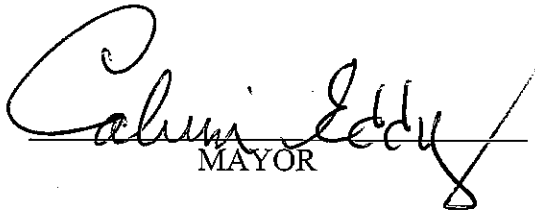
Councillor Himmelman reported that Valley Waste Resource Management is exploring leasing a portion of their property to a company that takes material destined for the landfill, destroys it using extreme heat and generates electricity which will be sold to NS Power. There is nothing emitted that will affect the environment and they are currently working on approvals through NS Environment. There will be no cost to the Authority and it will cut down on costs associated with hauling to the landfill in Chester.

Mayor Eddy asked Committee:

- to advise him if a member is interested in bringing greetings from the Town to the Hockey Nova Scotia PeeWee "AA" Female Championship opening ceremonies on March 22nd at the Berwick Apple Dome;
- to advise Jennifer and Jodie in the Recreation Department if they are interested in forming a Town of Middleton team for Relay for Life taking place on June 14, 2013.

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Boates, that the Committee adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY