

A regular monthly meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, April 15, 2013, starting at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Regrets: Mayor Calvin Eddy.

Also in attendance were Cpl. Barry Lannon, RCMP; Director of Recreation and Community Services, Jennifer Coolen; Administrative Assistant, Jodie Moase; Members of the Middleton Skate Park Committee, Chris Hiltz, Trevor Connell, Ben Morrison and seven other members and parents.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PRESENTATION**2.1 Middleton Skate Park – Trevor Connell & Chris Hiltz**

Ben Morrison, Chris Hiltz and Trevor Connell presented the Skate Park project to Committee, including an overview of:

- Who they are;
- Why a Skatepark in Middleton;
- What they have accomplished;
- The design, concept and proposed location;
- Where would the money come from and their financial proposal;
- Grant and fundraising breakdowns;
- Timeline;
- Future possibilities and future maintenance requirements;
- What they are requesting.

On questions from Committee, Chris Hiltz, Ben Morrison and Trevor Connell advised the Committee that:

- \$150,000 would cover the cost of the bowl and platform;
- two companies came, one from Vancouver and one from Saskatchewan, conducted area assessments and determined the proposed concept would be the best design;
- the proposed skate park is a good design, with more experienced riders using the bowl and beginners using the plaza sections;

- Centennial Park is a good location because it is out in the open and highly visible (problems arise when it is hidden);
- the Rotary Park would also be a good location.

The Skate Park Committee and parents left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Smith introduced Cpl. Lannon and welcomed him to Middleton. Cpl. Lannon gave a brief overview of his thirty-two years in policing in different jurisdictions, including Ottawa, Newfoundland, and Nova Scotia and advised Committee that his door is always open.

Cpl. Lannon left the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor den Haan, that the minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting of March 18, 2013, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Appointment: Western Regional Housing Authority

CAO MacMurtry advised Committee that Frances Lourie had served two terms with the Housing Authority and that she has agreed to a third term.

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor den Haan, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that Council recommend the re-appointment of Frances Lourie, for a three-year term, as the Town's Citizen-at-Large Representative on the Western Valley Regional Housing Authority to the Minister of Community Services. Motion carried.

5.2 Notice to Delete Policy # 1.21: Town Hall Rentals

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor Himmelman, that Committee of the Whole give notice of the deletion of Policy #1.21 – Town Hall Rentals. Motion carried.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Management Reports

The Management Reports were circulated to all Committee members.

Deputy Mayor Smith advised Committee that the Annapolis County Committee of the Whole voted 6-5 to recommend to Council not to join the Regional Enterprise Network (REN).

6.2 Planning Services Report – March 2013

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

Director of Recreation and Community Services Coolen and Administrative Assistant Moase left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

6.3 Regional Municipal Caucus: Discussion Items

Committee reviewed the notes from the Regional Municipal Caucus Meeting and determined that:

- The Town is participating in the *Declaration of Cooperation* for the proposed REN model, as the province has made it clear that the Regional Enterprise Network (REN) model will be the one funded, other models will not be funded and that projects submitted from the RENs will be funded over projects submitted from non-REN groups.
- The Town would be very interested in having the County fund the costs associated with recreation infrastructure in a more equitable manner.
- The Town will wait and see what the other municipal units are proposing.

7. MIDDLETON SKATE PARK

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor Boates, that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council, that Council agree in principal to the concept of a skate park in the near future and support the Middleton Skate Park Committee. Motion carried.

8. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor Britney informed Committee that a truck driver was unloading cars for Bruce Chevrolet Oldsmobile Limited causing the crossing guard to direct traffic and endanger the children in the crosswalk. CAO MacMurtry will contact Bruce Chevrolet Oldsmobile Limited on the matter and explore available options for the Town.

Deputy Mayor Smith reminded Committee that the:

- annual Flag Raising to celebrate Volunteer Week will take place on Monday, April 22, at Noon at Centennial Park;
- Volunteer Recognition Awards will take place on Wednesday, April 24.

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor Smith, that the Committee adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.


DEPUTY MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY