

A regular monthly meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, October 15, 2012, starting at 7:00 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; Director of Finance, Marianne Daine; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Regrets: Chief Administrative Officer, Clayton MacMurtry.

Also in attendance were Councillor-elect John Himmelman, Heather Frenette and Audrey Shields, Community Dialogue on Gambling.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PRESENTATION**

**2.1 Community Dialogue on Gambling – Heather Frenette & Audrey Shields**

Heather Frenette and Audrey Shields gave an overview of the results of the Community Dialogue on Gambling project including that:

- 6.1 % of the population of Nova Scotia is gambling at some level of risk for gambling harm and this translates to over 1,300 people in Annapolis County directly affected by their gambling and an additional 3, 600 indirectly affected;
- the goal of the project was to bring this conversation to the community level, increase the awareness of the health impact of gambling harms within our community, shift the focus of change off of the gambler and onto the wider community and to begin to seek local solutions;
- from March to June of this year meetings were held with municipal governments, church ministers, police officers, First Nations and the broader community;
- they found that the police, church leaders and family members and friends were most aware of gambling harm and how these harms can ripple through a community;
- some people and businesses are supporting VLT-free businesses;
- framing gambling harm as a health issue encourages municipalities to take an active role in determining which gambling products are available in their communities;
- there is great concern about our youth where one in five youth are gambling and developing patterns at a younger and younger age.

Heather Frenette and Audrey Shields left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Director of Finance, Marianne Daine advised the Committee that there were no changes or additions to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor D. Smith, seconded by Councillor Boates, that the minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting of September 17, 2012, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

5. ACTION ITEMS

Director of Finance, Marianne Daine advised the Committee that there were no action items.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Management Reports

The Management Reports were circulated to all Committee members.

Councillor Britney asked if a proposal had been submitted by IT Consultant Jeff Hanshaw and if it could be sent out to Council when CAO MacMurtry is back in the office.

Committee requested that:

- CAO MacMurtry or Director of Recreation and Community Services Coolen explore the cost of installing lighting in Rotary Park;
- an update on the delivery of the traffic light be emailed to them.

6.2 ADEDA Board Representative Report

The ADEDA Board Representative Report was circulated to all Committee members.

6.3 Planning Services Report

The Planning Services Report was circulated to all Committee members.

Recording Secretary McAuley advised Committee that as CAO MacMurtry could not attend the meeting, he had requested that the Planning Services Report on the period from November 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012 be tabled to the November meeting.

7. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor D. Smith stated that the Kings Transit minutes are now on their website, however, most of the minutes after January relating to discussions with Annapolis County are in-camera.

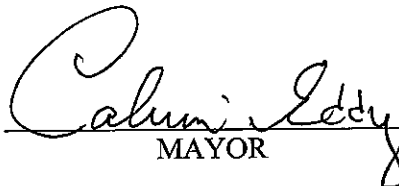
Committee would like to have a couple of members from the Annapolis Valley Health Authority attend a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss physician recruitment, relationship and communication with the Town and ER closures. It was suggested that we contact Digby regarding their recruitment process.

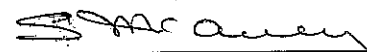
Deputy Mayor Errington stated that she had attended the grand opening of the new administration building for Valley Waste Resource Management and that she will be attending her last Board meeting this week.

Mayor Eddy advised that he had attended the grand opening of Phase 2 of Magee Drive.

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Britney, that the Committee adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried.

  
MAYOR

  
RECORDING SECRETARY