

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**Monday, June 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm**

A regular monthly meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Middleton Town Council was held in person, via ZOOM and on Facebook Live on Monday, June 3, 2024.

**PRESENT**

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Sylvester Atkinson; Deputy Mayor Gail Smith, Councilors John Bartlett, Michael Fairn (via ZOOM), Bernadette Knapp, and Gary Marshall; Chief Administrative Officer, Ashley Crocker, and Recording Secretary, Sara Marceau

Regrets: Councillor Chad LeBlanc

Also, in attendance were Rev. Jeff Milne, Nictaux Baptist Church, Laurie Emms, Geoff Agombar Bridgetown Sports Hub and one citizen.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**240603.01:** It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda, as amended. **Motion carried.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**240603.02:** It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes, as circulated. **Motion carried.**

**4. PROCLAMATIONS**

No Proclamations at this time.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**5.1 Nictaux Baptist Church – Inn from the Cold**

Rev. Jeff Milne gave a presentation on statistics from this year's Inn from the Cold program.

- In operation from February 20 to April 27, 2024, and opened 66 of a potential 68 nights. (two closures were necessary due to volunteer/scheduling issues)
- There were 26 different volunteers who gave their time overnight to make this possible
- 11 different guests used the shelter and had 166 overnight stays according to registrations

## **5.2 Bridgetown Sports Hub**

Laurie Emms gave a presentation on the Bridgetown Sports Hub.

- The Bridgetown Regional Outdoor Sports HUB (the HUB) is a collection of outdoor sports facilities. The HUB, built by the province, is owned by the Municipality of the County of Annapolis and is operated, maintained and promoted by ACOSS. ACOSS is negotiating an agreement with the Annapolis Valley Regional Education Center (AVREC) related to the School Soccer Pitch and the School Beach Volleyball Court.
- The HUB contains three Soccer Pitches, a complete Track and Field component, two tennis courts, and a Beach Volleyball Court.
- The HUB is fully accessible. The HUB has a Canteen Building that also contains three fully accessible washrooms.
- ACOSS is the Annapolis County Outdoor Sports Society. ACOSS was formed to operate, maintain and promote the Bridgetown Regional Outdoor Sports HUB (the HUB). The HUB belongs to the Municipality of the County of Annapolis. ACOSS has a five-year agreement with the County to look after the HUB.

## **6. ANYTHING BY CITIZENS**

Citizen Beth Hughes brought forward a few questions via email.

CAO Crocker and Executive Assistant Marceau are working on drafting a response to Mrs. Hughes.

## **7. ACTION ITEMS**

No action items to discuss.

## **8. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- CAO Crocker gave an overview of the Dangerous and Unsightly Status Report for May 2024.
- CAO Crocker stated there have been quite a few complaints about rats. Any rat complaints because of garbage should go to the Valley Waste Bylaw Officer.
- Brief discussion around Citizen Hughes question about putting their garbage out up to three weeks early.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to be reviewed.

10. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

- Deputy Mayor Smith mentioned there is a manhole cover missing on King Street. There was a pylon and then there wasn't. CAO Crocker will email Director of Public Works Verran to make sure they're aware of the situation.
- Councillor Marshall thanked the Recreation Department and Public Works for getting the "Welcome to Middleton" signs back up and mentioned the signs could use a little refresher of paint. CAO Crocker will pass along this information to Director of Public Works Verran.
- Councillor Marshall asked when line painting is going to start. CAO Crocker will follow up with Director of Public Works Verran.
- Councillor Bartlett is happy to see that Canada Post has finally completed their wheelchair accessible ramp. Councillor Bartlett was also voted in as the Vice Chair of the Valley Ren Liaison Oversight Committee (LOC).

11. ADJOURNMENT

**240603.03: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried.**

  
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MAYOR

  
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RECORDING SECRETARY