

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

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 Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

### **PRESENT**

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Sylvester Atkinson; Councillors John Bartlett (via ZOOM), Michael Fairn, Bernadette Knapp, Chad LeBlanc and Gary Marshall; Chief Administrative Officer, Ashley Crocker; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Gail Smith.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Atkinson called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**240402.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda, as circulated. Motion carried.**

#### **3. PROCLAMATION**

##### **3.1 Volunteer Week**

Mayor Atkinson proclaimed April 14 – 20 as Volunteer Week in the Town of Middleton.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**240402.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 4, 2024, be approved, as circulated. Motion carried.**

#### **5. ANYTHING BY CITIZENS**

CAO Crocker informed Committee that there were no questions/comments/concerns nor ideas submitted prior to the meeting for Committee to review and answer at this time.

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### 6. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

### 7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 7.1 Dangerous and Unsightly Status Report for March 2024

CAO Crocker informed Committee:

- the Town has received a request for an extension to the order on the Victoria Street property;
- work is progressing and an extension will be issued.

### 8. CORRESPONDENCE

#### 8.1 Letter from Minister Lohr – New EMO Department

A letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the creation of a new EMO Department.

CAO Crocker advised Committee that the Town also received confirmation that the Service Exchange Agreement between the Province and the municipal units has been signed. With this agreement, the Town will no longer be responsible for expenses associated with regional housing and corrections, and in exchange, our equalization grant from the province will reduce slightly (but not for 5 years).

### 9. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

On questions from Committee, CAO Crocker informed the Committee:

- the entrance signs on Bridge Street and the east end of Town are missing and the cost for replacements will be placed in this year's budget;
- staff will look into having the sign near TRA repainted;
- staff will review any policies/procedures regarding how Council members welcome new businesses to Town (staff always welcome new businesses);
- the mobile speed signs are being moved around Town;
- the wet spot in front of 136 Main Street has been there for a number of years and public works dug it up in the past and found it is naturally occurring and there was no cause for concern at that time.

10. ADJOURNMENT

240402.03: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried.

  
MAYOR

  
RECORDING SECRETARY