

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Monday, March 3, 2025, 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, March 3, 2025.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Gail Smith; Deputy Mayor Gary Marshall, Councilors John Bartlett, Dan Smith, Bernadette Knapp, Jonathan Archibald and Sandra Fournier; Chief Administrative Officer, Ashley Crocker, and Recording Secretary, Sara Marceau

Also in attendance: Tara Balcome, Kelley Doucette (left at 7:24pm), Gerry Isenor and Blaine Rooney (left at 8:00pm)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

250303.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda, as circulated. **Motion carried.**

3. PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Smith read aloud the proclamation and proclaimed March 26, 2025, as Epilepsy Awareness Day in the Town of Middleton

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2025

No errors or omissions were noted, and the minutes were considered approved.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Middleton Pool Society

Tara Balcome and Kelley Doucette from the Middleton Pool Society gave a presentation. Some key take aways from 2024 were:

- Operated 7 days a week

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- Partnered with Family Matters, School Plus, Annapolis County Children's Foundation, Activities Communities Fund for various programming
- AKHK Grant allowed to give free youth swims
- Operated a profitable canteen throughout the summer
- Started accepting credit and debit card payments through square
- Opened for school swimming on June 17th

5.2 Middleton Water Utility Rate Study

Gerry Isenor and Blaine Rooney provided a high-level overview of the Middleton Water Utility Rate Study.

Councillor Archibald asked how the new apartment building would be affected and whether having more customers in Middleton would lower costs for residents.

6. ANYTHING BY CITIZENS

Nothing to report.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 RFD 011-2025 Middleton Water Utility Rate Study

CAO Crocker gave a brief overview of RFD 011-2025 Middleton Water Utility Rate Study.

250303.02 It was moved and seconded that the Town of Middleton apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for changes in its rates for water and water service, fire protection to the Town of Middleton and Annapolis County and changes to its rules and regulations for customer served by the Middleton Water Utility, as set out in the water rate study prepared by G.A. Isenor Consulting Limited in association with Blaine S. Rooney Consulting Limited. **Motion carried.**

7.2 RFD 012-2025 Dangerous and Unsightly, 50 School Street

CAO Crocker gave a brief overview of 50 School Street, Dangerous and Unsightly.

There was some discussion about how placing a lien on the property would work and how the Town would ensure they recover their money. CAO will follow up with legal.

250303.03 It was moved and seconded that Town Council authorize the cleanup of 50 School Street in accordance with the Municipal Government Act Part XV: Dangerous or Unsightly Premises costing approximately \$52,000 plus HST. **Motion carried.**

8. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Dangerous and Unsightly Status Report as of February 2025

CAO Crocker mentioned that 82 Victoria has been inspected by the Administrators and all the engineers' recommendations have been completed. The file is now with the Building Inspectors.

8.2 Community Concerns/Complaints for February 2025

CAO Crocker gave a brief overview of the Community Concerns/Complaints for February 2025.

Councillor Archibald inquired whether thicker gravel could be added to the potholes around town. CAO Crocker has already reviewed the matter with the Director of Public Works, and unfortunately, no action can be taken until Spring.

8.3 2024-25 Capital Projects Update

CAO Crocker gave a brief overview of the 2024-25 Capital Project Updates.

9. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor Fournier asked if the information kiosks are being removed. CAO Crocker responded that they are not being removed, but sometimes the locks freeze over winter and staff are unable to access them.

Deputy Mayor Marshall noted that the crosswalk lights near Tim Horton's are not working.

Councillor Smith extended birthday wishes to his father.

Councillor Archibald reported that some of the concrete filling the gaps between the bricks on the sidewalks is becoming loose.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY