

A regular monthly meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, June 6, 2016, starting at 7: 04 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Calvin Eddy; Deputy Mayor Dan Smith; Councillors Darren Boates, Gail Smith, and Marc Britney; Chief Administrative Officer, Rachel Turner; Director of Finance, Marianne Daine; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Regrets: Councillor Melinda den Haan.

Also in attendance were: Director of Recreation and Community Services, Jennifer Coolen; Frances Lourie, Western Regional Housing Authority; Beth Patillo & Mike Trinacty, Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition; and four (4) citizens.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eddy called the meeting to order at 7: 04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

160606.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda, as circulated. Motion carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Frances Lourie – Western Regional Housing Authority

Frances Lourie provided Committee with an overview of her responsibilities as a member of the Western Regional Housing Authority Board. She has been a member since 2007, her term will be ending in November of 2016 and she is requesting that the Town recommend to the Minister of Community Services that she be re-appointed for an additional three year term.

160606.02: It was moved and seconded that Council recommend to the Minister of Community Services 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. Motion carried.

Frances Lourie left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

3.2 Beth Patillo and Mike Trinacty – Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition

Mike Trinacty provided Committee with an overview of the Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition including the:

- purpose, membership and board structure;
- various types of trails;
- trail status in 2015-2016;
- services provided;
- Town of Middleton partnership;
- Destination Trail Project (Harvest Moon Trailway);
- Destination Trail Signage Project;
- focus for 2016-2017.

Beth Patillo, Mike Trinacty and Jennifer Coolen left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**4.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 2, 2016**

160606.03: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 02, 2016 be approved, as circulated. Motion carried.

4.2 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting – June 1, 2016

160606.04: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting of June 01, 2016 be approved, as circulated. Motion carried.

5. ACTION ITEMS**5.1 RFD 016-2016: Permit to Keep Horses**

The Committee reviewed an application by Codi Cole to keep two (2) horses at a property located at 122 Main Street:

- applications in the past have been approved and the Town has not had any complaints;
- the application includes letters of support from surrounding/adjacent property owners;
- one letter was received from an adjacent property owner indicating concerns around odour, cleanliness, rodents and how concerns will be addressed if they become problematic;
- one verbal concern was received from an adjacent property owner regarding the process which puts neighbours at cross purposes and potential conflict when overall land use planning is a Council responsibility.

Walter and Diane Crocker informed Committee that they had submitted a letter of concern and had concerns regarding:

- odours,
- rodents,
- building codes being met;
- the potential impact on the value of their property;
- the process for monitoring the horses and addressing complaints regarding odours and rodents;
- when problems arise during the year, it will be much more complicated to not renew the permit in a year as the applicant will have invested time and money in the property and it would not be fair to the applicant.

Applicant Codi Cole stated:

- the site plan shows that the barn will be 50 metres from neighbouring houses and that can be changed to 100 metres to ensure the neighbours are comfortable with the location;
- the site plan shows that manure will be a minimum 75 metres from neighbouring houses and that can be changed to 150 metres if it will ensure the neighbours are comfortable with the location;
- the manure will be removed quarterly or more often if required;
- a three string electric fence with pressure treated wood will be used to ensure the horses will not be able to wander onto adjacent properties;
- six acres will be cleared ensuring the horses will have plenty of room to roam and will not be visible to the adjacent property owners most of the time;
- the feed will be stored in the barn in metal tubes so it will not attract rodents;
- she wants the neighbouring property owners to be comfortable with what is being done.

CAO Turner stated that if concerns arise during the year the Town will be involved and will work with the neighbours and property owner to address the issues.

Councillor Britney stated that the permit should be approved as the Town has:

- a Land Use Bylaw that allows horses in a residential zone;
- a Farm Animals and Domestic Fowl Bylaw that permits horses in the Town with Council approval;
- a policy to address issues that arise and gives Council the ability to not renew the permit.

Committee also agreed to review the bylaws and policies to determine if changes are required.

160606.05: It was moved and seconded to recommend that Council approve the permit to allow two (2) horses to be kept at 122 Main Street. Motion carried.

Codi Cole, Mr. Cole, Walter Crocker and Diane Crocker left the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

5.2 Appointment: Middleton Fire Department

160606.06: It was moved and seconded, on recommendation of the Middleton Fire Department, that Council appoint Dustin MacNeil as a member of the Middleton Fire Department. Motion carried.

5.3 Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce: Independent Study of Governance

Committee reviewed the letter submitted by the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce (AVCC) which encourages municipal units to move forward with developing the terms of reference for an independent study of governance that will examine all the options available to produce the most efficient governance model.

Committee agreed that they would send a thank-you letter to the AVCC stating that the citizens of Middleton have not requested a change in governance model and they do not have a mandate from their citizens to pursue such an endeavour.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**6.1 Accounting Activities Report – May 2016**

The Accounting Activities Report for the month of May 2016 was circulated to all Committee members.

7. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

On questions from Committee, CAO Turner informed Committee that the Splash Pad would be opening in the near future and the brush at Riverside Park will be cleaned up.

Mayor Eddy reminded Committee of the following events:

- Decoration of the Graves on June 12 at 7 p.m.;
- Planning Services Public Advisory Panel meeting on June 13 at 7 p.m.;
- Police Advisory Board Meeting on June 14 at 6:30 p.m.;
- Relay for Life on June 18 at 6 p.m. at the Rink;
- Council Meeting on June 20 at 7 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

160606.07: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried.



MAYOR



RECORDING SECRETARY