

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, April 18, 2016, starting at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Regrets: Councillors Darren Boates, John Himmelman and Marc Britney.

Also in attendance was Dick den Haan, Heart of the Valley Festival Committee.

16.04.01 CALL TO ORDER

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

16.04.02 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

160418.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

16.04.03 PROCLAMATION

.01 Emergency Preparedness Week

Mayor Eddy proclaimed May 1st to 7th, 2016 as Emergency Preparedness Week in the Town of Middleton.

16.04.04 PRESENTATIONS

.01 Heart of the Valley Festival Committee

Dick den Haan, Heart of the Valley Festival (HOVF) Committee informed Council that this year the HOVF will:

- take place from July 15–17 with the theme “Middleton in Action”;
- have activities focusing on youth, sports and being active;
- eliminate the gate fees and move the fireworks to Saturday night;
- continue to have the Yuk-Yuk comedy festival on Friday night with four comedians followed by a band;
- center the activities on Saturday with an expanded beach volleyball tournament, wacky Olympics for children, junior strongman competition, expanded street festival, a circus, the parade and the Firemen’s BBQ;
- continue to have some events on Sunday including the church service, ball tournament and car show;
- soon have the website and social media updated with the new information.

The Committee will submit its financial statements and is requesting an operating grant from the Town, for the same amount as 2015, of \$7,500.00.

16.04.05 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

160418.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 21, 2016 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

16.04.06 NEW BUSINESS**.01 Committee of the Whole Recommendations****a. Approval of the ½ of Operating Budget**

160418.03: It was moved and seconded that Council approve one-half of the Operating Budget for 2016-17, in the amount of \$1,957,455.00, for the purpose of providing spending authority in the new fiscal year. Motion carried.

b. RFD 009-2016: Routine Access Policy

160418.04: It was moved and seconded that Council approve *Policy # A.5.4 - Routine Access Policy*, as presented. Motion carried.

160418.05: It was moved and seconded that Council repeal *Policy #A.5.2 Search of Old Records – Fees*, as presented. Motion carried.

160418.06: It was moved and seconded that Council amend *Policy #A.1.3 - Fees*, as presented. Motion carried.

.02 Sidewalk Café Bylaw – 2nd Reading and Passing

160418.07: It was moved and seconded that Council give second reading and passing of *Chapter 10 – Sidewalk Café Bylaw*, as presented. Motion carried.

.03 RFD 010 – Municipal Election

160418.08: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the change in the company contracted under the HRM Bulk Purchasing Tender to provide e-voting services from Intelivote to ScytI. Motion carried.

160418.09: It was moved and seconded that Council authorize the use of the permanent voters' list for the Province of Nova Scotia as the method used for the establishment of the preliminary list of electors along with entering into the necessary agreement with Elections Nova Scotia. Motion carried.

.04 Veterans Service Recognition Books Project (Discussion)

Council supports community groups through the Annual Grant program and agreed not to support these types of initiatives.

.05 UNSM Spring Conference

Councillor Himmelman will attend the UNSM Spring Conference. CAO Turner with contact Councillors Boates and Britney to determine if they are also interested in attending the conference.

16.04.07 REPORTS**.01 Management**

The Management Reports were circulated to all Council members.

.02 Planning Services – March 2016

The Planning Services Report for the month of March 2016 was circulated to all Council members.

.03 RCMP – January 1 to March 31, 2016

The RCMP Report for the period of January 1 to March 31, 2016 was circulated to all Council members.

.04 Planning Services Public Advisory Panel

Deputy Mayor Smith updated Council on the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw Plan Review including timelines and proposed changes.

.05 Valley Waste Resource Management (VWRM)

Councillor Himmelman tabled his report for the month of March 2016.

.06 Mayor

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of March 2016.

16.04.08 CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence for the month of March has been circulated to all Council members and posted on SharePoint.

16.04.09 ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Mayor Eddy updated Council on the status of the Legacy 2017 funding application:

- Four million dollars has been earmarked for the 2017 Celebrations in Nova Scotia with approximately four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) being our region of the province.
- The members are determining next steps as the amount allocated to our region will not cover the cost of the Legacy 2017 project.

Mayor Eddy reminded Council of the following events:

- the Annapolis Partnership Steering Committee on April 20 to discuss recreation;
- the Planning Services Public Advisory Panel on April 25;
- the Valley Regional Enterprise Network on April 28 in Windsor;
- Council meeting on May 2.

16.04.10 ADJOURNMENT

160418.10: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY