

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, starting at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Sylvester Atkinson; Deputy Mayor Gail Smith; Councillors Melinda den Haan, Michael Fairn, Clayton MacMurtry, Gary Marshall, and Brad Reid; Chief Administrative Officer, Rachel Turner; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Regrets: Director of Finance, Marianne Daine.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

170221.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

170221.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 23, 2017 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. Committee of the Whole Recommendations

a. Appointment – Middleton Fire Department

170221.03: It was moved and seconded, on recommendation of the Middleton Fire Department, that Council appoint Jason J. Warrington as a member of the Middleton Fire Department. Motion carried.

b. Special Reserve Fund Borrowing

170221.04: It was moved and seconded that Council authorize the borrowing of \$35,537.52 from the Land Sale Proceeds Elementary School Reserve Fund, with repayment over a five year term, at an annual interest rate of 1.68%, to finance the purchase of a 2017 Ford F250 4x4 truck. Motion carried.

170221.05: It was moved and seconded that Council authorize the borrowing of \$20,000 from the Industrial Park Land Reserve Fund, with repayment over a five year term, at an annual interest rate of 1.68% to finance the Town's portion of the purchase of four air packs. Motion carried.

c. RFD 001-2017: Reallocation of capital Funding – Speed Signs

170221.06: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the reallocation of capital funding to enable the purchase of two speed signs. Motion carried.

d. Industrial Park Taxation

170221.07: It was moved and seconded that Council direct staff to apply the Middleton Industrial Park Taxation Rate to PID 05267174 located in the Middleton Industrial Park for the 2017-18 taxation year. Motion carried.

4.2. RFD 002-2017: Domestic Fowl

CAO Turner informed Council:

- the policy states that the applicant shall supply letters from neighbouring residents stating that they have no objections to the application;
- the current process may and has caused problems between neighbours;
- the issue of having farm animals and domestic fowl within Town limits has been referred to the Planning Services Public Advisory Panel to be reviewed during the Municipal Planning Strategy Review;
- in the interim, it is suggested that the Town send the letter to the neighbouring residents asking if there are objections to there being chickens on the property.

170221.08: It was moved and seconded, that Council instruct staff to write the necessary letters to potential neighbours to determine support of the domestic fowl application. Motion carried.

4.3. Strategic Priorities – 2017

170221.09: It was moved and seconded that Council adopt the Strategic Priorities 2017 as circulated. Motion carried.

5. REPORTS5.1. Planning Services – January 2017

The Planning Services Report for the month of January 2017 was circulated to all Council members.

5.2. Valley Waste-Resource Management (VWRM)

The Valley Waste-Resource Management Report for the month of February 2017 was circulated to all Council members.

5.3. Mayor

Mayor Atkinson tabled his report for the month of February 2017.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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

7. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

On request from Council, Recording Secretary McAuley will place all information (studies, site plans, drawings, etc.) relating to the new fire hall on SharePoint.

On questions from Council, CAO Turner stated:

- the sewer project for Main Street slated for this year will be pushed back to a later date and the engineering of the project has to be completed;
- the cost of the clean-up on the School Street property will be placed on their tax bill;
- the clearing of snow from the fire escapes for the Town and Library has been dealt with;
- the application for funding for the Legacy 150 project has been declined by the federal government.

Council agreed that Mayor Atkinson should attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference in Ottawa and instructed staff to include the cost in the 2017-18 budget.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

170221.10: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved by Council Motion 170320.02, March 20, 2017.