

A regular monthly meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, January 4, 2016, starting at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

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

Also in attendance was Andrew Garrett, Valley Waste-Resource Management.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**160104.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda, as circulated. Motion carried.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**160104.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 16, 2015 be approved, as circulated. Motion carried.**

**4. PRESENTATION****4.1 Valley Waste-Resource Management (VWRM) – Andrew Garrett**

Andrew Garrett, Communications Manager at VWRM, provided an overview to Committee on the Authority's 2016/17 draft operating and capital budgets including:

- a 3% decrease over 2015-2016 partner share requirement levels;
- the return of an estimated surplus of \$676,000 to partners due to increases in revenue from tipping fees, diversion credit funding, dairy agreement funding and residuals disposal, and savings associated with fuel and landfill expenses;
- maintaining current levels of programs and services;
- addressing the results of the recently completed Organizational Review;
- the Authority's Long-Term Capital Plan;
- the revenue from the wind turbine energy production.

Andrew Garrett left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

**5. ACTION ITEMS****5.1 Valley Waste - Resource Management Draft Budget – 2016-2017**

**160104.03:** It was moved and seconded to recommend that Council approve the November 19, 2015, draft 2016-2017 operating budget for the Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority of \$10,302,256.00, with the Town's share being \$146,074 for 2016/17. Motion carried.

**160104.04:** It was moved and seconded to recommend that Council approve the November 19, 2015, draft 2016-2017 Capital budget for Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority of \$440,400, with the Town's share being \$7,820.00 for 2016/17. Motion carried.

**5.2 RFD 001-2016: Fire Department Donations Policy**

**160104.05:** It was moved and seconded to recommend that Council amend *Policy F.1.2 Donations - Fire Department*, as presented. Motion carried.

**5.3 RFD 002-2016: Electronic Voting**

**160104.06:** It was moved and seconded, to recommend that Council approve the development of a bylaw authorizing voters to vote electronically in the 2016 municipal election; and further that Intelivote Systems Inc. be contracted under the HRM Bulk Purchasing Tender to provide e-voting services. Motion carried.

**6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS****6.1 Accounting Activities Reports – November & December 2015**

The Accounting Activities Reports for the months of November and December 2015 were circulated to all Committee members.

**7. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS**

Deputy Mayor Smith and Councillor Himmelman raised concerns regarding snow removal:

- piles of snow behind the Pharmacy have reduced the number of available parking spaces;
- snow from the clearing of parking lots and driveways is being pushed onto public streets.

CAO Turner will follow-up on the concerns raised.

Mayor Eddy reminded Committee of the following events:

- a visit by Minister Churchill on January 12;
- Council Meeting on January 18.

8. ADJOURNMENT

160104.07: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

  
MAYOR

  
RECORDING SECRETARY