

A Special Town of Middleton Council Meeting was held at the Town Hall, via Zoom and Facebook Live on Monday, July 29, 2024, starting at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Sylvester Atkinson; Deputy Mayor Gail Smith, Councillors John Bartlett, Michael Fairn (via ZOOM), Bernadette Knapp, Chad Leblanc and Gary Marshall; Chief Administrative Officer, Ashley Crocker and Recording Secretary, Sara Marceau.

Also in attendance were: Three (3) citizens

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Atkinson called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

240729.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda, as circulated. **Motion carried.**

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 RFD 039-2024 Approval of the 2024-2025 Operating Budget

240729.02: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the 2024-2025 Operating Budget as presented, with total expenditures of \$4,388,614. **Motion carried.**

240729.03: It was moved and seconded that Council approve the estimates that the sum required for the lawful purposes of the Town for the year 2024-2025, after crediting probable revenues from all sources, other than the rates for the year, is the sum of \$4,388,614 and;

That Town Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a rate for the current year of \$4.300 per \$100 on the value of the property assessed in the assessment roll as Commercial property and Business Occupancy and \$1.820 per \$100 on the value of the property assessed in the assessment roll as Residential and Resource property, the rate of \$3.14 per acre for property assessed in the assessment roll as Farm Acreage, and the rate of \$3.23 per \$100 on the value of the property assessed in the assessment roll as Seasonal Tourist Businesses, and a sewer service charge of a flat fee of \$250 plus an additional rate of \$0.13 per \$100 on the value of the property assessed in the assessment roll as taxable Residential and Commercial property on which any building is connected to the sewage system of the Town, and a fire protection (hydrant) rate of \$0.13 per \$100 on the value of all properties assessed in the assessment roll, these being the rates the Council deems sufficient to raise the sum to defray the expenditures of the Town for the current year and;

That the rates and taxes be due and payable the last business day of September 2024 and;

That an interest rate of 24% per annum, compounded, be charged on the 2024-2025 final tax bills still outstanding after the last business day of September 2024 and;

That a sewer usage rate of \$0.901 per one cubic meter of water consumed by tax exempt properties, which are not paying full grants in lieu of taxation, be levied in accordance with the Sewer Service Charge Bylaw for the year 2024-2025. **Motion carried.**

3.2 RFD 040-2024 Approval of the 2024-2025 Capital Budget

240729.04 It was moved and seconded that Council approve the 2024-2025 Capital Budget for Town General and Water in the amount of \$1,857,200 as presented. **Motion carried.**

240729.05 It was moved and seconded that Council approve the five-year Town General Capital budget for the years 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28, and 2028/29 in the amount of \$7,443,051. **Motion carried.**

240729.06 It was moved and seconded that Council approve the five-year Capital budget for the Middleton Water Utility for the years 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 in the amount of \$8,569,258. **Motion carried.**

240729.07 It was moved and seconded that Council approve the presentation of the five-year Capital Budget for years 2024-2025 to 2028-2029 in the amount of \$16,012,309, and direct staff to file the Five-Year Capital Investment Plan with the province. **Motion carried.**

3.3 RFD 041-2024 Approval of the 2024-2025 Water Budgets

240729.08 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Middleton Water Utility Operating budgets for the years 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27, with planned expenditure amounts of \$842,830, \$833,761 and \$1,155,145 respectively, and projecting no annual surpluses or deficits, be approved. **Motion carried.**

3.4 RFD 037-2024 Appointment List Update

240729.09 That Council, on recommendation from the CAO and Chair of the Source Water Protection Advisory Committee, appoint Bryson Crowell as a member of the Source Water Protection Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

240729.10 That Council approve the 2024-25 Appointment List, as presented. **Motion carried.**

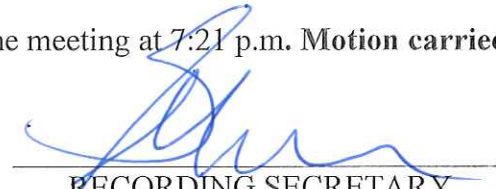
3.5 RFD 038-2024 Forecasting Policy

240729.11 That Council, on recommendation from the CAO, approves the new Budgeting, Financial Forecasting and Capital Expenditure Policy. **Motion carried.**

4. ADJOURNMENT

240729.12: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. **Motion carried.**


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY

