

### **Mid-Year Project Updates**

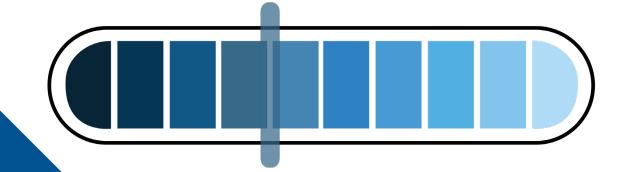
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#### **Overview**

- An update on some of the significant corporate-wide projects currently underway.
- Each on-going project enhances the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the County and supports positive outcomes for our communities.



# Economic Development Corporation Strategy



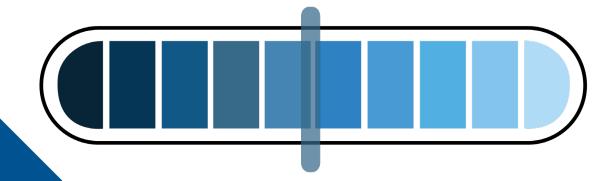
- Consideration of the establishment of an arm's length Middlesex Economic Development Corporation (EDC) as the vehicle to deliver a robust enhanced regional economic development service to the benefit of all local municipalities and the County.
- RFP awarded to urbanMetrics,
- Kick-off Meeting completed
- Work plan approved
- Presentation of final plan for consideration September 2024



#### Development Charges Background Study

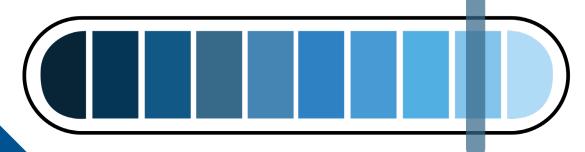
- Middlesex County Development Charges Background Study complete.
- Development Charges Public Meeting scheduled for June 26, 2024
- Development Charges By-law consideration scheduled for July 16, 2024
- The process supports the evaluation of all available revenue generation tools.





## **Asset Management Plan**

- Facility Audits RFP awarded in April 2024
- Facility engineer assessments 50% complete
- Facility Audits Reports to staff June 2024
- Middlesex County Asset Management Plan to Council August – September 2024
- The Middlesex County Asset Management Plan will support optimal use of resources, and informed decisions regarding the maintenance, renewal, and replacement of infrastructure assets middlesex



## ITS System Enhancements

- The ITS Department is continuing to enhance the County's cyber security program.
- Through the expansion of cyber training programs and the addition of new security software and technologies ITS is working to mitigate cyber risks.
- The ITS Department is also expanding their hosted server offering for the local municipalities.
- This program allows the County to recover costs associated with infrastructure investments while allowing the local municipalities to leverage economies of scale to minimize budget impact.

## Middlesex County Dashboards

- Middlesex County Dashboard Initiative will have three phases providing enhanced access to existing financial and statistical information:
- Phase 1 Current & Historical (10 Years) Budget
   Data (<u>Middlesex County OpenBook</u>)
- Phase 2 Current Budget Variance Data
- Phase 3 County Service Area Statistical Performance Data
- The new dashboards provide an easy-tounderstand, visual representation of Middlesex County's budget data, enhancing transparency and fostering trust with residents.

# Middlesex County Strategic Plan Update

- Update announced by Warden DeViet at 2024
   Middlesex Municipal Day
- Report to Council at the June 25, 2024, County Council meeting seeking direction
- Staff are refining statistical data from the 2021-2024 Middlesex County Strategic Plan – The Middlesex Initiative
- New Strategic Plan to have more objective key performance indicators



# Middlesex County Service Area Reviews

- Steady progress in continuous service area reviews, focusing on optimizing operations at service outcomes
- Current efforts allocated to Strathmere Lodge and the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service (MLPS)
   Business Structures.
- Advancing rollout of Laserfiche AP 2.0 and Phase
   2 UKG Workforce Management Initiatives
- These technological enhancements will support further review and optimization of service and outcomes

# Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) Agreements

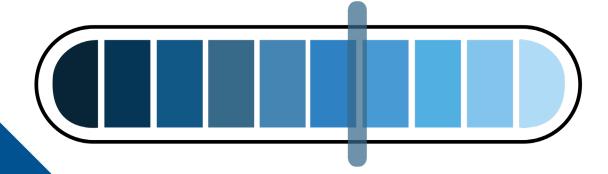
- Middlesex County's Consolidated Municipal Service Management (CMSM) agreements with the City of London facilitate the collaborative delivery of vital social services, including housing, childcare, social assistance and land ambulance
- Agreements Term: January 1, 2018 December 31, 2025
- Negotiation Period January 1, 2025 and March 31, 2025





#### **2025 Budget**

- The 2025 Middlesex County Budget process will continue to build on the 2024 Budget
  - Dates will be set within the next three weeks for delivery dates and Budget Committee meeting dates.
  - Middlesex County Budget 2025 will continue to enhance the objective, data driven approach to financial information presentations
- New Dashboards, and updated Variance Reports will provide additional accountability and transparency to the budget



# Modernization & Digitization Initiatives

- To align administrative records and practices with the progressive and decentralized structure of Middlesex County, the entire Legislative Services Department has been digitized.
- Minutes, By-laws and other documents dating back to 1840's are generally full text searchable
- Planning & Development will be next to commence transition
- This provides significant organizational memory to inform future decision making
- Reduces storage requirements

### Questions



