MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 1:00 PM
Middlesex County Building
399 Ridout Street North, London

Members Present
Warden Burghardt-Jesson
Councillor Brennan
Councillor Clarke
Councillor DeViet
Councillor Grantham
Councillor Mayhew
Councillor McMillan
Councillor McGuire
Councillor Ropp
Councillor Smibert

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WARDEN'S REMARKS

Warden Burghardt-Jesson called the meeting to order at 1:27om.

Warden Burghardt-Jesson addressed Council as follows:

"*We acknowledge that the land we stand upon today is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Add-a-won-da-run), Anishinabeg (Ah-nish-in-a-beg), Haudenosaunee (Hoden-oh-show-nee), and Lunaapeewak (Len-ahpay-wuk) peoples who have long standing relationships to the land, water and region of Southwestern Ontario. The local First Nation communities of this area include Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames First Nation, and Munsee-Delaware Nation. The Middlesex County Building is on a land within the areas of Treaties 21 and 29 and the London Township Treaty 6. We value the significant contributions, both in the past and the present of local and regional first nations of Turtle Island. We acknowledge historic and ongoing injustices that indigenous peoples endure in Canada and we affirm our commitment to honouring indigenous voices, nations and cultures, and to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.*

It's hard to believe it is already the middle of February. February is a short month, but a meaningful one. We recognize this month as Black History Month.

This year the theme is "Ours to tell." The theme represents not only an opportunity to engage in open dialogue, but also allows for a commitment to learning more about the stories Black communities in Canada have to tell about their histories, successes, sacrifices and of course triumphs. In Middlesex there are many such stories. I do hope you take the opportunity to participate, engage and commit during one of the many events in Middlesex this month celebrating Black History Month.

February is also Heart Month. Did you know that most Canadians have at least one risk factor of heart disease or stroke? It's important that we understand the warning signs of these conditions. Recognizing the signs and responding immediately significantly increased the chance of survival and recovery. Our Cardiovascular health is heavily influenced by our physical and social environment. Our lifestyle choices, have a major impact on the overall health of our hearts. Make changes to your lifestyle where appropriate. The Heart and Stroke Foundation raises awareness around the importance of cardiovascular health. Their website and local office offer resources to support you as you choose to treat your heart with kindness.

I cannot let today pass without recognizing the passing of Hazel McCallion. Today she is being laid to rest. There has been no shortage of coverage and remembrance of McCallion. On behalf of the County we have expressed and shared our condolences. Some of us around this horseshoe have had the privilege of having met her. Meeting here today officially, I do think her career and contribution to Mississauga, our Province and I would go as far to say our Country does deserve a few minutes of reflection.

Hazel McCallion was a force, there is no doubt about it…you don't get a nickname like Hurricane Hazel for no reason! She should be an inspiration to all, to young girls and women she broke glass ceilings at a time when it was difficult to do so, to seniors…well she certainly showed everyone, that age should never be an excuse to slow you down or not to contribute! To men, she showed that she had a valuable voice and she could work with anyone.

Hazel was famous for some great quotes…I'll leave you with a couple, that I hope will inspire you as she has inspired me. I daresay, we will never see the likes of her again around an elected table.

"I'm not saying all seniors should be running a city or running a business, but I am saying seniors are good for a lot more than simply running a bath, baking cookies or babysitting grandchildren."

“I say it the way it is. I don’t play around. That has been my success, in my opinion for Mississauga.”

“You’ve got to stand up for what you believe in, which I always have.”

2. PROVISION FOR DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

4.a Minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting of County Council and the Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the Minutes of the January 17, 2023 Meeting of Council and Committee of the Whole be approved as presented; and

THAT the recommendations made by the Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting be adopted.

Carried

4.b Minutes of the January 17, 2023 Visioning Session

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Minutes of the January 17, 2023 Visioning Session be approved as presented.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a DELEGATIONS

5.a.1 Municipal Insurance Overview

Presentation from Tony Commisso, Regional Manager, Intact Public Entities

Moved by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Municipal Insurance Overview presentation be received for information.

Carried

5.b ACTION ITEMS

5.b.1 Disposal of Decommissioned Stair Chairs and Ferno PAC RACS

MLEMS Authority Board Recommendations

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the recommendations contained in Item 4.c. and Item 4.d. of the Minutes of the Monday, January 16, 2023 meeting of the Middlesex-London Emergency Medical Services Authority Board with respect to the disposal of decommissioned stair chairs and Ferno PAC RACS be adopted.

Carried

5.b.2 Culinary Catering Services Sublease Agreement

Report from Wayne Meagher, County Barrister and Solicitor.

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT a by-law be introduced at the February 14, 2023 meeting to:

a. Authorize and approve the Sublease Agreement between The Corporation of the County of Middlesex and 1404448 Ontario Limited operating as Culinary Catering Services effective March 1, 2023; and

b. Authorize the Warden and the County Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Carried

5.c CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT Council convene in Closed Session at 1:49 pm in order to consider a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality as part of the County's decentralization strategy in accordance with subsection 239(2)(k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried

5.c.1 Property Matter

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Council resume from its Closed Session at 2:42 pm.

Carried

5.c.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

Warden Burghardt-Jesson reported that direction was provided to staff on the next steps with regards to the County's decentralization strategy.

6. INQUIRIES

Councillor Mayhew offered condolences to the family and friends of the individuals involved in the fatal collision that occurred on February 14, 2023 on Glendon Drive. Councillor Mayhew directed an inquiry to County Engineer, Chris Traini, with respect to next steps regarding investigation of the collision. C. Traini advised an investigation will be conducted by both the police and County staff and that a staff report will be brought forward to County Council once the investigations are complete.

Councillor McGuire directed an inquiry to the County Engineer with respect to speed zones on Second Street in Strathroy-Caradoc. C. Traini advised that speed limit reviews are done twice per year, in the spring and fall, and advised that this request will be considered.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

8. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor McMillan
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

That Committee of the Whole convene at 2:49 pm.

Carried

9.a DELEGATIONS

None.

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

None.

9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.1 Proposed Plan of Subdivision; Timber Ridge; File No. 39T-LB2002; Lucan Biddulph

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-LB2002) be granted draft plan approval subject to conditions and that a Notice of Decision be circulated as required by the Planning Act and that the Notice of Decision indicate that all written and oral submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

9.c.2 Proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-TC1903) and Official Plan Amendment No. 28 (File No.39-TC-OPA28); Hawthorne Park; Thames Centre

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-TC1903) be granted draft plan approval subject to conditions and that a Notice of Decision be circulated as required by the Planning Act and that the Notice of Decision indicate that all written submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped make an informed recommendation and decision.

THAT Amendment No. 28 (File No. 39-TC-OPA28) to the Municipality of Thames Centre Official Plan be approved, and that staff be directed to circulate a Notice of Decision as required by the Planning Act and that the Notice of Decision indicate that all written submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

9.c.3 Lucan Biddulph Official Plan Amendment No. 11; File No. 39-LB-OPA11; Housekeeping Amendment

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT Amendment No. 11 to the Lucan Biddulph Official Plan be approved with modification and that staff be directed to circulate a Notice of Decision as required by the Planning Act, and that the Notice of Decision indicate that no written submissions were received concerning this application.

Carried

9.c.4 Adelaide Metcalfe Official Plan Amendment No. 15; File No. 39-AM-OPA15; Housekeeping Amendment

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT Amendment No. 15 to the Adelaide Metcalfe Official Plan be approved with modification and that staff be directed to circulate a Notice of Decision as required by the Planning Act, and that the Notice of Decision indicate that no written submissions were received concerning this application.

Carried

9.c.5 Newbury Official Plan Amendment No. 14; York Street; File No. 39-NEW-OPA14

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor McGuire
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Amendment No. 14 to the Newbury Official Plan be approved and that staff be directed to circulate a Notice of Decision as required by the Planning Act, and that the Notice of Decision indicate that no written submissions were received concerning this application.

Carried

9.c.6 Information Technology Services - Policy Updates

Report from Chris Bailey, Director of Information Technology Services and Greg Marles, Manager of IT Infrastructure and Technical Services

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT ITS Asset Management Policy (IT Policy 1.01), Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (IT Policy 2.01), Cellphone and Mobile Device Policy (IT Policy 5.01) and Password Policy (IT Policy 7.01) revisions be approved, and that the Corporate Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual be updated.

Carried

9.c.7 Long-term Care Service Accountability Agreement (L-SAA) – Annual Declaration of Compliance

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT Schedule E (Declaration of Compliance) of the Long-Term Care Service Accountability Agreement (L-SAA) be approved; and

THAT Warden Burghardt-Jesson be authorized to sign Schedule E on behalf of the County of Middlesex.

Carried

9.c.8 Capital Project – Replacement of Lodge Washers (3) and Dryers (3)

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor McGuire
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Administrator of Strathmere Lodge be authorized and directed to award Tender #SL-2023-001 to Harco Company Ltd. in the amount of $92,666.00 before taxes and that the Administrator of Strathmere Lodge be authorized to execute, on behalf of Strathmere Lodge, all agreements and other documents necessary to implement this award on confirmation that such agreements and other documents be in a form satisfactory to the County Solicitor.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 General Payables January 6, 2023 to February 2, 2023 totaling $456,792.78

9.d.2 ITS Payables January 6, 2023 to February 2, 2023 totaling $352,680.28

9.d.3 Library Payables January 6, 2023 to February 2, 2023 totaling $70,510.77

9.d.4 MLPS Payables January 6, 2023 to February 2, 2023 totaling $3,428,056.79

9.d.5 Planning Payables January 6, 2023 to February 2, 2023 totaling $15,714.80

9.d.6 Roads Payables January 6, 2023 to February 2, 2023 totaling $1,586,217.41

9.d.7 Social Services Payables January 6, 2023 to February 2, 2023 totaling $1,154,779.45

9.d.8 Strathmere Lodge Payables January 6, 2023 to February 2, 2023 totaling $519,806.63

9.d.9 Economic Development Payables January 6, 2023 to February 2, 2023 totaling $17,145.69

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT Items 9.d.1 to 9.d.9 be received for information.

Carried

9.d.10 Project Notice - Kilworth Bridge Rehabilitation

9.d.11 Western Ontario Wardens Caucus - January Update

9.d.12 Southwestern Community Transit - Transit Training for Elected Officials and Senior Leadership

9.d.13 AMO Policy Update - January 24, 2023

9.d.14 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Intake 3 Implementation Stream TPA Amendment Letter

9.d.15 Notice of Study Commencement - Pike Road Bridge Replacement Study

9.d.16 The Truth About Biosolid Fertilizer Letter

9.d.17 Board of Health Update - January 2023

9.d.18 AMO Policy Update - January 16, 2023

9.d.19 Ontario - Release of Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Items 9.d.10 to 9.d.19 be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor McMillan
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 3:19 pm.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

10.a #7211 - A BY-LAW to Amend the Committee Appointments for 2022-2026

10.b #7212 - A BY-LAW to Authorize a Sublease with Culinary Catering Services

10.c #7213 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of County Council on January 17, 2023

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the by-laws be given first and second reading.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the by-laws be given third and final reading.

Carried

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Mayhew offered his condolences to Councillor Grantham on the passing of his father.

Councillor McGuire shared that Strathroy-Caradoc has been able to open a youth warming centre (for ages 16-25). This is a youth drop-in centre, funded by two community business leaders that will run four nights per week for the next 10 weeks.

Councillor McGuire further shared that the Coldest Night of the Year walk will take place on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 5:00pm.

Councillor Grantham thanked Councillor Mayhew for his condolences.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

That the meeting adjourn at 3:23pm.

Carried

Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

Alison Warwick, Warden