

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 12, 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 1:00pm and 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.

We acknowledge the treaties that are specific to this area: Treaty 2 (McKee Purchase), Treaty 3 (Between the Lakes Purchase), Treaty 6 (London Township Purchase), Treaty 21 (Long Woods Purchase) and Treaty 29 (Huron Tract Purchase). 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 September and that means back to routine! Since we last met, AMO was held. I hope you not only enjoyed the programming, but also the interactions and getting to know colleagues from across the Province. During the conference, the PJ Marshall Innovation Award was presented. It was very exciting to be in the audience, when the award recipient was announced! Congratulations to Middlesex Centre for receiving this honour for building efficient shared services through technology. Middlesex Centre was the first municipality in the province to transition to a fully automated, paperless 3-permitting system for building services. Using Cloudpermit, Middlesex Centre was able to automate the building permit process, including applications, plan revisions, fee calculations, payment tracking, inspections and reporting to MPAC and Stats Can. Middlesex Centre has already been providing services to Lucan Biddulph, but using Cloudpermit has allowed them to also provide services to North Middlesex, Adelaide-Metcalf and Southwest Middlesex. Many of our local municipalities have benefited from this shared, innovative service. Not only is Middlesex Centre and the serviced municipalities saving money, this service has seen an incredible 50% reduction in building permit processing time and that was during the recent building boom and pandemic. I want to congratulate Middlesex Centre, Mayor DeViet and CBO Arnie Marsman. It was great to be there to cheer this announcement!

September means Labour Day, which means the Annual Middlesex Plowmen's Association Plowing Match. We were a small but mighty group this year. I had my best showing ever, coming in second. Not bad for a city girl! I want to congratulate Councillor Greg Willsie from Strathroy-Caradoc who took home the bragging rights this year! Thanks to the Middlesex Plowmen and landowner Joe Thomson for hosting us on Labour Day.

I want to also take this opportunity to congratulate the Middlesex Staff Softball Team for a very successful season. It came to an end this weekend, with the season ending tournament. I was able to get out to one of the games on Saturday. Many departments are represented on the team and what struck me most was the comradery shared by teammates. To say I enjoy working with the whole team here at Middlesex is an understatement and I know you have all had a chance to see how well our employees work together. Seeing them outside of work in a more relaxed social setting, only emphasized for me, how fortunate we are to have the group we do working for Middlesex.

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

- 2.a Warden Burghardt-Jesson - Exemption for a Proposed Plan of Condominium: Rosewood Condominium (Block 71); Thames Centre; File No. 39T-TC-CDM2101

Family member works for the company responsible for the engineering.

- 2.b Warden Burghardt-Jesson - Final Approval of Granton Estates, Plan of Condominium; File 39T-LB-CDM2102; Township of Lucan Biddulph

Family member works for the company responsible for the engineering.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

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 August 15, 2023 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the Minutes of the August 15, 2023 Meeting of County Council be approved as presented; and

THAT the recommendations made by Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the August 15, 2023 Meeting be adopted.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a ACTION ITEMS

- 5.a.1 Proposed Plan of Subdivision, Municipality of North Middlesex, File No. 39T-NM2201, Westwood Meadows

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-NM2201) 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

- 5.a.2 Exemption for a Proposed Plan of Condominium: Rosewood Condominium (Block 71); Thames Centre; File No. 39T-TC-CDM2101

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning & Development

Warden Burghardt-Jesson declared a conflict on this item. (A family member works for the company responsible for the engineering.)

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the County of Middlesex exempt plan of condominium File No. 39T-TC-CDM2101 for 1845999 Ontario Limited from the full condominium approval process.

Carried

- 5.a.3 Lucan Biddulph Official Plan Amendment No. 10; Municipal Comprehensive Review and General Official Plan Update; File No.39-LB-OPA10

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Amendment No. 10 to the Lucan Biddulph Official Plan be approved with modifications 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 Middlesex County considered all written submissions received on this application; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

6. INQUIRIES

None.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

8. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Clarke expressed thanks to the Municipality of Middlesex Centre and the Municipality of North Middlesex fire departments for assisting with a barn fire on September 2, 2023.

Councillor Mayhew spoke to the torrential rain experienced in August which caused extreme flooding in the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex.

9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:17 pm.

Carried

9.a DELEGATIONS

9.a.1 Middlesex London Paramedic Service Paramedic Training Camp

Presentation by Miranda Bothwell, MLPS, Acting Logistics Superintendent

Moved by Councillor McGuire
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Middlesex London Paramedic Service Summer Camp presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

9.b.1 The Middlesex Initiative: Breaking New Ground –2021-2024 Strategic Plan

Report from Paul Shipway, Acting Legislative Services Manager/Clerk and Cindy Howard, General Manager, Finance and Community Services and Deputy CAO

Moved by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Middlesex Initiative: Breaking New Ground – 2021-2024 Strategic Plan Report be received for information.

Carried

9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.1 Accessibility Policy and Procedure Changes

Report from Sarah Savoie, Accessibility Coordinator

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the changes to the Middlesex County Accessibility Policy recommended by the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee;

AND THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the discontinuation of the following Accessibility Procedures and incorporation of the procedures into the Middlesex County Accessibility Policy recommended by the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Procedures:

- Accessibility Feedback Procedure
- Accessibility Training Procedure
- Request for Accessible Formats and Communication Supports Procedure
- Service Animals in the Workplace Procedure
- Support Person Procedure

Carried

9.c.2 Record Retention By-Law

Report from Paul Shipway, Acting Manager of Legislative Services / County Clerk

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the Record Retention By-law Report be received for information;

AND THAT staff be directed to bring forward a Record Retention By-law for Council consideration.

Carried

9.c.3 Increase to Nurses' and Homemakers Services

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager, Finance and Community Services and Deputy CAO and Joe Winsor, Manager of Social and Children's Services

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT Council approve the PSS rate increase from the current amount of \$31.44 to the requested amount of \$41.21.

Carried

9.c.4 Children's Services Update

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager, Finance and Community Services and Deputy CAO and Joe Winsor, Manager of Social and Children's Services

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Children's Services Update be received for information.

Carried

9.c.5 Exemption for a Proposed Plan of Condominium; Oxbow Developments Limited; Middlesex Centre; File No. 39T-MC-CDM2301

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the County of Middlesex exempt plan of condominium File No. 39T-MC-CDM2301 from the full condominium approval process.

Carried

9.c.6 Middlesex Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 59; Municipal Comprehensive Review and General Official Plan Update; File No. 39-MXC-OPA59

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT Amendment No. 59 to the Middlesex Centre Official Plan be approved with modifications 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 Middlesex County considered all written submissions received on this application; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

9.c.7 2024 Middlesex County Council and Library Board Meeting Calendar

Report from Paul Shipway, Acting Manager of Legislative Services/County Clerk

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the 2024 Middlesex County Council and Library Board Meeting Calendar Report be received for information;

AND THAT Council adopt the 2024 Middlesex County Council and Library Board Meeting Calendar;

AND THAT the 2024 Middlesex County Council and Library Board Meeting Calendar be circulated to County Councillors and local municipalities.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 General Payables July 7, 2023 to September 1, 2023 totaling \$862,457.55

9.d.2 ITS Payables July 7, 2023 to September 1, 2023 totaling \$190,620.59

9.d.3 Library Payables July 7, 2023 to September 1, 2023 totaling \$106,081.52

9.d.4 MLPS Payables July 7, 2023 to September 1, 2023 totaling \$3,930,723.07

9.d.5 Planning Payables July 7, 2023 to September 1, 2023 totaling \$82,231.78

9.d.6 Roads Payables July 7, 2023 to September 1, 2023 totaling \$6,711,878.88

9.d.7 Social Services Payables July 7, 2023 to September 1, 2023 totaling \$2,105,741.49

9.d.8 Economic Development Payables July 7, 2023 to September 1, 2023 totaling \$53,756.32

9.d.9 Strathmere Lodge Payables July 7, 2023 to September 1, 2023 totaling \$90,363.85

9.d.10 Electronic Payments - July 2023

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT items 9.d.1 to 9.d.10 be received for information.

Carried

9.d.11 Notice of Completion - Highway 401/Dorchester Road Bridge Replacement and Interchange Improvements

9.d.12 Thames Centre; Thorndale Crosswalk Resolution

9.d.13 Strathmere Lodge Census Report for June 2023

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

9.d.14 County of Oxford Resolution - Homelessness Crisis and Opioid Crisis

9.d.15 FONOM Housing Resolution - Seeking Support

9.d.16 Board of Health Update - July 2023

9.d.17 Middlesex-London Health Unit 2024 Budget

9.d.18 Road Department Construction Update - August 15, 2023

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

9.d.19 Minutes of the July 17, 2023 Meeting of the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee

9.d.20 Budget Variance Report - June 2023

Report from Cindy Howard, County Treasurer

9.d.21 Notice of Study Commencement - Highway 4 Rehabilitation from Elginfield Rd. to Exeter

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT items 9.d.11 to 9.d.21 be received for information.

Carried

9.d.22 Final Approval of Granton Estates, Plan of Condominium; File 39T-LB-CDM2102; Township of Lucan Biddulph

Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator

Warden Burghardt-Jesson declared a conflict on this item. (A family member works for the company responsible for the engineering.)

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT item 9.d.22 be received for information.

Carried

9.d.23 Letter from Hon. Lisa Thompson dated August 28, 2023

9.d.24 Strathmere Lodge Monthly Census Report for July 2023

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

9.d.25 Letter from MNRF regarding Proposed Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act

9.d.26 Final Approval of Tonda, Plan of Subdivision; File 39T-TC1502, Thames Centre

Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator

9.d.27 Budget Variance Report - July 2023

Report from Cindy Howard, County Treasurer

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Items 9.d.23 to 9.d.27 be received for information.

Carried

9.e CLOSED SESSION

9.f RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 2:19 p.m.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

10.a #7248 - A BY-LAW to authorize the execution of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Brukar Enterprises Inc.

10.b #7249 - A BY-LAW to authorize the execution of a Holdover Lease Agreement with Brukar Enterprises Inc.

10.c #7250 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the September 12, 2023 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor McGuire
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

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

Carried

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.a Next Meetings

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:21 p.m.

Carried

Paul Shipway, County Clerk

Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden