

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 26, 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.

This week marks Truth and Reconciliation Week. As we all aware, September 30th has been declared, by the Federal Government the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation also referred to as Orange Shirt Day. Meeting formally today allows us the opportunity to recognize the heritage, cultures and contributions of our indigenous people as well as recognizing what true reconciliation means, opening ourselves up for a truthful and inclusive dialogue. In doing so, we honour those lost and recognize the Canada of today will strengthen all that unites us. We do this acknowledging a painful past and will look forward to a future with hope and a commitment of reconciliation.

As a settler, the acts of Truth and Reconciliation can seem very daunting. We ask ourselves, what is my role and what can I do. At least I ask myself these questions. For me, it all comes down to education and asking questions. There are simple things that you can do to engage in Truth and Reconciliation:

- 1. Familiarize yourself with the Truth and Reconciliation Report. It can seem overwhelming, but take your time.*
- 2. Learn more about Indigenous History and the Residential School System: Our library system and the many online resources available will help with this.*
- 3. Learn about the territories you may pass through or live on—this is likely the simplest thing we can do. To acknowledge the lands that our country is built on have histories of their own and observing those histories will tie us all together.*

Our recently updated County Official Plan, and many of the local OP amendments now include directives to engage with our Indigenous Communities, neighbours and partners. Putting this into practice and operations is a priority of our departments. I know that in the coming days and months senior staff will be learning about how to best do this. Jessica's team has worked to put together a program for our staff to participate in for this week. Our local municipalities and the county are posting online resources available to the public so our residents can participate in a journey of truth and reconciliation. In my Lucan Biddulph office, I have a sign that says 'Do Better.' We all have a role to play in reconciliation and the more we ask, the more we learn, the more we acknowledge...the more we will do better—not only for our neighbours of today, but for those experienced this painful history.

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

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

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 September 12, 2023 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the Minutes of the September 12, 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 September 12, 2023 Meeting be adopted.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a ACTION ITEMS

5.a.1 Budget Process Review & 2024 Budget Schedule

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the Budget Process Review & 2024 Budget Schedule Report be received for information;

AND THAT the 2024 Budget Schedule be approved;

AND THAT staff be directed to implement the budget process review recommendations contained within the Budget Process Review & 2024 Budget Schedule Report.

Carried

6. INQUIRIES

None.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

8. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:12pm.

Carried

9.a DELEGATIONS

9.a.1 Truth and Reconciliation

Presentation by Brian Hill, President, Board of Directors, N'Amerind (London) Friendship Centre

Warden Burghardt-Jesson introduced Brian Hill as follows:

We all know that September 30th, and this whole week of Truth and Reconciliation is the date to acknowledge the history of residential schools and honours the survivors, their families and the communities that experience ongoing intergenerational trauma.

It is a privilege to be able to introduce you to Brian Hill, who is the President of the N'Amerind Friendship Centre in London...and he is a survivor. No, he didn't attend a residential school, but his parents did and because of the intergenerational trauma that families endure, he is a survivor. Brian and I actually went to high school together, but as he so candidly shares, our experiences

were vastly different. But as we all know, there are lots of circles in this life journey and we reconnected about a year ago.

Brian is from the Oneida of the Thames First Nation and has been actively involved in the promotion and advancement of Urban Indigenous human rights for over 40 years.

He is currently working with the City of Waterloo on the Indigenous Initiatives, Anti-Racism, Accessibility and Equity Team. He has a history and is often sought after to build strategic partnerships through his work with City of London, United Way, Thames Valley District School Board, Children's Aid Society and the London Police Service. His priorities in the work he takes on is develop and maintain relationships with local indigenous communities by building a foundation of trust, respect and transparency.

In speaking with Brian, he wants to be part of the reconciliation journey for us. I know you will be affected with what he will share with us today. In thinking of what we can do for truth and reconciliation...we can listen and learn. We can start today...

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Truth and Reconciliation presentation be received for information.

Carried

- 9.a.2 Land Use Planning Merits against Approval of OPA62 to the Middlesex Centre Official Plan
- 9.a.3 Mr. Otto Schneider re OPA 62 – Middlesex Centre Official Plan Delegation from Mr. Otto Schneider
- 9.a.4 Chippewas of the Thames First Nation re OPA 62 – Middlesex Centre Official Plan
- 9.c.1 Middlesex Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 62; HGLW Holdings; File No.39-MC-OPA62

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT Middlesex Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 62; HGLW Holdings be referred back to staff to engage with Chippewas of the Thames First Nation and Indigenous Communities;

THAT the delegations scheduled for September 26, 2023, pertaining to Middlesex Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 62 be deferred until the Middlesex Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 62 report is back on the County Council agenda;

THAT when Middlesex Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 62 is brought back to County Council for consideration, staff be directed to notify those persons who have previously requested notification when the report would be on the agenda.

Carried

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.2 Middlesex Information Technology Services - Policies

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

Moved by Councillor McMillan
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Wireless Access (IT Policy 11.01), IT Access Control (IT Policy 12.01), Malware Protection (IT Policy 14.01) and Information Security (IT Policy 15.01) be approved, and that the Corporate Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual be updated.

Carried

9.c.3 Request for By-law Exemption for Driveway Width - Strathroy Fire Station - Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc

Report from Chris Traini, Deputy CAO/County Engineer

Moved by Councillor McGuire
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc be granted an exemption to the maximum width for driveway requirements as prescribed in the Middlesex County Highway By-law #5648 to allow for an 18.0 m wide driveway onto County Road 39 (Metcalf Street East) for the new fire station located at 220 East Centre Street in the Town of Strathroy.

Carried

9.c.4 Purchase of Used Float Truck T-23

Report from Chris Traini, Deputy CAO/County Engineer

THAT staff be directed to utilize section 11.1 of the Middlesex County Procurement Policy to purchase a used 2016 International Prostar Float Truck for a total purchase price of \$95,050 plus taxes from Carrier Truck Centre as a replacement for the current float truck as recommended in the 2024-2028 Five Year Machinery Replacement Program.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 Electronic Payments - August 2023

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT item 9.d.1 be received for information.

Carried

9.d.2 Communications from the Office of the Fire Marshall - Interpretation of s. 6(3) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act - September 6, 2023

9.d.3 Road Department Construction Update – September 21, 2023

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

9.d.4 Strathmere Lodge Monthly Census Report for August 2023

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

9.d.5 FCM News Release - Gender Equality Week

9.d.6 Partnerships for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL)

Report from Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT items 9.d.2 to 9.d.6 be received for information.

Carried

9.e CLOSED SESSION

9.f RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 2:12 pm.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

10.a #7251 - A BY-LAW to establish a schedule of retention periods for records of the County of Middlesex

10.b #7252 - A BY-LAW to confirm the proceedings of the September 26, 2023 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

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

Carried

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.a Next Meetings

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

That the meeting adjourn at 2:13 p.m.

Carried

Paul Shipway, County Clerk

Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden