

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Tuesday, October 10, 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.*

*with the EMS Exemplary Services Medal from the Governor General. This recognition should not be confused with a long service award. Although a long service to the profession is required. This award recognizes professionals who have performed their duties in an exemplary manner, characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency. Recipients have completed 20 years of exemplary service, including at least 10 years in the performance of duties involving potential risk. It was a honour to be with these incredible paramedics and to see them recognized in such a way.*

*Recognized for a career of exemplary service were: Paramedics Mark Weiss, William Seeley, Robert McCoy, Rick West, Jeff Weir, Simon Martin and Deputy Superintendents Tracey Gosling and Steve Moerman. Later this fall Paramedic Robert Gordon and our Chief Neal Roberts will be recognized for 40 years of careers dedicated to service and good conduct.*

*As today is October 10, I must also recognize that it is World Mental Health Day. The overall objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health. This year's theme is Mental Health is a universal human right. Our mental health is as important, if not more important than our physical health and we must talk about looking after that just as we do when we talk about how to improve and maintain our physical health.*

*As we have shared so many times, there are resources out there. If you, or someone you know and love is struggling with addiction and/or mental health challenges, help is available. 1-833-456-4566 is a number that should be plugged into each and every phone. It is the Mental Health Crisis Support Line. Locally, you can access resources through CMHA's Reach Out Program: 519-433-2023 or 1-866-933-2023, visit [www.reachout247.ca](http://www.reachout247.ca) or contact [info@reachout247.ca](mailto:info@reachout247.ca).*

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

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Mayhew  
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

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

4.a Minutes of the September 26, 2023 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor McGuire  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the Minutes of the September 26, 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 26, 2023 Meeting be adopted.

Carried

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

5.a ACTION ITEMS

5.a.1 2023 Inaugural Meeting of Council

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

Moved by Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the 2023 Inaugural Meeting of Council Report be received for information;

AND THAT Middlesex County Council establish Tuesday, November 28, 2023, as the 2023 Inaugural meeting of Council.

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 Grantham  
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:07 pm.

Carried

**9.a DELEGATIONS**

**9.a.1 Middlesex London Health Unit's Request for Redirection of 2022 Surplus Funds - As Amended**

Presentation by Emily Williams, Chief Executive Officer, Middlesex-London Health Unit

Moved by Councillor McGuire  
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the application of the County of Middlesex's share of MLHU's 2022 surplus in the amount of \$80,676 to reduce the outstanding amount of MLHU's variable bank loan for the fit-out of the Citi Plaza office space be approved.

Carried

**9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS**

**9.c ACTION ITEMS**

**9.c.1 Southwest Middlesex Official Plan Amendment No. 3; Municipal General Official Plan Update; File No. 39-SWM-OPA3**

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor DeViet  
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT Amendment No. 3 to the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex 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 did not receive written submissions concerning this Amendment.

Carried

9.c.2 Budget Variance Report - August 2023

Report from Cindy Howard, County Treasurer

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Budget Variance Report for August 2023 be received for information.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 General Payables September 2, 2023 to September 28, 2023 totaling \$675,771.12

9.d.2 ITS Payables September 2, 2023 to September 28, 2023 totaling \$100,972.14

9.d.3 Library Payables September 2, 2023 to September 28, 2023 totaling \$245,997.88

9.d.4 MLPS Payables September 2, 2023 to September 28, 2023 totaling \$688,330.39

9.d.5 Planning Payables September 2, 2023 to September 28, 2023 totaling \$1,700.63

9.d.6 Roads Payables September 2, 2023 to September 28, 2023 totaling \$5,798,421.90

9.d.7 Social Services Payables September 2, 2023 to September 28, 2023 totaling \$2,107,128.69

9.d.8 Economic Development Payables September 2, 2023 to September 28, 2023 totaling \$15,630.68

9.d.9 Strathmere Lodge Payables September 2, 2023 to September 28, 2023 totaling \$172,033.75

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

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

Carried

9.d.10 TVDSB Correspondence - Interim Accommodation Measure  
Enacted on Delaware Central Public School

9.d.11 Changes to the Definition of an “Affordable Residential Unit” in the  
Development Charges Act, 1997

9.d.12 Board of Health Update - September 2023

9.d.13 Minutes of the September 26, 2023 Meeting of the Library Board

Moved by Councillor Ropp  
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT items 9.d.10 to 9.d.13 be received for information.

Carried

9.e CLOSED SESSION

9.f RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor McGuire  
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 1:26 p.m.

Carried

## **10. BY-LAWS**

10.a #7253 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the October 10, 2023  
meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

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

Carried

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11.a Next Meetings

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

11.b Warden's Banquet - Saturday, November 18, 2023

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

That the meeting adjourn at 1:27 p.m.

Carried

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Paul Shipway, County Clerk

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Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden