

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 24, 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 Cathy 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.

Since we last met, it seems the world is a darker place. I'm sure like me, you have been horrified by what we have been witnessing with the Hamas-Israel War. It is horrific to watch from afar the brutal murders, torture and kidnapping of Jewish people by the Hamas terrorist group. The loss of innocent Israeli and Palestinian lives is gut wrenching and only promises to grow as this war escalates. I do not pretend to know or fully understand the conflict of the Middle East. What I do know is that acts of terrorism like this is never justified. Since we cannot do anything to stop a war being fought so many thousands of miles away...what is our role in Middlesex County. As leaders, it is on us, to ensure that hatred does not breed in our community. Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and Anti-Palestinian acts have no place here. We have a responsibility to ensure our residents are able to live peacefully and without fear in our communities. We do not need to go very far to see the consequences of what happens when hatred is left to breed.

As I have always told my children, we are responsible for one square on this earth and we have to ensure we leave it better than when it was given to us. We start by calling out hate. We must ensure that our municipalities show compassion and understanding to those hurting in the Jewish, Israeli, Palestinian and the wider Muslim communities. While I personally condemn terrorism and hate, right now, my heart weeps for all the innocent victims and lives lost. My resolve is strengthened to ensure I have a place in ending hate."

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

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

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 October 10, 2023 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Minutes of the October 10, 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 October 10, 2023 Meeting be adopted.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a ACTION ITEMS

5.a.1 Award of Request for Tender - T-4-2023 and T-13-2023 - Supply and Delivery of Two New 2024 68,000 LB G.V.W. Trucks with Combination Dump and Spreader Body, Snowplow Harness, Wing

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer/Deputy CAO and Josh White, Procurement Services Manager

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award the Request for Tender #T-4-2023 and T-13-2023 to Premier Truck Group London in the amount of \$759,715.00 before taxes; and

THAT the County Engineer be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Middlesex, 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

5.a.2 Award of Request for Tender - T-34-2023 - Supply and Delivery of One New Two-Wheel Drive Half-Ton Pickup Truck

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer/Deputy CAO and Josh White, Procurement Services Manager

Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award the Request for Tender # T-34-2023 to Finch Auto Group in the amount of \$52,626.50 before taxes; and

THAT the County Engineer be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Middlesex, 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

5.a.3 Award of Request for Tender - T-38-2023 - Supply and Delivery of One New 4x4 Half-Ton Pickup Truck

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer/Deputy CAO and Josh White, Procurement Services Manager

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award the Request for Tender # T-38-2023 to Highbury Ford Sales Limited in the amount of \$59,635.00 before taxes; and

THAT that the County Engineer be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Middlesex, 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

5.a.4 Middlesex County Warden's Activity Report

Report from Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the Middlesex County Warden's Activity Report be received for information.

Carried

5.a.5 Strategic Framework for Future Enhancements to the Wraparound Support Services Model and Continuum of Housing Alternatives

Report from Paul Shipway, Acting Manager of Legislative Services/County Clerk and Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services/Treasurer

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Strategic Framework for Future Enhancements to the Wraparound Support Services Model and Continuum of Housing Alternatives Report be received for information; and

THAT staff be directed to engage with the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc on wraparound support services opportunities.

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 Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:12p.m.

Carried

9.a DELEGATIONS

9.a.1 Audit Findings Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Delegation from Ian Jeffreys, Lead Audit Engagement Partner, KPMG and Tiffany Harriott, Manager, Audit, KPMG

Moved by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Audit Findings Report for the year ended December 31, 2022 be received for information.

Carried

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

9.b.1 Middlesex County Library Services Update

Presentation from Lindsay Brock, Director of Library Services/CEO

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Middlesex County Library Services Update be received for information.

Carried

9.b.2 Middlesex Workforce Development Partnership

Presentation by Cara A. Finn, Director of Economic Development and Devin Vandeborn, Youth Workforce Education Coordinator

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Middlesex Workforce Development Partnership presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.1 Strathmere Lodge Roof Repairs

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the Strathmere Lodge Administrator be directed to utilize section 11.1 of the Middlesex County Procurement Policy to award

the Strathmere Lodge Roof Repairs at the recommendation of Garland Canada Inc. to Cordeiro Roofing in the amount of \$78,900.00 before taxes; and

THAT the Administrator be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Middlesex, 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.c.2 Ministry of Long Term Care “Proactive” Compliance Inspection

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Ministry of Long Term Care “Proactive” Compliance Inspection Report be received for information.

Carried

9.c.3 Speed Limit By-Law Fall Update

Report from Chris Traini, Deputy CAO/County Engineer

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the revised by-law designating prescribed rates of speed on County Roads No. 1 to 81 inclusive be approved as presented and that the Warden and the County Clerk be authorized to execute the by-law at the November 7, 2023 council meeting.

Carried

9.c.4 2022 Consolidated Financial Statements

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services/Treasurer

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the 2022 Consolidated Financial Statements of the Corporation of the County of Middlesex be accepted; and

THAT the 2022 financial statements be posted on the County's website.

Carried

9.c.5 2022 Trust Financial Statements

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services/Treasurer

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the 2022 Trust Financial Statements of the Corporation of the County of Middlesex be accepted; and

THAT the 2022 Trust Financial Statements be posted on the County's website.

Carried

9.c.6 2022 Middlesex London Paramedic Service Authority Financial Statements

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services/Treasurer

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the 2022 Middlesex-London Paramedic Services Authority Financial Statements be accepted; and

THAT Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report will be included in the next Middlesex-London Paramedic Services Authority Board agenda.

Carried

9.c.7 2022 Middlesex County Library Financial Statements

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager of Finance and Community Services/Treasury

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the Middlesex County Library Board Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2022 be approved; and

THAT the 2022 surplus be allocated as follows: \$130,000 shall be applied towards the 2023 library operating costs, \$40,000 shall be applied to the County 2023 budget and the remaining \$29,812 shall be transferred to the County Tax Rate Stabilization reserve. The total surplus was \$199,812.

Carried

9.c.8 2022 Surplus Report

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager of Finance and Community Services/Treasury

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the yearend surplus from the 2022 operating accounts in the amount of \$2,101,547 (\$2,071,735 (County) +\$29,812 (Library)) be transferred to the tax rate stabilization reserve.

Carried

9.c.9 Budget Variance Report - September 2023

Report from Cindy Howard, County Treasurer

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Budget Variance Report – September 2023 be received for information; and

THAT the 2023 Land Ambulance budget be updated to reflect the new 2023 projection based on actual funding received from the Ministry of Health.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 Electronic Payments - September 2023

9.d.2 Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal of 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

9.d.3 Strathmere Lodge Monthly Census Report for September 2023

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

9.d.4 Media Release - South Central Ontario Region: Government Leaders Meet to Discuss Issues - October 16, 2023

9.d.5 Minutes of the October 12, 2023 Meeting of the MLPS Authority Board

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Items 9.d.1 to 9.d.4 be received for information.

Carried

9.e CLOSED SESSION

9.f RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 2:40 p.m.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

10.a #7254 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the October 24, 2023 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

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

Carried

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.a Next Meetings

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 - Inaugural Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor McGuire
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:42p.m.

Carried

Paul Shipway, County Clerk

Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden