

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 1:00 PM  
Middlesex County Building  
399 Ridout Street North, London

Members Present	Warden DeViet Councillor Brennan Councillor Burghardt-Jesson Councillor Clarke Councillor Grantham Councillor Mayhew Councillor McMillan Councillor McGuire Councillor Ropp Councillor Smibert
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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND WARDEN'S REMARKS**

Warden DeViet 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.*

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

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

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 February 13, 2024 Meeting of County Council

4.b Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Closed Session Meeting of Council

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Meeting of County Council and the Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Closed Session 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 February 13, 2024 Meeting be adopted.

Carried

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

5.a ACTION ITEMS

5.a.1 Middlesex County Budget 2024

Presentation by Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the 2024 Budget Presentation be received for information;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare a by-law to adopt the 2024 Budget, as amended, at the March 26, 2024, meeting of County Council.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Ropp  
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT pursuant to Section 6.3 of the South Central Ontario Region (SCOR) articles of incorporation, Middlesex County provide notice of resignation from SCOR.

Carried

#### 5.a.2 AMO Social & Economic Prosperity Review

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

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the AMO Social & Economic Prosperity Review Report be received for information;

AND THAT Middlesex County Council formally support AMO's call for a Social and Economic Prosperity review in the form of the resolution attached hereto as Appendix 'A'.

Carried

#### 5.a.3 Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Municipal Member Nomination

Moved by Councillor Ropp  
Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT Council supports the nomination of Alex Piggott, Manager of Environmental Services at the Municipality of Central Elgin, as municipal representative for Group 7 on the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee.

Carried

5.a.4 Tender for Installation of Guide Rail Contract M-H-24

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-H-24 Steel Beam Guide Rail to Royal Fence. in the amount of \$184,800.00 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.5 Tender for Latex Traffic Paint Contract M-P-24

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-P-24 Traffic Paint to Sherwin Williams in the amount of \$703,700.00 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.6 Tender for Reflective Glass Beads Contract M-G-24

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Mayhew  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-G-24 Reflective Glass Beads to Potters Canada. in the amount of \$81,630.00 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.7 Tender for Supply and Installation of Sub Drains Contract M-E-24

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Grantham  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-E-24 Sub Drains to Van Bree Drainage. in the amount of \$86,100.00 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.8 Tender for Concrete Curb and Gutter Contract M-F-24

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-F-24 Concrete Curb and Gutter to Ro-Buck Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$289,839.50 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.9 Tender for Cold in Place Asphalt Recycling Contract M-C-24

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-C-24 Cold in Place Recycling to Lavis Contracting Co. in the amount of \$1,328,520.00 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.10 Tender for Hot Mix Asphalt Contract M-B-24

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-B-24 Hot Mix Asphalt to Brantco Construction. in the amount of \$5,883,805.80 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

**6. INQUIRIES**

None.

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

**8. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Burghardt-Jesson spoke to the upcoming United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21, 2024. Councillor Burghardt-Jesson asked if the Warden could issue a statement in recognition and support of the City of London's proclamation in recognition of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The Warden's Statement was subsequently published on Middlesex County's website.

Councillor Grantham advised that he attended the groundbreaking of Reimagine Southdale on March 6, 2024 in his capacity as a board member on London & Middlesex Housing Corporation. Councillor Grantham noted that he would like to see Middlesex County invest in more sustainable housing options in the future.

**9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 2:48pm.

Carried

**9.a DELEGATIONS**

**9.a.1 Employment Service Transformation: Available Employment Services in Middlesex County**

Presentation by Rosanna Wilcox, Interim Director, London Regional Employment Services, Julie Bullock, Operations Manager, Community Employment Choices and Joe Winsor, Manager of Social Services, Middlesex County

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the Employment Service Transformation: Available Employment Services in Middlesex County presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.1 Long-term Care Service Accountability Agreement (L-SAA) – Annual Declaration of Compliance

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

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

AND THAT Warden DeViet be authorized to sign Schedule E on behalf of the County of Middlesex.

Carried

9.c.2 Ministry of Long Term Care Compliance Inspection

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the Ministry of Long Term Care Compliance Inspection report be received for information.

Carried



- 9.c.3 Proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-SC2302) and Official Plan Amendment No. 17, (File No. 39-SC-OPA17); Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc, SLD Group Inc.

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Grantham  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-SC2302) 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. 17 (File No. 39-SC-OPA17) to the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc 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.4 Quotation for Roadside Weed Spraying Contract M-A-24

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-A-24 Roadside Weed Spray to Green Stream in the amount of \$92,520.96 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

9.c.5 Award of Hot Mix Asphalt Paving & Cold Asphalt Recycling Contracts

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the Middlesex County construction schedule proceed as per the approved budget. As per the County accounting practices in accordance with PSAB requirements, any surplus or deficits for capital works will be transferred to or from capital reserves for future road and bridge projects.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 Electronic Payments - February 2024

9.d.2 Strathmere Lodge Monthly Census Report for January 2024

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

9.d.3 Final Approval of Lucan Woods (Phase Two), Plan of Condominium; File 39T-LB-CDM2201, Township of Lucan Biddulph

Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator

9.d.4 Ontario Land Tribunal Decision; Plan of Condominium; File No. 39T-MC-CDM2101; Sweid Holdings Inc.; Middlesex Centre

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

9.d.5 Temporary Replacement - Member of Upper-Tier Council

Report from Paul Shipway, Acting Legislative Services Manager / Clerk

9.d.6 WOWC Media Release - February 14, 2024 - A More Prosperous Ontario demands a Modern Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Partnership

9.d.7 Correspondence from WOWC to Premier Ford - Social and Economic Prosperity Review dated February 13, 2024

- 9.d.8 Letter from Township of Lucan Biddulph - Resolution on the Social and Economic Prosperity Review dated February 20, 2024
- 9.d.9 Letter from Enbridge Gas - OEB's Decision on Phase 1 of Enbridge Gas 2024 Rebasing Application dated January 30, 2024
- 9.d.10 Correspondence from Clean Air Partnership - Template Resolution to Reduce Fossil Fuel Energy Bill Costs
- 9.d.11 Notice of Public Open House & Public Meeting - Elgin County Official Plan Review
- 9.d.12 Board of Health Update - February 2024
- 9.d.13 Letter from ABMV SPC - Recommended Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report
- 9.d.14 Letter from Lambton County - Lambton County Council Motion dated February 23, 2024
- 9.d.15 Municipality of North Middlesex - Notice of Passing of Municipal-Wide Development Charges By-Law
- 9.d.16 Letter from TVDSB - New North Central London Holding Zone dated March 5, 2024
- 9.d.17 Correspondence from MECP - Save the Date - Provincial Day of Action on Litter - May 14, 2024
- 9.d.18 Hydro One - Longwood to Lakeshore Project - Notice of Commencement of a Class Environmental Assessment and Community Open House #2
- 9.d.19 Notice of Revised Planning Application and Public Meeting - Review of the London Plan
- 9.d.20 Minutes of the December 7, 2023 Meeting of the Budget Committee
- 9.d.21 Minutes of the December 8, 2023 Meeting of the Budget Committee
- 9.d.22 Minutes of the December 11, 2023 Meeting of the Budget Committee
- 9.d.23 Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Meeting of the Budget Committee - Session 1
- 9.d.24 Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Meeting of the Budget Committee - Session 2

9.d.25 Minutes of the January 15, 2024 Meeting of the Budget Committee

9.d.26 Minutes of the January 30, 2024 Meeting of the Budget Committee

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Items 9.d.1 to 9.d.26 be received for information.

Carried

9.e CLOSED SESSION

9.f RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

## **10. BY-LAWS**

10.a #7263 - A BY-LAW to Delegate Authority

10.b #7264 - A BY-LAW to adopt Rules and Procedure for the meetings of Council of the Corporation of the County of Middlesex and Committees of Council

10.c #7265 - A BY-LAW to adopt a Middlesex County Loan Program

10.d #7266 - A BY-LAW to authorize a Central Emergency Reporting Bureau (CERB) (Neutral Answering) Agreement with the London Police Services Board

10.e #7267 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the March 12, 2024 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 Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

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

Carried

## **11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **11.a Next Meetings**

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

### **11.b Annual Community Planning and Facility Collaboration Opportunities Meeting between TVDSB and Middlesex County - Date: Tuesday, April 09, 2024**

### **11.c Middlesex County Announces New Middlesex County Connect Bus Route**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

That the meeting adjourn at 3:48p.m.

Carried

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Paul Shipway, County Clerk

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Aina DeViet, Warden