

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Tuesday, May 28, 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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WARDEN'S REMARKS

Warden DeViet called the meeting to order at 1:02pm 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 is National AccessAbility Week and this year's theme is "Forward Together: Accessibility and Inclusion for All," which encourages us to unite our efforts in making Middlesex County, and all of Canada, a barrier-free place for everyone. Let's continue working together to promote accessibility and inclusivity in our community! Red Shirt Day of Action for AccessAbility and Inclusion is tomorrow Wednesday, May 29. On this day, I encourage everyone to wear red to show support for individuals with disabilities and their families, celebrate their achievements, and pledge to help create a fully accessible and inclusive society.

It is my great honour to mention and recognize some of our staff members.

Yesterday, the Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, presented medals to 11 paramedics, one of whom, David Jeffries, is a paramedic from the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service (MLPS). On August 14, 2019, Paramedic David Jeffries and his partner responded to a call after a vehicle crashed into a home. At the scene, a damaged gas line quickly ignited causing a massive explosion, destroying several homes, and injuring almost everyone present. Despite the fiery, debris-filled scene, Paramedic Jeffries stayed cool under pressure to triage, treat, and transport the police and fire personnel injured from the blast. As a result of their heroic actions, all six first responders and one civilian received medical attention for their injuries and survived. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the paramedics who received this prestigious award. Your courage and commitment to serving our communities are truly inspiring. The stories of bravery we're celebrating today are a testament to their heroic actions. I would like to especially congratulate Paramedic David Jeffries of the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service, your work not only saves lives but also brings hope to those in their darkest moments.

Last week, I received a letter from the President of the Ontario Municipal Administrators Association. At a recent workshop hosted in Niagara-on-the-Lake, OMAA was pleased to honour Mr. Bill Rayburn with a long service recognition award, recognizing 30 years of service and acknowledging his hard work and dedication to the profession of CAO in Ontario. On behalf of my colleagues around the horseshoe, I would like to extend our sincere congratulations on your long service and dedication to Middlesex County.

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

2.a Councillor Burghardt-Jesson - Uncontested Official Plan Amendment; Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc; File No. 39-SC-OPA18; Jaslo Properties Ltd.

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2.b Councillor Burghardt-Jesson - Final Approval of South Winds Development (Edgewater) (Phase 1b), Plan of Subdivision; File 39T-MC0902, Municipality of Middlesex Centre

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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 April 9, 2024 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor McMillan
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Minutes of the April 9, 2024 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 April 9, 2024 Meeting be adopted.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a ACTION ITEMS

5.a.1 Strathmere Lodge Roof Rehabilitation

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Strathmere Lodge Roof Rehabilitation Report be received for information;

AND THAT the Strathmere Lodge Administrator be directed to award the Strathmere Lodge Roof Retrofit at the recommendation of Garland Canada Inc. to Lafleche Roofing (1992) Limited in the amount of \$1,622,241.00 before taxes;

AND THAT the Strathmere Lodge 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

5.a.2 Asset Retirement Obligation Policy

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

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the Asset Retirement Obligations Finance Policy be approved and included as part of the Corporate Administrative Policies and Procedures.

Carried

6. INQUIRIES

Councillor Burghardt-Jesson noted that on May 28, 2024, there was public confirmation from the Ontario Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities and the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that National Housing Strategy (NHS) funds from the federal government were going to be distributed through the province by the Service Managers. She noted that she would like to ensure that Middlesex County has a plan and strategy in place where Middlesex County is engaging with the City of London to ensure that Middlesex County has access to the funding and that Middlesex County communities are not left out. Cindy Howard, General Manager of Finance and

Community Services confirmed that staff has a MOC meeting on June 24, 2024, with the City of London on housing, social services, child care and Ontario Works, and this is a good opportunity to add this topic to the Agenda. Staff will report back to Council on the outcomes.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

8. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Burghardt-Jesson congratulated staff at Middlesex-London Paramedic Service further to national Paramedic Services Week. On Thursday, May 23, 2024, MLPS hosted its annual Survivor's Day and she noted that it was another incredible ceremony, where first responders, citizens, bystanders and survivors of cardiac arrest were able to be celebrated.

Warden DeViet vacated the chair. Deputy Warden Burghardt-Jesson assumed the chair.

8.a AMO 2024-2026 Board of Directors Nomination

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has issued a Call for Nominations for the 2024 to 2026 term of the AMO Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS qualified nominees must obtain a Council resolution of support which must specify the Caucus or position for which the individual is being nominated;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council for the Corporation of the County of Middlesex nominates Aina DeViet for the position of Director on County Caucus on the AMO Board of Directors for the 2024-2026 term.

Carried

Warden DeViet returned to the chair.

9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:21pm.

Carried

9.a DELEGATIONS

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

9.b.1 Planning Reform - Bill 185 and the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Abby Heddle, Planner (Special Projects & Policy)

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Planning Reform - Bill 185 and the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.b.2 CAO Mid-Year Update

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the CAO Mid-Year Update be received for information.

Carried

9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.1 Ministry of Long Term Care Compliance Inspection

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

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

Carried

9.c.2 Development Charges Background Study

Report from Paul Shipway, General Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Innovation

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the Development Charges Background Study Report be received for information.

Carried

9.c.3 County Road and Bridge Assumption Study Committee

Report from Chris Traini, Deputy CAO/County Engineer

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the appointments to the County Road and Bridge Assumption Study Committee be approved as follows:

- Aina DeViet, Warden, Middlesex County
- Brian Ropp, Mayor, Municipality of North Middlesex
- Michelle Smibert, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Thames Centre
- Andrew Giesen, Transportation Manager, Municipality of Middlesex Centre
- Mauro Castrilli, Manager of Public Works, Municipality of Southwest Middlesex
- Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor, Middlesex County
- Chris Traini, Deputy CAO/County Engineer, Middlesex County

Carried

- 9.c.4 Proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-NEW2301); Village of Newbury; 2666650 Ontario Inc.

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-NEW2301) 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.

Carried

- 9.c.5 Proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-MC2101) and Official Plan Amendment No. 54, (File No. 39-MC-OPA54); Municipality of Middlesex Centre, Ballymote Developments Inc.

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-MC2101) 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; and

THAT Amendment No. 54 (File No. 39-MC-OPA54) to the Municipality of Middlesex Centre 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.6 Proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-TC2102) and Proposed Plan of Condominium (File No. 39T-TC-CDM2303); Municipality of Thames Centre; 246 North Street; Dorchester; 246 North Inc.

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning & Development

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-TC2102) 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 indicated that all written submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and

THAT the proposed Plan of Condominium (File No. 39T-TC-CDM2303) 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 indicated 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.7 Children's Services – 2024-2028 Service System Plan

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager of Finance and Community Services and Joe Winser, Manager of Social Services

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the *Middlesex Child Care and Early Years Service System Plan (2024-2028)* be approved; and

THAT the Plan be forwarded to the City of London as the Service System Manager for Child Care and Early Years for London-Middlesex and the Middlesex content will be incorporated into the larger Service System Manager Plan.

Carried

- 9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS
 - 9.d.1 Electronic Payments - April 2024
 - 9.d.2 General Payables March 1, 2024 to March 28, 2024 totaling \$508,692.65
 - 9.d.3 ITS Payables March 1, 2024 to March 28, 2024 totaling \$182,926.96
 - 9.d.4 Library Payables March 1, 2024 to March 28, 2024 totaling \$252,675.25
 - 9.d.5 MLPS Payables March 1, 2024 to March 28, 2024 totaling \$747,500.69
 - 9.d.6 Planning Payables March 1, 2024 to March 28, 2024 totaling \$4,031.96
 - 9.d.7 Roads Payables March 1, 2024 to March 28, 2024 totaling \$1,960,921.01
 - 9.d.8 Social Service Payables March 1, 2024 to March 28, 2024 totaling \$1,319,811.60
 - 9.d.9 Economic Development Payables March 1, 2024 to March 28, 2024 totaling \$89,487.27
 - 9.d.10 Strathmere Lodge Payables March 1, 2024 to March 28, 2024 totaling \$441,533.76
 - 9.d.11 General Payables March 28, 2024 to April 26, 2024 totaling \$858,145.33
 - 9.d.12 ITS Payables March 28, 2024 to April 26, 2024 totaling \$235,698.25
 - 9.d.13 Library Payables March 28, 2024 to April 26, 2024 totaling \$66,262.94
 - 9.d.14 MLPS Payables March 28, 2024 to April 26, 2024 totaling \$1,370,416.13
 - 9.d.15 Planning Payables March 28, 2024 to April 26, 2024 totaling \$1,557.37

- 9.d.16 Roads Payables March 28, 2024 to April 26, 2024 totaling \$1,029,983.95
- 9.d.17 Social Services Payables March 28, 2024 to April 26, 2024 totaling \$1,058,281.45
- 9.d.18 Economic Development Payables March 28, 2024 to April 26, 2024 totaling \$48,783.74
- 9.d.19 Strathmere Lodge Payables March 28, 2024 to April 26, 2024 totaling \$304,538.05
- 9.d.20 Correspondence from the Ministry of Infrastructure - ROMA Conference 2024 Follow-up dated April 4, 2024
- 9.d.21 Board of Health Update - March 2024
- 9.d.22 Board of Health Update - April 2024
- 9.d.23 TVDSB News Release - TVDSB approves attendance area changes following London Secondary Attendance Review dated March 27, 2024
- 9.d.24 Correspondence from Treasury Board Secretariat - First Annual Report on the Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan
- 9.d.25 Correspondence from WOWC - Western Ontario Warden's Caucus Support for Small Business Enterprise Centre Funding dated April 15, 2024
- 9.d.26 Correspondence from Treasury Board Secretariat - EMCPA Compliance Results dated April 15, 2024
- 9.d.27 Correspondence from Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs dated April 16, 2024
- 9.d.28 Correspondence from Thames-Sydenham Source Protection Region - Recommended Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing in 2023 Auditor General's Report dated April 8, 2024
- 9.d.29 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation - Annual Report 2023
- 9.d.30 WOWC Media Release - WOWC Unveils 2024-25 Priorities - April 26, 2024
- 9.d.31 Drinking Water Source Protection Committee - Municipal Newsletter - May 2024

9.d.32 Correspondence from the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group dated May 1, 2024

9.d.33 Letter from MEA - 2024 MEA Awards - Request for Nominations dated May 15, 2024

9.d.34 Strathmere Lodge Monthly Census Report - March 2024

Report from Brent Kerwin, Administrator, Strathmere Lodge

9.d.35 Strathmere Lodge Monthly Census Report - April 2024

Report from Brent Kerwin, Administrator, Strathmere Lodge

9.d.36 Uncontested Official Plan Amendment; Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc; File No. 39-SC-OPA18; Jaslo Properties Ltd.

Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator

*Councillor Burghardt-Jesson declared a conflict on this item.
(Family member works for the company responsible for the engineering.)*

9.d.37 Final Approval of South Winds Development (Edgewater) (Phase 1b), Plan of Subdivision; File 39T-MC0902, Municipality of Middlesex Centre

Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator

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Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT items 9.d.1 to 9.d.35 be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT items 9.d.36 and 9.d.37 be received for information.

Carried

9.e CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor McMillan
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT Committee of the Whole convene in Closed Session at 3:10pm in order to consider personal matters about an identifiable individual, and labour relations or employee negotiations in accordance with subsections 239(2)(b) and (d).

Carried

9.e.1 Human Resources

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Committee of the Whole rise from Closed Session at 4:02pm.

Carried

9.f RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT County Council ratify the tentative agreement and authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign a new Collective Agreement with Unifor Local 302 effective January 1, 2024 to expire on December 31, 2026.

Carried

Moved by Councillor McMillan
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 4:03pm.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

- 10.a #7277 - A BY-LAW to authorize an Information Technology Services Agreement with the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe
- 10.b #7278 - A BY-LAW to authorize an Information Technology Services Agreement with the Township of Lucan Biddulph
- 10.c #7279 - A BY-LAW to authorize an Information Technology Services Agreement with the Municipality of North Middlesex
- 10.d #7280 - A BY-LAW to authorize an Information Technology Services Agreement with the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex
- 10.e #7281 - A BY-LAW to authorize a boundary line highway Agreement with Dawn Euphemia Township
- 10.f #7282 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the May 28, 2024 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

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

Carried

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11.a Next Meetings
 - Tuesday, June 25, 2024
 - Tuesday, July 16, 2024
 - Tuesday, August 13, 2024
- 11.b Warden's Charity Golf Tournament - Tuesday, June 18, 2024
- 11.c Development Charges Public Meeting - Wednesday, June 26, 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:04pm.

Carried

Paul Shipway, County Clerk

Aina DeViet, Warden