

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 1:00 PM  
Middlesex County Building  
399 Ridout Street North, London

Members Present      Warden DeViet  
                                 Councillor Brennan  
                                 Councillor Clarke  
                                 Councillor Grantham  
                                 Councillor Mayhew  
                                 Councillor McMillan  
                                 Councillor McGuire  
                                 Councillor Ropp  
                                 Councillor Smibert

Members Absent      Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

### 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 August 13, 2024 Meeting of County Council

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

Moved by Councillor Grantham  
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

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

Carried

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**6. INQUIRIES**

None.

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

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

Councillor Ropp congratulated Councillor Clarke on winning first place in the VIP plowing match at the 2024 Annual Middlesex Plowmen's Association Plowing Match.

Councillor Mayhew acknowledged ongoing capital projects.

**9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved by Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:04pm.

Carried

**9.a DELEGATIONS**

**9.a.1 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)**

Presentation by Brenda Slater, Account Manager & Anne Haines, Regional Manager, MPAC

Moved by Councillor Grantham  
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) presentation be received for information.

Carried

**9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS**

None.

**9.c ACTION ITEMS**

**9.c.1 2025 Middlesex County Council and Library Board Meeting Calendar**

Report from Rebecca Glavin, Deputy Clerk

Moved by Councillor Mayhew  
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the 2025 Middlesex County Council and Library Board Meeting Calendar Report be received for information;

AND THAT Council adopt the 2025 Middlesex County Council and Library Board Meeting Calendar;

AND THAT the 2025 Middlesex County Council and Library Board Meeting Calendar be circulated to County Councillors and local municipalities.

Carried

9.c.2 Award of Request for Proposal # ADMN-2024-02 - Consultation Services for an Integrity Commissioner, Closed Meeting Investigator and Municipal Ombudsman

Report from Paul Shipway, General Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Innovation and Josh White, Procurement Services Manager

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT a by-law be introduced at the September 24, 2024 Council meeting to:

- a. Appoint Aird & Berlis LLP as the Middlesex County Integrity Commissioner, Closed Meeting Investigator, and Ombudsman effective January 1, 2025;
- b. Authorize and approve the Middlesex County Integrity Commissioner, Closed Meeting Investigator, and Ombudsman Agreement with Aird & Berlis LLP; and
- c. Authorize the Warden and the County Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Carried

9.c.3 Middlesex County Strategic Plan

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor Grantham  
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the Middlesex County Strategic Plan Report be received for information;

AND THAT County Council direct staff to proceed with Strategic Plan development planning utilizing Option B - Development by a combination of internal staff and external consultants.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 Uncontested Official Plan Amendment; Township of Lucan Biddulph; File No. 39-LB-OPA12; Pemic Lucan Land Corp.

Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator

9.d.2 Uncontested Official Plan Amendment; Municipality of Middlesex Centre; File No. 39-MC-OPA63; Michael Juba, Hasan Rosanally, and Bradley Linton

Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator

9.d.3 Uncontested Official Plan Amendment; Municipality of Middlesex Centre; File No. 39-MC-OPA65; Design For Happiness Inc.

Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator

9.d.4 Uncontested Official Plan Amendment; Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc; File No. 39-SC-OPA20; James and Kristine Vanderheyden

Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator

9.d.5 Uncontested Plan of Condominium Exemption; Municipality of Lucan Biddulph; File No. 39T-LB-CDM2401; Ausable Fields, 1525020 Ontario Inc.

Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator

9.d.6 Woodlands Conservation By-Law Update

Report from Mark Brown, Woodlands Conservation Officer/Weed Inspector and Tim Williams, Manager of Planning

9.d.7 Strathmere Lodge Monthly Census Report for July 2024

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

9.d.8 Ministry of Long Term Care Compliance Inspection

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

- 9.d.9 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - News Release - Ontario Giving Municipalities the Tools They Need to Get More Homes Built Faster - August 20, 2024
- 9.d.10 WOWC, EOMC & EOWC News Release - Rural Municipal Leaders Support "Solve the Crisis" Campaign to Address Homelessness and Mental Health dated August 18, 2024
- 9.d.11 WOWC Media Release - Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Advocates for Rural Needs at AMO 2024 Conference dated August 21, 2024
- 9.d.12 WOWC, EOMC & EOWC Joint Letter - AMO Continues to Advocate for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review dated August 18 2024
- 9.d.13 Correspondence from City of Cambridge Mayor Jan Liggett regarding Mental Health and Addictions Crisis dated August 15, 2024

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT items 9.d.1 to 9.d.13 be received for information.

Carried

#### 9.e CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed at 1:34pm in order to consider personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board in accordance with section 239(2)(b)(k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried

#### 9.e.1 Legal Services

Moved by Councillor Grantham  
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Committee of the Whole rise from Closed Session at 1:52pm.

Carried

9.f RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 1:52pm.

**10. BY-LAWS**

10.a #7300 - A BY-LAW to establish a Policy for Public Notice requirements for the County of Middlesex

10.b #7301 - A BY-LAW to appoint a Deputy Clerk

10.c #7302 - A BY-LAW to confirm the proceedings of the September 10, 2024 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

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

Carried

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11.a Next Meetings

- Tuesday, September 24, 2024
- Tuesday, October 8, 2024
- Tuesday, October 22, 2024

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the meeting adjourn at 1:53pm.

Carried

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Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

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Aina DeViet, Warden