



# County Council

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**Meeting Date:** October 22, 2024  
**Submitted by:** Aina DeViet, Warden  
**Subject:** Middlesex County Warden's Activity Report

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## **BACKGROUND:**

The Municipal Act, 2001, generally outlines the role of Warden to:

- Act as chief executive officer of the municipality;
- Preside over council meetings;
- Provide leadership to the council;
- Represent the municipality at official functions; and,
- Carry out the duties of the head of council under this or any other Act.

The purpose of the Warden's Activity Report is to formally provide an overview of the Warden's government and community relations activities, achievements, projects and engagements on behalf of Middlesex County.

During this reporting period, the Warden's activities consisted of a mix of political, community, and internal organizational engagements. These activities included meetings with elected representatives and various levels of governance and participation in community events such as the Mud Creek Bluegrass Festival, Dorchester Pride Celebration, Ailsa Craig's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and the annual Middlesex Plowing Match. The schedule also includes regular communication and planning meetings internally with the County staff, the CAO, and different committees.

At the AMO Conference, Middlesex County's advocacy efforts included various ministries and officials, including the Ministry of Long-Term Care, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. During these meetings, the County emphasized important community issues such long-term care, as community transportation, public library services, land ambulance dispatch, and EarlyON and childcare.

## **ANALYSIS:**

The activities of the Warden are conducted in accordance with the broad direction of Council and in alignment with the Middlesex County Strategic Plan and its Guiding Principles:

- Balancing the rural-urban qualities of the County
- Building relationships and working in a collaborative and supportive way
- Leading through innovation, evaluation, and continuous improvement

- Recognizing the uniqueness of our local municipal partners
- Maintaining financial sustainability
- Focusing on diversity and inclusion
- Being flexible and responsive

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>July</b>	
July 3, 2024	AMO Health Taskforce – Strengthening Public Health: Funding Review
July 3, 2024	Grain Farmers of Ontario Event
July 13, 2024	Mud Creek Bluegrass Festival
July 14, 2024	Dorchester Pride Celebration Event
July 16, 2024	County Council
July 18, 2024	AMO MOU Prep. Meeting
July 18, 2024	AMO MOU Meeting
July 18, 2024	Middlesex County Warden’s Association Annual Picnic
July 18, 2024	MLHU Board of Health Meeting
July 19, 2024	MLPS Summer Training Camp Graduation Ceremony
July 27, 2024	Ailsa Craig 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
July 30, 2024	Economic Development 2024 "Pitch Your Plan" Youth Business Competition Award Presentation

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>August</b>	
August 1, 2024	Lambton County Warden’s Picnic
August 13, 2024	County Council
August 17, 2024	AMO Executive Meeting
August 18, 2024	AMO Board of Directors Meeting
August 18, 2024	WOWC Meeting
August 18, 2024	WOWC – EOWC Meeting
August 19-21, 2024	AMO Conference

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>September</b>	
September 2, 2024	Middlesex Plowing Match
September 6, 2024	WOWC Meeting
September 6, 2024	LAS Board Meeting
September 10, 2024	County Council
September 14, 2024	Middlesex Women’s Leadership Conference
September 18, 2024	Norbec Grand Opening in Strathroy
September 19, 2024	MLHU Board of Health Meeting
September 20, 2024	WOWC Economic Development Committee Meeting
September 23, 2024	Thames Centre Local Council Visit




Date	Activity
<b>September – Continued</b>	
September 24, 2024	Library Board Meeting
September 24, 2024	County Council
September 26, 2024	AMO Executive Meeting
September 26, 2024	AMO Committee of the Whole Meeting
September 27, 2024	AMO Board of Directors Meeting


**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC FOCUS:**

This report aligns with the following Strategic Focus, Goals, or Objectives:

Strategic Focus	Goals	Objectives
Cultivating Community Vitality 	Advance a diverse, healthy, and engaged community across Middlesex County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote and support community wellness</li> <li>Innovate social and community services</li> <li>Attract, retain, and engage youth in our community</li> <li>Champion and encourage active transportation and public transit opportunities</li> </ul>
Connecting Through Infrastructure 	Ensure communities are built on a sustainable foundation that is connected and thriving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage and advocate, through partnerships, the construction of scalable, equitable broadband infrastructure, recognizing our unserved and underserved areas</li> <li>Commit to a sound asset management strategy to maintain and fund critical infrastructure</li> <li>Use County infrastructure in an innovative way to provide a seamless service experience for residents</li> </ul>
Strengthening Our Economy 	Encourage a diverse and robust economic base throughout the county	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support opportunities to create a stronger and sustainable agricultural sector</li> <li>Create an environment that enables the attraction and retention of businesses, talent, and investments</li> <li>Attract visitors to Middlesex County</li> <li>Support the development and prosperity of downtown core areas in Middlesex County</li> </ul>

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Promoting Service Excellence  	Innovate and transform municipal service delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anticipate and align municipal service delivery to emerging needs and expectations</li> <li>• Engage, educate and inform residents, businesses, and visitors of county services and community activities</li> <li>• Strengthen our advocacy and lobbying efforts with other government bodies</li> <li>• Collaborate with strategic partners to leverage available resources and opportunities</li> <li>• Build organizational capacity and capabilities</li> </ul>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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