



Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: December 10, 2024
Submitted by: Aina DeViet, Deputy Warden
Subject: Middlesex County Warden's Activity Report

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 events such as the Strathroy Christmas Parade, the Ministry of Long-Term Care funding announcement of the expansion of diagnostic services in Middlesex County and London Long-Term Care Homes through the CPLTC+ Program and touring the new Ontario Plants Propagation Limited facility in Glencoe. The schedule also includes regular communication and planning meetings internally with the County staff, the CAO, and different committees.

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

Date	Activity
October	
October 2, 2024	CMSM Meeting
October 3, 2024	AMO – MOU Meeting
October 4, 2024	WOWC Board of Director’s Meeting – Virtual
October 8, 2024	County Council
October 8, 2024	Ontario Plants Tour – Glencoe, ON
October 8, 2024	County CoL Social Housing & Childcare Meeting
October 10, 2024	Community Paramedicine in Long Term Care Plus – Minister Kusendova-Bashta
October 17, 2024	Board of Health Meeting
October 21, 2024	Western Fair District CEO Meeting
October 22, 2024	Middlesex County Library Board Meeting
October 22, 2024	County Council
October 24, 2024	AMO – Executive Meeting
October 25, 2024	Ontario West Municipal Conference – Chatham
October 30, 2024	2024 Ontario Economic Outlook Minister of Finance Briefing
	Middlesex Women’s Meeting

Date	Activity
November	
November 7, 2024	AMO – MOU Prep Meeting
November 7, 2024	MOU Meeting
November 8, 2024	RED Funding – Tech Alliance Announcement
November 12, 2024	MLPS Flu Shot Clinic at Middlesex County
November 12, 2024	County Council
November 12, 2024	Middlesex County & MLPS Long Service Awards Ceremony
November 15, 2024	WOWC Economic Development Meeting
November 20, 2024	Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee
November 23, 2024	Strathroy Christmas Parade
November 23, 2024	Warden’s Banquet
November 26, 2024	Middlesex County Library Board Meeting
November 26, 2024	County Council
November 28, 2024	AMO Executive Meeting
November 28, 2024	AMO – COW Meeting
November 29, 2024	AMO Board Meeting

Date	Activity
December	
December 5, 2024	Inaugural Meeting

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC FOCUS:

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

Strategic Focus	Goals	Objectives
<p>Cultivating Community Vitality</p> 	<p>Advance a diverse, healthy, and engaged community across Middlesex County</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and support community wellness • Innovate social and community services • Attract, retain, and engage youth in our community • Champion and encourage active transportation and public transit opportunities
<p>Connecting Through Infrastructure</p> 	<p>Ensure communities are built on a sustainable foundation that is connected and thriving</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and advocate, through partnerships, the construction of scalable, equitable broadband infrastructure, recognizing our unserved and underserved areas • Commit to a sound asset management strategy to maintain and fund critical infrastructure • Use County infrastructure in an innovative way to provide a seamless service experience for residents
<p>Strengthening Our Economy</p> 	<p>Encourage a diverse and robust economic base throughout the county</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support opportunities to create a stronger and sustainable agricultural sector • Create an environment that enables the attraction and retention of businesses, talent, and investments • Attract visitors to Middlesex County • Support the development and prosperity of downtown core areas in Middlesex County
<p>Promoting Service Excellence</p> 	<p>Innovate and transform municipal service delivery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipate and align municipal service delivery to emerging needs and expectations • Engage, educate and inform residents, businesses, and visitors of county services and community activities • Strengthen our advocacy and lobbying efforts with other government bodies • Collaborate with strategic partners to leverage available resources and opportunities • Build organizational capacity and capabilities

RECOMMENDATION:

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