

# **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES**

(To be approved)

Thursday, December 12, 2024, 9:00 AM  
Middlesex County Building  
399 Ridout Street North, London

Members Present      Warden Ropp  
                                 Councillor DeViet  
                                 Councillor Clarke  
                                 Councillor Smibert

Also Present            Councillor Cathy Burghardt-Jesson

Staff Present           Marci Ivanic, Legislative Services Manager/Clerk  
                                 Cindy Howard, GM Finance and Community Services  
                                 Paul Shipway, GM of Strategic Initiatives & Innovation  
                                 Chris Traini, County Engineer  
                                 Bill Rayburn, CAO

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Ropp called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

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

None.

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor DeViet  
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

### **4. OPENING COMMENTS**

### **5. BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

5.a Strathmere Lodge

Presentation by Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Strathmere Lodge budget presentation be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Committee recess at 9:34am.

Carried

The Committee resumed at 9:41am.

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Councillor Cathy Burghardt-Jesson be permitted to participate in the Committee's discussions for December 12, 2024.

Carried

5.b Economic Development & Tourism

Presentation by Cara Finn, Director of Economic Development & Tourism

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Economic Development & Tourism budget presentation be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the Committee recess at 10:29am.

Carried

The Committee resumed at 10:45am.

- 5.c Implementation Strategy for the Establishment of an Economic Development Corporation Business Case

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Implementation Strategy for the Establishment of an Economic Development Corporation Business Case presentation be received for information.

Carried

- 5.d South Central Ontario Regional Economic Development Corporation Business Case

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the South Central Ontario Regional Economic Development Corporation Business Case presentation be received for information.

Carried

- 5.e Middlesex County Connect

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Middlesex County Connect budget presentation be received for information.

Carried

- 5.f Transportation

Presentation by Chris Traini, County Engineer / Deputy CAO

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Transportation budget presentation be received for information.

Carried

**6. RECAP**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the meeting adjourn at 1:42 pm.

Carried

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Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

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Brian Ropp, Warden