

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 1:00 PM
Middlesex County Building
399 Ridout Street North, London

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

Members Absent Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND WARDEN'S REMARKS**

Warden Brian Ropp called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Warden Ropp noted that he had an opportunity to attend the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) Annual General Meeting on Friday, January 10, 2025, and congratulated Deputy Warden Aina DeViet, who was honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding contributions to WOWC.

Lindsay Brock, Director of Library Services read the Land Acknowledgement 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 DeViet

THAT the Agenda be amended to include the following Closed Session Item under section 10:

- OLT-23-001001, OLT-23-001073, OLT-23-001320 and OLT-23-000069

AND THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

4.a Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Inaugural Meeting of County Council

4.b Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Meeting of County Council

4.c Closed Session Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Inaugural Meeting, Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Meeting and the Closed Session Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Meeting be approved as presented; and

THAT the recommendations made by Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Meeting be adopted.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a ACTION ITEMS

5.a.1 Updated 2025 Middlesex County Council and Library Board Meeting Calendar

Report from Rebecca Glavin, Deputy Clerk & Legislative Services Coordinator

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

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

6. INQUIRIES

Councillor Grantham requested an update on the traffic signals at the intersection at Glendon Drive and Melbourne Road, and the intersection at Melbourne Road and Longwoods Road.

County Engineer, Chris Traini advised that any of the traffic signal projects which were previously budgeted for installation are still moving forward. The traffic signal project at Glendon Drive and Melbourne Road was delayed due to winter weather and would resume in the Spring. The County is reviewing the intersection of Melbourne Road and Longwoods Road.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

8. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor McMillan
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:06pm.

Carried

9.a DELEGATIONS

None.

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

9.b.1 Glendon Drive Roundabout Update

Presentation by Chris Traini, County Engineer / Deputy CAO

Moved by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the Glendon Drive Roundabout Update be received for information.

Carried

9.b.2 Human Resources Update

Presentation from Jessica Ngai, Director of Human Resources

Councillor Grantham left the meeting at 1:22pm and returned at 1:26pm.

Moved by Councillor McGuire
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Human Resources Update be received for information.

Carried

9.b.3 Partnerships for Municipal Innovation - Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL)

Presentation by Cindy Howard, General Manager of Finance & Community Services

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation - Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.b.4 Middlesex-London Paramedic Service (MLPS) Rapid Response Unit (RRU) Update

Presentation from Adam Bennett, Director of Paramedic Services

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service (MLPS) Rapid Response Unit (RRU) Update be received for information.

Carried

9.c ACTION ITEMS

None.

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 Electronic Payments - December 2024

9.d.2 Strathmere Lodge Monthly Census Report - November 2024

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

9.d.3 Withdrawal of Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal of Proposed Plan of Subdivision File No. 39T-SC1901; Sifton Properties Limited; Strathroy-Caradoc

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

9.d.4 Correspondence from Minister Calandra regarding Proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024, dated December 12, 2024

9.d.5 Correspondence from Minister Calandra regarding Homelessness Prevention dated December 13, 2024

- 9.d.6 Correspondence from Middlesex Federation of Agriculture regarding Improved signage for agricultural equipment on County Roads dated December 3, 2024
- 9.d.7 Correspondence from Provincial Land Use Plans Branch regarding Decision on PPS 2024 Transition Regulation dated December 20, 2024
- 9.d.8 Board of Health Update - December 2024
- 9.d.9 Middlesex-London Board of Health Report No. 82-24 - Monitoring Food Affordability and Implications for Public Policy and Action
- 9.d.10 Correspondence from Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding Appointment of the Associate Minister of Auto Theft & Bail Reform dated October 24, 2024
- 9.d.11 Correspondence from Glencoe & District Historical Society dated December 10, 2024
- 9.d.12 Minutes of the December 12, 2024 Meeting of the Library Board
- 9.d.13 Minutes of the December 9, 2024 Meeting of the Budget Committee
- 9.d.14 Minutes of the December 11, 2024 Meeting of the Budget Committee
- 9.d.15 Minutes of the December 12, 2024 Meeting of the Budget Committee
- 9.d.16 Minutes of the December 16, 2024 Meeting of the Budget Committee

Moved by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT items 9.d.1 to 9.d.16 be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 1:57pm.

Carried

10. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed at 1:58pm in order to consider the following:

10.a - Order of Ontario - Nomination. A personal matter pertaining to identifiable individuals, including municipal employees, pursuant to subsections 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended; and

10.b - OLT-23-001001, OLT-23-001073, OLT-23-001320 and OLT-23-000069. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, pursuant to subsections 239(2)(b) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended; and

10.c. - Human Resources Matter. A personal matter pertaining to identifiable individuals, including municipal employees, and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, pursuant to subsections 239(2)(b) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried

10.a Order of Ontario - Nomination

10.b OLT-23-001001, OLT-23-001073, OLT-23-001320 and OLT-23-000069

10.c Human Resources Matter

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 2:55pm.

Carried

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 2:57pm and reconvene after the Special Meeting of Council.

Carried

Warden Ropp called the meeting back to order at 3:33pm.

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed at 3:34pm in order to consider the following:

10.c. - Human Resources Matter. A personal matter pertaining to identifiable individuals, including municipal employees, and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, pursuant to subsections 239(2)(b) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried

10.d Rise and Report from Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 3:51pm.

Carried

11. BY-LAWS

11.a #7314 - A BY-LAW to Prohibit and Regulate the Destruction or Injuring of Trees

11.b #7315 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the January 14, 2025 Meeting of Council

Moved by Councillor McMillan
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

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

Carried

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.a Next Meetings

- Tuesday, February 11, 2025
- Tuesday, March 11, 2025
- Tuesday, March 25, 2025

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:55pm.

Carried

Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

Brian Ropp, Warden