

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 1:00 PM  
Middlesex County Building  
399 Ridout Street North, London

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

Members Absent      Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

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

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

M. Ivanic 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 Brennan

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 January 14, 2025 Meeting of County Council

4.b Closed Session Minutes of the January 14, 2025 Meeting of County Council

4.c Minutes of the January 14, 2025 Special Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Grantham  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the Minutes of the January 14, 2025 Meeting, the Closed Session Minutes of the January 14, 2025 Meeting, the Minutes of the January 14, 2025 Special Meeting be approved as presented; and

THAT the recommendations made by Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the January 14, 2025 Meeting be adopted.

Carried

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

5.a ACTION ITEMS

5.a.1 Middlesex County Loan Program: Municipality of North Middlesex Application

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager of Finance and & Community Services / Deputy CAO / County Treasurer & Josh White, Procurement Services Manager

Moved by Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Middlesex County Loan Program: Municipality of North Middlesex Application report be received for information;

THAT the Municipality of North Middlesex's Middlesex County Loan Program application in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 for the North Middlesex Parkhill Fire and Middlesex-London Paramedic Service Station be approved;

AND THAT a by-law be introduced at the February 11, 2025 Council meeting to:

1. Authorize and approve the Loan Agreement with the Municipality of North Middlesex; and
2. Authorize the Warden and the County Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Carried

**6. INQUIRIES**

Councillor Clarke requested a staff report outlining the County's vacation policy, vacation accruals and any outstanding balances. The General Manager of Finance & Community Services confirmed that administration staff would return to County Council with a staff report.

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

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

None.

**9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved by Councillor Mayhew  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:05pm.

Carried

9.a DELEGATIONS

None.

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

9.b.1 Economic Development & Tourism - 2024 Year in Review

Presentation by Cara Finn, Director of Economic Development & Tourism

Moved by Councillor Mayhew  
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the Economic Development & Tourism - 2024 Year in Review presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.b.2 Economic Development & Tourism - Budget Presentation

Presentation by Cara Finn, Director of Economic Development & Tourism

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Economic Development & Tourism - Budget Presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.b.3 Middlesex-London Paramedic Service (MLPS) Community Paramedicine - Waterloo Street Update

Presentation by Chris Traini, County Engineer / Deputy CAO

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service (MLPS) Community Paramedicine - Waterloo Street Update be received for information.

Carried

9.b.4 Middlesex-London Paramedic Service Mobile Logistics

Presentation by Bill Rayburn, CAO & Kelly Dolbear, Commander, Logistics, MLPS

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service Mobile Logistics presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.1 Thames Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 32; Brantam Excavating Inc; File No. 39-TC-OPA32

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Thames Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 32; Brantam Excavating Inc; File No. 39-TC-OPA32 report be received for information;

THAT Amendment No. 32 (File No. 39-TC-OPA32) to the Municipality of Thames Centre Official Plan be approved;

THAT staff be directed to circulate a Notice of Decision as required by the *Planning Act*,

AND THAT the Notice of Decision indicate that all written submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

9.c.2 Proposed Plan of Subdivision; Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc; File No. 39T-SC2201; Westdell Edgewood North

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Proposed Plan of Subdivision; Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc; File No. 39T-SC2201; Westdell Edgewood North report be received for information;

THAT the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-SC2201) be granted draft plan approval subject to conditions;

THAT a Notice of Decision be circulated as required by the Planning Act;

AND THAT the Notice of Decision indicate that all written submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

9.c.3 Major Red-Line Revision to Plan of Subdivision; Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc; File No. 39T-SC1702; Westdell Edgewood South

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Councillor Mayhew left the meeting at 2:19pm.

Moved by Councillor DeViet  
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the Major Red-Line Revision to Plan of Subdivision; Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc; File No. 39T-SC1702; Westdell Edgewood South report be received for information;

THAT the revised Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-SC-1702) be granted draft plan approval subject to conditions;

THAT a Notice of Decision be circulated as required by the Planning Act;

AND THAT the Notice of Decision indicate that all written submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

9.c.4 New Traffic Signals on Middlesex County Roads

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer/Deputy CAO

Councillor Mayhew returned at 2:22pm.

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the New Traffic Signals on Middlesex County Roads report be received for information.

Carried

9.c.5 Proposed Governance & Administration Centre Update

Report from Chris Traini, P.Eng. County Engineer / Deputy CAO

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Proposed Governance & Administration Centre Update be received for information;

AND THAT staff be directed to engage a consultant in accordance with Middlesex County purchasing policies to review and prepare a study to form the basis for a funding application for solar energy generation at the Middlesex County campus of 1035 and 1045 Adelaide Street South.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 Middlesex County Payable Reports - November 1, 2024 - November 29, 2024

9.d.2 Middlesex County Payable Reports - November 30, 2024 to December 23, 2024

- 9.d.3 Middlesex County Payable Reports - December 24, 2024 to January 30, 2025
- 9.d.4 Western Ontario Warden's Caucus - Media Release - Mayor Amy Martin elected as WOWC Chair for 2025
- 9.d.5 Strathmere Lodge Monthly Census Report - December 2024  
Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator
- 9.d.6 Uncontested Official Plan Amendment; Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc; File No. 39-SC-OPA19; 10000585742 Ontario Inc. BoldHaven Developments  
Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator
- 9.d.7 2025 Middlesex-London Board of Health & Committee Meetings Schedule - Amended
- 9.d.8 Enbridge Gas Inc. - Notice of Upcoming Project - Southwold Pipeline Project
- 9.d.9 Western Ontario Warden's Caucus - Media Release - WOWC Chair to Take a Leave of Absence
- 9.d.10 Board of Health Update - January 2025
- 9.d.11 Correspondence from Ministry of Transportation - ROMA Conference - January 24, 2025
- 9.d.12 Minutes of the January 14, 2025 Meeting of the Library Board
- 9.d.13 Minutes of the January 24, 2025 Meeting of the Middlesex-London Paramedic Services Authority Board Meeting
- 9.d.14 Minutes of the January 24, 2025 Meeting of the Budget Committee
- 9.d.15 Minutes of the February 3, 2024 Meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee
- 9.d.16 Minutes of the February 4, 2025 Meeting of the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee
- 9.d.17 Minutes of the August 13, 2024 Meeting of the County Road & Bridge Assumption Study Technical Steering Committee
- 9.d.18 Minutes of the February 4, 2025 Meeting of the County Road & Bridge Assumption Study Technical Steering Committee



Moved by Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Items 9.d.1 to 9.d.18 be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Mayhew  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 2:51pm.

Carried

## **10. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

## **11. BY-LAWS**

11.a #7317 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement with The Corporation of the Municipality of North Middlesex through the Middlesex County Loan Program

11.b #7318 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the February 11, 2025 Special Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Grantham  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

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

Carried

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12.a Next Meetings

- Tuesday, February 18, 2025 (Budget Meeting)

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

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Mayhew  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:52pm.

Carried

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Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

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Brian Ropp, Warden