

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 1:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Members Present	Councillor DeViet Councillor Brennan Councillor Burghardt-Jesson Councillor Grantham Councillor McGuire Councillor McMillan Councillor Ropp Councillor Smibert
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Members Absent	Councillor Clarke Councillor Mayhew
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND WARDEN'S REMARKS

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

M. Ivanic read the Land Acknowledgment 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.

2.a Councillor McGuire - Provincially-required Annual Quality Improvement Plan - 2025/2026

Councillor McGuire declared a conflict of interest as a result of a family member residing at the Lodge.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

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 March 4, 2025 Visioning Session

4.b Minutes of the March 11, 2025 Meeting of Middlesex County Council

4.c Closed Session Minutes of the March 11, 2025 Meeting of Middlesex County Council

Consideration of Item 4.c. was deferred to the April 8, 2025 meeting of Council.

Moved by Councillor McGuire
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Minutes of the March 4, 2025 Visioning Session and March 11, 2025 Meeting be approved as presented;

AND THAT the recommendations made by Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the March 11, 2025 Meeting be adopted.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a ACTION ITEMS

5.a.1 Middlesex County Loan Program: Municipality Thames Centre Application

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

Moved by Councillor McGuire
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

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

THAT the Municipality of Thames Centre's Middlesex County Loan Program application in the amount of \$930,000.00 for the Thorndale Industrial Drain be approved;

AND THAT a by-law be introduced at the March 25, 2025 Council meeting to:

- a. Authorize and approve the Loan Agreement with the Municipality of Thames Centre; and
- b. Authorize the Warden and the County Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Carried

5.a.2 Award of Tender #MC-2025-02 – Pike Road Bridge Replacement

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer & Josh White, Procurement Services Manager

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Award of Tender # MC-2025-02 – Pike Road Bridge Replacement be received for information;

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award the Request for Tender # MC-2025-02 to Hayman Construction Inc. in the amount of \$5,829,893.97 before taxes;

THAT the unbudgeted amount be funded from Capital Reserves;

THAT the repayment provisions for the unbudgeted amount be referred to the budget committee;

AND THAT the County Engineer be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Middlesex, all agreements and other documents necessary to implement this award on confirmation that such agreements and other documents be in a form satisfactory to the County Solicitor.

Carried

6. INQUIRIES

None.

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 Smibert

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:19pm.

Carried

9.a DELEGATIONS

None.

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

9.b.1 County Forestry Services Update

Presentation from Mark Brown, Woodlands Conservation Officer /
Weed Inspector

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the County Forestry Update be received for information.

Carried

9.b.2 Middlesex-London Paramedic Service Innovation Agenda

Presentation from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service Innovation Agenda presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.b.3 Ambulance Procurement Strategy

Presentation from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the Ambulance Procurement Strategy presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.c ACTION ITEMS

Councillor Mayhew joined the meeting at 2:06pm.

9.c.1 Middlesex County Asset Management Plan (AMP)

Report from Paul Shipway, General Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Innovation

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the 2025 Middlesex County Asset Management Report be received for information;

AND THAT a by-law to adopt the 2025 Middlesex County Asset Management Plan and repeal By-law No. 6996 be introduced at the April 8, 2025 meeting of County Council.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Council direct staff to prepare financial strategies for council consideration to fully fund the Middlesex county asset management plan and report back to county council in advance of 2026 budget deliberations.

Carried

9.c.2 Long-term Care Service Accountability Agreement (L-SAA) – Annual Declaration of Compliance

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Long-term Care Service Accountability Agreement (L-SAA) – Annual Declaration of Compliance report be received for information;

THAT Schedule E (Declaration of Compliance) of the Long-Term Care Service Accountability Agreement (L-SAA) be approved;

AND THAT the Warden be authorized to sign Schedule E on behalf of the County of Middlesex.

Carried

9.c.3 Provincially-required Annual Quality Improvement Plan - 2025/2026

Councillor McGuire declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor McGuire declared a conflict of interest as a result of a family member residing at the Lodge.)

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the Provincially-required Annual Quality Improvement Plan – 2025/26 Report be received for information;

THAT the 2024/25 Quality Improvement Plan be approved;

AND THAT the Strathmere Lodge Administrator be directed to submit the Quality Improvement Plan to Health Quality Ontario.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 Thames Valley District School Board - Invitation to Community Planning & Facility Collaboration Opportunities Meeting Middlesex County

9.d.2 Final Approval of Wagstaff Place, Plan of Condominium; File 39T-SC-CDM2001, Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc

Report from Teresa Hill, Planning & Development Coordinator

9.d.3 Middlesex County Procurements Awarded between the amounts of \$100,000.00 and \$250,000.00

Report from Josh White, Procurement Services Manager

9.d.4 Strathmere Lodge Monthly Census Report - February 2025

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

9.d.5 Minutes of the March 5, 2025 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting

9.d.6 Minutes of the March 10, 2025 MLPS Authority Board Meeting

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT items 9.d.1 to 9.d.6 be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 2:41pm.

Carried

10. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed at 2:41pm in order to consider the following:

10.a - 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, with respect to the human resources matter, in accordance with subsections 239(2)(b) and (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended.

Carried

10.a Human Resources Matter

Moved by Councillor McMillan
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 3:19pm.

Carried

10.b Rise and Report from Closed Session

Warden Ropp reported that direction was provided to legal counsel on a Human Resources Matter.

11. BY-LAWS

- 11.a #7322 - A BY-LAW to Adopt the 2025 Budget
- 11.b #7323 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement with The Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre through the Middlesex County Loan Program
- 11.c #7324 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the March 25, 2025 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

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

Carried

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.a Next Meetings

- Tuesday, April 8, 2025
- Tuesday, April 22, 2025
- Tuesday, May 13, 2025

12.b Thames Valley District School Board's Community Planning & Facility Collaboration Opportunities Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 1:00pm

Location: Middlesex County Building, 399 Ridout St N, London

12.c 2025 Middlesex Municipal Day

Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Location: Caradoc Community Centre | 565 Lions Park Drive Mount Brydges, ON N0L 1W0

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:22pm.

Carried

Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

Brian Ropp, Warden