



Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: April 8, 2025
Submitted by: Brian Ropp, Warden
Subject: Middlesex County Warden's Activity Report – Q1

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 London & Middlesex Local Immigration partnership "All Are Welcome Here" event. The schedule also includes regular communication and planning meetings internally with the County staff, the CAO, and different committees.

At the ROMA Conference, Middlesex County's advocacy efforts included delegations with various ministries and officials, including the Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry of Long-Term Care and the Ministry of Health. During these meetings, the County emphasized important community issues such as long-term care, community transportation, rural connectivity by addressing cellular and broadband gaps and ambulance offload delays.

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
December 2024	
December 10, 2024	Inaugural Meeting of County Council
December 11, 2024	Budget Committee Meeting
December 11, 2024	Budget Committee Meeting
December 11, 2024	Library Board Meeting
December 14, 2024	Ailsa Craig Christmas Parade
December 16, 2024	Budget Committee Meeting

Date	Activity
January 2025	
January 9-10, 2025	Western Ontario Warden's Caucus Annual General Meeting
January 13, 2025	Meeting at County Building
January 14, 2025	Library Board Meeting
January 14, 2025	County Council / Special Meeting of Council
January 15, 2025	Department Heads Meeting
January 19-21, 2025	ROMA Conference
January 24, 2025	MLPS Authority Board Meeting
January 24, 2025	Budget Committee Meeting
January 29, 2025	Meeting with City of London Mayor

Date	Activity
February 2025	
February 2, 2025	Groundhog Day in Melbourne
February 3, 2025	Planning Advisory Committee Meeting
February 4, 2025	County Road and Bridge Assumption Study Technical Steering Committee
February 7, 2025	Budget Committee Meeting
February 11, 2025	County Council
February 18, 2025	County Council – Budget Meeting
February 24, 2025	PMI-WILL Cambodia Visit to Middlesex County
February 26, 2025	London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership All Are Welcome Here
February 26, 2025	PMI-WILL Cambodia Visit to Middlesex County
February 27, 2025	Special Meeting of Council



Date	Activity
March 2025	
March 4, 2025	Middlesex County Strategic Plan Visioning Session
March 5, 2025	Planning Advisory Committee Meeting
March 7, 2025	Western Ontario Warden's Caucus Meeting
March 10, 2025	MLPS Authority Board Meeting
March 11, 2025	County Council
March 21, 2025	London & Middlesex Community Housing Consultation Session
March 25, 2025	Library Board Meeting
March 25, 2025	County Council

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC FOCUS:

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

Strategic Focus	Goals	Objectives
Cultivating Community Vitality 	Advance a diverse, healthy, and engaged community across Middlesex County	<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
Connecting Through Infrastructure 	Ensure communities are built on a sustainable foundation that is connected and thriving	<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

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<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 – Q1 be received for information.