

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, May 13, 2025
11:00 AM
Middlesex County Building
399 Ridout Street North, London

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

Warden Ropp called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

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.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Councillor DeViet

Seconded By Councillor Clarke

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

4. CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Councillor Mayhew

Seconded By Councillor McGuire

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed at 11:02am in order to consider the following:

4.a - Ontario Land Tribunal Update. A litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, with respect to the appeal, in accordance with subsections 239(2)(e) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended;

4.b - Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal. A litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, with respect to the appeal, in accordance with subsections 239(2)(e) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended;

4.c - Lease Negotiations. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, in accordance with subsections 239(2) (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended.

Carried

- 4.a Ontario Land Tribunal Appeals Update
- 4.b Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal
- 4.c Lease Negotiations

Moved By Councillor Smibert
Seconded By Councillor Mayhew

THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 12:02pm.

Carried

5. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Warden Ropp reported that direction was provided to staff in respect of Item 4.c.

Moved By Councillor DeViet
Seconded By Councillor Brennan

THAT staff be directed to pursue the appeal of the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc Application B-22/2024 before the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Carried

6. BY-LAWS

- 6.a #7333 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the May 13, 2025 Special Meeting of County Council

Moved By Councillor Smibert
Seconded By Councillor Brennan

THAT the By-law be given a first and second reading.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Burghardt-Jesson
Seconded By Councillor Mayhew

THAT the By-law be given a third and final reading.

Carried

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor McGuire
Seconded By Councillor DeViet

THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:05pm.

Carried

Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

Brian Ropp, Warden