

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 1:00 PM  
Middlesex County Building  
399 Ridout Street North, London

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

Warden Ropp called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and made the following remarks:

*On behalf of Middlesex County Council and our entire community, I extend my deepest condolences to the families and loved ones affected by the tragic motor vehicle accident that occurred in Thames Centre on Friday. This is a difficult time for many in our community, and our thoughts are with everyone impacted. I also want to recognize the first responders who attended the scene and thank them for their efforts.*

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 Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

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 May 13, 2025 Special Meeting of Middlesex County Council

4.b Minutes of the May 13, 2025 Meeting of County Council

4.c Closed Session Minutes of the May 13, 2025 Special Meeting of Middlesex County Council

Moved by Councillor DeViet  
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the Minutes of the May 13, 2025 Meeting and May 13, 2025 Special Meeting be approved as presented;

THAT the Closed Session Minutes of the April 29, 2025 Meeting be approved as presented;

AND THAT the recommendations made by the Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the May 13, 2025 meeting be adopted.

Carried

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.a Lease Agreement - 399 Ridout Street North**

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer/Deputy CAO

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT a by-law be introduced at the May 27, 2025 Council meeting to:

1. Authorize and approve the Lease Amending Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Middlesex and York Developments (London) Inc., for the property municipally known as 399 Ridout Street North; and
2. Authorize the Warden and County Clerk to execute the Agreement.

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the Mortgage Amending Agreement for 1413 Adelaide Street and the Mortgage Amending Agreement for 399 Ridout Street and any other documents required to finalize the lease extension and related arrangements, all in a form satisfactory to the County Engineer/Deputy CAO and the County Solicitor.

Carried

**6. INQUIRIES**

Councillor Burghardt-Jesson requested a staff report regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

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

None.

**9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:10pm.

Carried

9.a DELEGATIONS

None.

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

9.b.1 Overview of Provincial Funding of Long-Term Care Homes - Strathmere Lodge

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Overview of Provincial Funding of Long-Term Care Homes - Strathmere Lodge presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.b.2 Middlesex County Emergency Management Update

Presentation from Bettina Weber, Community Emergency Management Coordinator

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the Middlesex County Emergency Management Update presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.1 Bill 17 - Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act

Report from Abby Heddle-Jacobs, Planner II (Policy & Special Projects)

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Bill 17 – Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act Report be received for information;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare and submit comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry in response to Bill 17 consultations;

AND THAT such submissions be guided by the principles and considerations outlined in this report and in alignment with applicable Middlesex County policies, plans, and strategic documents.

Carried

#### 9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 General Administration Payables March 29, 2025 to April 24, 2025 totaling \$597,601.84

9.d.2 Library Payables March 29, 2025 to April 24, 2025 totaling \$91,753.25

9.d.3 Planning Payables March 29, 2025 to April 24, 2025 totaling \$6,497.08

9.d.4 Social Services Payables March 29, 2025 to April 24, 2025 totaling \$1,674,466.15

9.d.5 Economic Development Payables March 29, 2025 to April 24, 2025 totaling \$28,586.37

9.d.6 ITS Payables March 29, 2025 to April 24, 2025 totaling \$505,363.55

9.d.7 MLPS Payables March 29, 2025 to April 24, 2025 totaling \$2,415,752.73

9.d.8 Roads Payables March 29, 2025 to April 24, 2025 totaling \$960,967.79

9.d.9 Strathmere Lodge Payables March 29, 2025 to April 24, 2025 totaling \$503,314.12

9.d.10 OPP News Release - School Bus Safety

9.d.11 Uncontested Plan of Condominium Exemption; Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc; File No. 39T-SC-CDM2501; Foxwood Developments (London) Inc.

9.d.12 Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region - Municipal Newsletter - May 2025

9.d.13 Letter from Minister Flack Re: Protect Ontario by Building Faster and SmarterAct, 2025

9.d.14 City of London Resolution - May 13, 2025

9.d.15 Strathmere Lodge Census Report - April 2025

9.d.16 Hydro One - Technical Advisory Committee Workshop - May 2025

9.d.17 2025 Ontario Budget

Moved by Councillor DeViet  
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT Items 9.d.1 to 9.c.17 be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise at 2:13pm.

Carried

## **10. CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed at 2:13pm in order to consider the following:

10.a - Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) Negotiations. Labour relations or employee negotiations in accordance with subsection 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended; and

10.b - CAO Recruitment. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried

on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board in accordance with subsections 239(2)(b) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended.

Carried

10.a Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) Negotiations

10.b CAO Recruitment

10.c Closed Session Minutes

10.d Rise and Report from Closed Session

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 3:23pm.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT the Ontario Nurses' Association Negotiations – Arbitration Award be received for information.

AND THAT County Council authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign a new Collective Agreement with the Ontario Nurses' Association effective April 1, 2023 to expire on March 31, 2025.

Carried

## **11. BY-LAWS**

11.a #7336 - A BY-LAW to Adopt Rates of Speed on County Highways

11.b #7337 - A BY-LAW to Authorize a Lease Amending Agreement with York Developments (London) Inc.

11.c #7338 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the May 27, 2025 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor McMillan  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

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

Carried

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12.a Next Meetings

12.b Middlesex County Warden's Charity Golf Tournament

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

That the meeting adjourn at 3:26pm.

Carried

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Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

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Brian Ropp, Warden