

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 1:00 PM
Middlesex County Building
399 Ridout Street North, London

Members Present Warden Burghardt-Jesson
 Councillor Smith
 Councillor DeViet
 Councillor Brennan
 Councillor Ropp
 Councillor Cornelissen
 Councillor Mayhew
 Councillor Vanderheyden
 Councillor Richards
 Councillor Warwick
 Councillor Elliott

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

Warden Burghardt-Jesson called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Warden Burghardt-Jesson addressed Council as follows:

"In many ways it is hard to believe that it is October. We have been fortunate to have the weather that we have had...it seems that the weather we wait so long to enjoy in the summer has been extended. My family was fortunate to celebrate Thanksgiving outside in shorts and short sleeves. October traditionally brings in sweater weather with cool, crisp days and evenings...I am sure those are around the corner..."

October also seems to recognize so many worthy causes. Yesterday was International Day of the Girl, which makes sense given October is Women's History Month. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Did you know October is International Walk to School Month? We recognize National Senior's Day, Invisible Disabilities Week World Sight Day, Person's Day and Canadian Islamic History Month...in fact there are over 25 causes, histories or recognitions that are officially commemorated during the month of October.

And while these are all worthy of a few minutes of discussion...I want to recognize Saturday...It was World Mental Health Day. As I have done so many times here at the County during my terms as Warden, at my own Council meetings and events in Lucan Biddulph, at the many health briefings I have attended with Health Unit, I want to once again the importance of looking after our own mental health and looking out for signs that family or a friend could be struggling with issues surrounding their mental health. We have been under so much stress and strain living with the pandemic. Cracks in our healthcare system have certainly been shown, not in the least in areas where mental health is detected and treated. We have heard promises from both higher levels of government that investment needs to be expanded when it comes to mental health resources. I would encourage you...my colleagues that when able...continue to press from those investments.

Your mental health can mean many things, it can be an addiction or an affliction. It can be something diagnosed and treated that you must treat for your whole life, like arthritis. It can be a one-off episode that affects you because of circumstances you are facing in that moment. Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. If you experience mental health problems, your thinking, mood, and behavior could be affected.

How do we recognize in ourselves and our loved ones that we need to take extra care with our mental health? Look for signs and there can be many, such (but certainly not limited to): Eating or sleeping too much or too little; pulling away from people and usual activities; having low or no energy; smoking, drinking, or using drugs more than usual; feeling unusually confused, forgetful, on edge, angry, upset, worried, or scared. Some of these signs in isolation can be addressed, but when they persist or when they are compounded, perhaps it's time to search out or suggest supports.

A mental health issue like any other health diagnosis affects family and friends of the one who is suffering. As I have shared in the past, I have a son who struggles everyday with depression, anxiety and addiction. As with any illness there are good days and not so good days. As a family we experience them together and it can affect our mental well being as well. And so we all take steps to make sure we are healthy. How? By connecting with each other and our social circle, by being physically active, by getting enough sleep and by reaching out to community resources if required.

Last week, Carey Price the goaltender for the Montreal Canadians acknowledged through his family and team supports that he was in a struggle with a mental health issue. It was not declared publicly, what it is, it doesn't matter. What is important to recognize is that if a high profile athlete (and we have seen a few this past year, acknowledge the same health issues), if a man who makes over \$13million a year can step away from his career to address his health, then if you are struggling, if I am struggling, if someone you love is battling a mental health crisis...we can all take a step to reach out for healthcare. A mental health crisis is not battled alone. It is always key to remember...its' ok not to be ok and its ok to say I'm not ok."

2. PROVISION FOR DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

2.a Warden Burghardt-Jesson - Proposed Plan of Condominium, Township of Lucan Biddulph, File No. 39T-LB-CDM2102, 2270942 Ontario Ltd.

Warden Burghardt-Jesson declared a conflict of interest in Item 11 b 1, Proposed Plan of Condominium, Township of Lucan Biddulph, File No. 39T-LB-CDM2102, 2290942 Ontario Inc., as a family member is employed by the engineering firm working on the project.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

4. MINUTES

4.a Minutes of the September 28, 2021 Meeting of County Council

4.b Minutes of the Visioning Session of County Council held on September 14, 2021

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Richards

THAT the Minutes of the September 28, 2021 meeting of County Council and the Minutes of the Visioning Session of County Council held on September 14, 2021 be approved as presented.

4.c Closed Minutes of the Visioning Session of County Council held on September 14, 2021

Moved by Councillor Warwick
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the Closed Minutes of the Visioning Session of County Council held on September 14, 2021 be approved as presented.

5. DEPUTATIONS

- 5.a Presentation of the Proceeds of the 2021 Middlesex County Warden's Charity Golf Tournament to the Lucan Legion Branch 540 and Victim Services of Middlesex London

6. ENQUIRIES OR NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Vanderheyden highlighted the work of the Women's Caucus and thanked mentees from the University of Western Ontario.

7. REPORTS

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.a County Forest; Sale of Timber; Purdy and Patterson Tracts

Report from Mark Brown, Woodlands Conservation Officer.

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT the tender submitted by Townsend Lumber Inc. in the amount of \$63,250.00 for Tender W2021B be accepted; and

THAT the necessary By-law be presented to County Council to authorize the Warden and the County Clerk to execute the attached Agreement.

Carried

- 8.b MLPS 2022 Response Time Performance Plan

Report from Adam Bennett, Commander - Operations, MLPS.

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT County Council accept this report and that staff be directed to notify the Ministry of Health that the Response Time Performance Plan will change to recommended targets for 2022; and

THAT, if for any reason, it is determined that the plan needs to be changed, it can be done at any time with the Ministry of Health at the direction of Middlesex County Council.

Carried

8.c Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Transfer Payment Agreement

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Warwick

THAT the Corporation of the County of Middlesex approve the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement; and

THAT the necessary by-law be forwarded to Middlesex County Council to authorize the Warden and the County Clerk to execute the attached Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement.

Carried

8.d Municipal Modernization Project Update - Procurement Services Review

Report from Chris Bailey, ITS Manager and Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services.

Moved by Councillor Cornelissen

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT Middlesex County Council accept this report as information relating to the Municipal Modernization Intake 2 Review Stream Procurement Services RFP and provide delegated authority to Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services to endorse a subsequent contract ensuring the project amount of \$65,000.00 and a project completion date no later than January 14, 2022 to comply with Provincial project deadlines.

Carried

8.e Amended Sublease Agreement - Culinary Catering

Report from Wayne Meagher, County Barrister and Solicitor.

Moved by Councillor Warwick

Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT County Council approve the attached Culinary Catering Amended Sublease 2021 and direct the endorsement of the Amended Sublease.

Carried

9. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10. BY-LAWS

10.a #7132 - A BY-LAW to authorize the signing of an Agreement for Professional Timber Harvesting Services with Townsend Lumber Inc.

10.b #7133 - A BY-LAW to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement - ICIP

10.c #7134 - A BY-LAW to enter into an Amended Sublease Agreement with Culinary Catering

10.d #7135 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the October 12, 2021 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

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

Carried

11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11.a DELEGATIONS / REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS

None.

11.b ACTION ITEMS

11.b.1 Proposed Plan of Condominium, Township of Lucan Biddulph, File No. 39T-LB-CDM2102, 2270942 Ontario Ltd.

(Warden Burghardt-Jesson declared a conflict of interest in Item 11 b 1, Proposed Plan of Condominium, Township of Lucan Biddulph, File No. 39T-LB-CDM2102, 2290942 Ontario Inc., as a family member is employed by the engineering firm working on the project.)

Warden Burghardt-Jesson passed the virtual gavel to Past Warden Kurtis Smith. Past Warden Smith assumed the Chair.

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning.

Warden Burghardt-Jesson did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.

Moved by Councillor Warwick
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the proposed Plan of Condominium (File No. 39T-LB-CDM2102) be granted draft plan approval subject to conditions and that a Notice of Decision be circulated as required by the *Planning Act* and that the Notice of Decision indicate that all written and oral submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

Warden Burghardt-Jesson resumed the Chair.

11.b.2 Proposed Plan of Condominium, Municipality of Middlesex Centre, File No. 39T-MC-CDM2002, 10919 Longwoods Road Inc.

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning.

Moved by Councillor Richards
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the proposed Plan of Condominium (File No. 39T-MC-CDM2002) be granted draft plan approval subject to conditions and that a Notice of Decision be circulated as required by the *Planning Act* and that the Notice of Decision indicate that all written and oral submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and

decision.

Carried

11.b.2 2020 Investment Report

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services, County Treasurer.

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the 2020 Investment Report be approved as presented.

Carried

11.b.3 2021 PSAB Budget

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services/Treasurer.

Moved by Councillor Warwick

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the net 2021 PSAB/Full Accrual budget required for the 2021 Financial Statement purposes in the amount of \$40,582,222 be approved.

Carried

11.c CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

11.c.1 General Administration Payables September 6 - October 1, 2021 totalling \$1,678,159.66

11.c.2 Planning Payables September 6 - October 1, 2021 totalling \$39,745.86

11.c.3 Social Services Payables September 6 - October 1, 2021 totalling \$381,622.73

11.c.4 Strathmere Lodge Payables September 6 - October 1, 2021 totalling \$295,565.82

11.c.5 Roads Payables September 6 - October 1, 2021 totalling \$2,193,071.77

11.c.6 MLPS Payables September 6 - October 1, 2021 totalling \$931,442.86

11.c.7 Economic Development Payables September 6 - October 1, 2021
totalling \$21,350.43

11.c.8 Information Technology Payables September 6 - October 1, 2021
totalling \$185,135.93

11.c.9 Electronic Payments September 2021 totalling \$1,890,917.46

Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor Warwick

THAT Items 11.c.1 to 11.c.9 be received for information.

Carried

11.c.10 Southwest Middlesex Resolution supporting the Committee
to Establish a Middlesex County Archives dated September
15, 2021

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT staff be directed to provide Council with a report outlining
options with respect to the establishment of a Middlesex County
Archives.

Carried

11.c.11 Middlesex-London Board of Health Meeting Update
September 2021

11.c.12 Letter from Minister Clark re: Expiry of Temporary
Regulations 130/20 and 131/20

11.c.13 Final Approval of Foxborough, Plan of Subdivision; Phase 3;
File 39T-TC1301, Thames Centre

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning

11.c.14 Strathmere Lodge Census Report for September 2021

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

11.c.15 Housing Stability for All Plan - Mid-Year Update

Report from Kevin Dickins, Deputy City Manager, Social and
Health Development and George Kotsifas, Deputy City

Manager, Planning and Economic Development, City of London.

11.c.16 Social Assistance Transformation - Social Services

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager, Finance and Community Services

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Warwick

THAT Items 11.c.10 to 11.c.16 be received for information.

Carried

12. INQUIRIES

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.a Next Meetings

Tuesday October 26, 2021

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Tuesday, December 2, 2021 at 4:00pm - Inaugural

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14.a Warden's Banquet - Saturday, November 27, 2021

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Warwick
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:11pm.

Carried