

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Tuesday, October 26, 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
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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:

"It has been awhile since we've shared good news stories from across the County and today seems to be a good day to do just that. What better way to start but with baby news! We all want to congratulate Councilor Vanderheyden on the birth of her great-granddaughter Sophia Adriana. It was a stressful week for the family as Sophia's big sister is in the hospital with pneumonia. Thankfully she is on the mend and can hardly wait to meet her baby sister!"

Congratulations to Kyle Farquharson of Mount Brydges! He is the 2021 Hugh Mitchell Western Fair 4-H Endowment Fund Scholarship recipient! This scholarship was established by the Western Fair Association is awarded to an existing or former 4-H member from Middlesex between the ages of 17 and 21, who is exemplary in his or her demonstration of the 4-H pledge. Kyle is attending the University of Guelph.

I think we should start to call Thames Centre the Mushroom Capital of the County! As we see from our correspondence list, Shogun Maitake recently announced the investment of 31.2 million to build a new production facility on

Dundas St. When completed, this production facility will be double the size of Armatec and employ 300 people. Shogun Maitake will grow, process, package and distribute all from this space. Shogun joins White Crest Mushroom and another new mushroom farm in Mossley, that grows Shitakes...they will all call Thames Centre home. Shogun Maitake and another Thames Centre business, Algonquin Bridge received grant money from the Provincial Southwestern Ontario Development Fund. The money invested in Algonquin Bridge will create 10 new jobs and help to retain 29 positions. It is fantastic to see this kind of investment in our community!

There has been investment made in Strathroy Caradoc as well...Goss Global has purchased property in the industrial area. They hope to start building within 6 months. Autotube has announced an expansion. These two announcements means new employment opportunities and job retention for long standing employees!

As things have opened up across the province, Southwest Middlesex has supported new recreation programs across the municipality. From Wardsville craft nights, to new programming for children and adults in Glencoe and Appin, word has it that the residents are signing up to get registered. There are positive things happening with economic development as 5 historical murals have been located throughout the municipality. The business district in Glencoe is getting a mini-makeover with new street lights and a safer walking surface. There are other projects in the que, but Southwest Middlesex is gaining ground one step at a time.

We all know that in the best of times, it is difficult to raise money for great causes. Recently, the Middlesex Centre Fire Services team held their annual Boot Toll, raising money for Muscular Dystrophy. This year they raised \$26 130...which was a record breaking achievement. Congratulations to the team!!! Well done...

At the next North Middlesex council meeting, council will be recognizing 3 students when they give out the first Youth Achievement Recognitions for North Middlesex. And while I don't know who the students are...I know you all join me in passing along our congratulations in advance of the formal announcement!

In Lucan Biddulph we are fortunate to have 2 community gardens. The one in Granton has a program where produce is donated to the Ailsa Craig Foodbank. This year our Granton Gardeners donated 761.5 lbs! And finally in Adelaide Metcalfe the innovative Library Kiosk has opened up. At this time, I'm going to ask Lindsay to update us on how the kiosk works. I had the opportunity to be there for the ribbon cutting and it is very slick technology. It's exciting that the residents of Adelaide Metcalfe now have this option to access our library catalogue!

As you can see there are lots of good things happening in Middlesex. It seems everywhere there is something to celebrate."

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

None.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

4. MINUTES

4.a Minutes of the October 12, 2021 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the Minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting of County Council be approved as presented.

Carried

5. DEPUTATIONS

None.

6. ENQUIRIES OR NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

7. REPORTS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.a Boundary Road Agreement with County of Huron

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer.

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden

Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT the Boundary Road Agreement between the County of Middlesex and the County of Huron for the maintenance and repair of roads and bridges be approved for a term of November 15, 2021 to November 14,

2031 and that the necessary By-law be presented to County Council to authorize the Warden and the County Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Carried

8.b MLPS - Request for Proposals for Five Year Master Plan

Report from Neal Roberts, Chief, MLPS.

Moved by Councillor Warwick

Seconded by Councillor Richards

THAT Middlesex County Council authorize and direct the Chief of Middlesex-London Paramedic Service to execute a contract with the successful proponent.

Carried

8.c Emergency Bridge Repair - Nairn Bridge

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer.

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the bid by McLean Taylor Construction Limited in the amount of \$137,868.59 for the emergency repairs to the Nairn Bridge be accepted.

Carried

8.d Increasing Call Demand and System Pressures

Report from Neal Roberts, Chief, MLPS.

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT Middlesex County Council approve additional staffing for Middlesex-London Paramedic Service from October 26th until Dec 31st for the addition of three (3) 12-hour ambulances at a cost up to \$310,000. This additional budget amount will need to be covered by the County of Middlesex and the City of London.

Carried

9. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Cornelissen updated Council on Rural Education Task Force business. Community Consultations will be held in Thames Centre at the Dorchester Arena on November 15, 2021 from 7:00-8:30pm; in Glencoe at the Library room (location to be confirmed) on November 22, 2021 from 7:00-8:30pm; and in North Middlesex at the Community Centre in Parkhill on November 25, 2021 from 7:00-8:30pm.

10. BY-LAWS

- 10.a #7136 - A BY-LAW to authorize the signing of a Boundary Road Agreement with Huron County
- 10.b #7137 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the October 26, 2021 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Warwick
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

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

Carried

11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11.a DELEGATIONS / REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS

11.a.1 SCOR ECD Partnership Middlesex County

Presentation from Kim Earls, Executive Director.

11.a.2 Archive Considerations - An Overview of Previous Discussion Points

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO.

Staff was directed to give further consideration to potential options. It was also discussed that funding for a feasibility study would be discussed in budget discussions for 2022.

11.b ACTION ITEMS

11.b.1 Middlesex Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 55; Everleigh Homes; File No. 39-MC-OPA55

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning.

Moved by Councillor Warwick
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Amendment No. 55 to the Middlesex Centre Official Plan be approved and that staff be directed to circulate a Notice of Decision as required by the Planning Act, and that the Notice of Decision indicate that no written submissions were received concerning this application.

Carried

11.b.2 Resident Room Window Curtains (Capital Project)

Report from Brent Kerwin, Administrator, Strathmere Lodge.

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

That Council approve The Lodge entering into an agreement with Empire Window Covering Ltd. in order to replace The Lodge's resident room window curtains at a cost of \$57,500 before taxes.

Carried

11.c CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- 11.c.1 AMO Policy Update - October 7, 2021
- 11.c.2 AMO Policy Update - October 12, 2021
- 11.c.3 Letter from Solicitor General of Ontario re: Community Safety and Well-being Plans
- 11.c.4 Letter from MECP re: changes to the current land use compatibility guidelines
- 11.c.5 Letter from MECP re: new regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act

- 11.c.6 Letter from MECP re: proposed amendment to the Environmental Assessment Act
- 11.c.7 Letter from Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry re: legislative amendments
- 11.c.8 Letter from MMAH re: enhanced COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate with QR Code
- 11.c.9 News Article - CBC - Rural Canada's visible homelessness problem
- 11.c.10 Call for Nominations to the 2022-2023 Good Roads Board of Directors
- 11.c.11 Budget Variance Report September 2021
Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services/Treasurer.
- 11.c.12 Minutes of the September 28, 2021 Meeting of the Library Board
- 11.c.13 Chamber of Commerce Business Awards
- 11.c.14 Shogun Maitake and Algonquin Bridge Expansion
- 11.c.15 Appreciation Letter from Victim Services Middlesex London
- 11.c.16 Economic Development Fall 2021 Newsletter

Moved by Councillor Elliott

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT Items 11.c.1 to 11.c.16 be received for information.

Carried

12. INQUIRIES

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.a Next Meetings

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 Vanderheyden

That the meeting adjourn at 3:08 p.m.

Carried

Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden