

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Tuesday, May 11, 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. The Warden addressed Council as follows:

"It's been just about a month since we were together last. In many ways, things have not changed very much. We have all been busy in our communities, supporting our residents and small businesses trying to be encouraging during this lockdown. I know from my own interactions, this lockdown seems to be taking its toll on everyone. This one seems particularly difficult. Last week was Mental Health Week. I do hope people took the opportunity to assess their own mental well being and take stock of where they are at. I know I did. I actually stepped away from my professional commitments for a few days. I know it's going on a typical vacation, but it is important to take time away refresh and recharge. A reminder that we have many community resources available to aid those that might require more assistance when it comes to mental health and well being.

This week is National Nurse's Week. The theme this year is "We Answer the Call. Whether you are a nurse at a doctor's office, a nurse in LTC, a nurse

working in public health, or a nurse working in a hospital setting, you certainly have answered the call. Your compassion and dedication has been highlighted for all of us, the past 15 months, something I think we had taken for granted before. Thank you just seems inadequate...but it said with conviction and meaning. If you have a nurse in your circle, please take the time to acknowledge them.

As I mentioned earlier, it seems that we are feeling the stressors of this latest lockdown. We've seen many unique ways of people trying to lift spirits. One clever campaign has really taken communities by storm. Starting in Sarnia a few weeks ago, this campaign has gained traction. I know many of our communities have joined in. However...Thames Centre has to be acknowledged for really getting into Sign Wars. Many of the local businesses have gotten creative and challenged other businesses with some great signs that have brought smiles and laughter to many. Not to be left out...our library system has even jumped in. Congratulations to the Dorchester and Thorndale branches...well done!!!" Two videos were shown

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 Middlesex County Council Meeting on April 13, 2021

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

That the Minutes of the Middlesex County Council meeting held on April 13, 2021 be approved as presented

Carried

5. DEPUTATIONS

6. ENQUIRIES OR NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Mayhew addressed County Council as follows:

"I wish to advise County Council of a Notice of Motion that I will be bringing forth in these chambers at the May 25th, 2021 meeting. Yesterday, May 10th, 2021 I was advised of another collision at the corner of Glendon Drive and Melbourne Road. This corner has had accumulation of accident history through no fault of engineering but entirely on poor driving habits. It is a conversation of concern that is brought to me weekly by individuals in my municipality.

I have had discussion with Middlesex County staff in the past expressing my concern. These began on December 18th of 2019, and again brought forward on January 22nd, 2020, and April 24th, 2020. Improvements were made that go beyond the requirements of existing regulations. Larger stop signs, intensive rumble strips, weed control, and I and my CAO arranged for the relocation of private signage. I am appreciative of these improvements.

In my discussions - I have always been a proponent of the effectiveness of light as a vehicle for awareness and suggested strongly that this intersection be a "Pilot Project" for 2 LED Stop Signs. These are very cost effective and may enhance awareness at historically problematic intersections. The element of light is effective in day light hours as well as evening hours. They are in use in other county jurisdictions with a history of benefit and can alert drivers from 800 meters.

I respectfully advise Council and Staff that I will bring forth a Notice of Motion at the May 25th, 2021 meeting of Middlesex County Council.

That the corner of Glendon Drive and Melbourne Road be a Pilot Project for 2 LED stop signs in the North and South bound directions. And that staff procure and have commissioned products suitable for the application. And this be observed as a pilot project for a period of 2 years; and to be assessed in a manner regarding the enhancement of visibility, durability, statistical events, and cost effectiveness.

Madam Warden – I will contact the Clerk over the next few days to arrange this. Should any of Council or staff have questions or comment – I trust you will offer that to them. ...Thank you"

7. REPORTS

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.a Thames Sydenham Source Water Protection Committee Appointment

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

That Mr. Jarrod Craven, Director of Public Works for the Municipality of Thames Centre, be appointed to the Thames-Sydenham and Region

Source Protection Committee on behalf of the County of Middlesex and the City of London.

Carried

9. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

9.a Women's Caucus of Middlesex County

Councillor Vanderheyden gave a brief update on the Women's Caucus of Middlesex County, noting that on Thursday evening an event called the Jean Collection is being held and that the Caucus will be the panel with the event being hosted by Lambton County.

Councillor Elliott noted that the Caucus will be hosting an awards ceremony, Middlesex Leading Ladies on June 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Nominations are being accepted until May 31, 2021 and encouraged people to send in nominations.

10. BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Warwick

Seconded by Councillor Richards

That the By-laws be deferred until the end of the meeting

Carried

11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11.a DELEGATIONS / REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS

11.a.1 CHPI and Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) Summary

Presentation by Cindy Howard, General Manager of Finance and Community Services and Pauline Andrew, Manager of Social Services

11.a.2 2:00 pm - Michael and Nancy Morrish to speak to Strathroy-Caradoc OPA 12

11.b ACTION ITEMS

11.b.1 Strathroy-Caradoc OPA 12, North Meadows Secondary Plan, File No. 39-SC-OPA12

Moved by Councillor Warwick
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

That Amendment No. 12 to the Strathroy-Caradoc Official Plan be approved with modification 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 all written submissions received on this application were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

- 11.b.2 Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision, Township of Lucan Biddulph, File No. 39T-LB2001

Moved by Councillor Cornelissen
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

That the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-LB2001) 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.3 Village of Newbury Official Plan Project

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

That County Council endorse the concept of including local official planning policies for the Village of Newbury within the County Official Plan and that staff examine any administrative measures that would be necessary to implement this.

Carried

- 11.b.4 North Middlesex Official Plan Amendment No. 13, Pennings, File No. 39-NM-OPA13

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Richards

That Amendment No. 13 to the North Middlesex 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 Middlesex County Council did not receive any written submissions on this application.

Carried

11.b.5 Replacement of Strathmere Lodge's Building Access Control System - Approved Capital Budget Project

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

That County Council approve Strathmere Lodge entering into an agreement with KR Communications Ltd. in order to replace The Lodge's Building Access Control System at a cost of \$77,898.00 before taxes.

Carried

11.c CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- 11.c.1 General Payables to April 30, 2021 totalling \$296,342.32
- 11.c.2 Planning Payables to April 30, 2021 totalling \$7,838.75
- 11.c.3 Electronic Payments for the month of April 2021 totalling \$2,087,586.34
- 11.c.4 Social Services Payables to April 30, 2021 totalling \$653,488.73
- 11.c.5 Strathmere Lodge Payables to April 30, 2021 totalling \$200,665.11
- 11.c.6 Road Payables to April 30, 2021 totalling \$998,797.34
- 11.c.7 MLPS Payables to April 30, 2021 totalling \$1,543,490.27
- 11.c.8 ITS Payables to April 30, 2021 totalling \$206,657.46
- 11.c.9 Economic Development Payables to April 30, 2021 totalling \$22,494.89

Moved by Councillor Warwick
Seconded by Councillor Smith

That Items 11.c.1 through 11.c.9 (Payables) be received for information.

Carried

11.c.10 Strathmere Lodge Occupancy and Activity Report for March 2021

11.c.11 Proposed Changes to Certain Land Division Provisions in the Planning Act

Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning provided a verbal update to County Council noting as follows: The proposed amendments to the Planning Act related to land division are Technical, administrative, and procedural and would in part address matters that County Council has expressed concern over in the past.

Some technical changes such as:

- provide a municipality with the authority to extend, by up to one additional year, the one-year period during which the conditions of a consent must be satisfied (instead of the current work around)
- issue a certificate to a consent applicant for the retained land in addition to the requirement to provide a certificate for the lands that are subject to the consent application
- allow owners to apply to the municipality for a certificate of cancellation in respect of land previously conveyed with a consent
- Prevent lots from merging where lands were previously owned by, or abutted land previously owned by, joint tenants and where the ownership would have otherwise merged as a result of the death of one of the joint tenants

11.c.12 Letter from the Middlesex Federation of Agriculture to the Middlesex-London Health Unit

11.c.13 Minutes of the Middlesex County Economic Resiliency Task Force meeting held on April 7, 2021

- 11.c.14 Summary from the COVID-19 Business Check in Survey dated April 12, 2021
- 11.c.15 AMO Updates from April 12 to May 3, 2021
- 11.c.16 MPAC Letter announcing the release of the 2020 Annual Report
- 11.c.17 Minutes of the County City Liaison Committee meeting held on April 8, 2021
- 11.c.18 Social Services Update

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

That Items 11.c.10 through 11.c.18 be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Warwick
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

That County Council take a short recess and resume at 1:58 p.m.

Carried

12. INQUIRIES

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.a Next County Council Meetings

13.b CLOSED SESSION 2:15 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

That the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public in order to consider a proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality or local board, pursuant to subsection 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act with the CAO, County Engineer, General Manager of Finance and Community Services, County Solicitor, Manager of ITS and County Clerk in attendance.

Carried

13.b.1 Sale of Strathmere Lodge Lands

Moved by Councillor Elliott

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

That County Council resume from its Closed Session.

Carried

13.b.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

The County Clerk read the following rise and report from the Closed Session:

After confirming by resolution that approximately 86.415 acres of vacant agricultural/development and future institutional/commercial development lands located in the west end of Strathroy, Ontario on the north side of Napperton Drive, Strathroy-Caradoc were available for disposal in accordance with Sale and Disposition of Land By-law #6830, and following the release of Expression of Interest process EOI #ADM-2020-001 (the "EOI"), and having declared a highest scoring respondent the exclusive right to negotiate the purchase of the lands:

Middlesex County Council approved the sale of approximately 86.415 acres of land, legally described as PT LT 19 CON 4 SER AND PT LT 20 CON 4 SER BEING PTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 OF REFERENCE PLAN 33R-19731 MUNICIPALITY OF STRATHROY-CARADOC/ADELAIDE, being part of PIN 08590-0275(LT) to SLD Group Inc.

13.c 10. BY-LAWS (deferred from earlier in the meeting)

#7110 - A BY-LAW to authorize the sale of Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of Reference Plan 33R-19731

#7111 - A By-Law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the County of Middlesex – May 11, 2021

Moved by Councillor Warwick

Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

That first and second reading of the By-laws be given:

Carried

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Richards

That third and final reading of the preceding By-laws be given

Carried

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, September 16, 2021 - Middlesex County Warden's Charity Golf
Tournament

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

That the meeting adjourn at 2:26 p.m.

Carried

Kathleen Bunting, County Clerk

Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden