

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Tuesday, November 9, 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

Warden Burghardt-Jesson called the meeting to order at 10:55 am.

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

None.

Moved by Councillor Warwick

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the Agenda be reordered to proceed with the Closed Session first.

Carried

3. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden

Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public in order to consider labour relations or employee negotiations with respect to Land Ambulance Operations; 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 Council, with respect to Land Ambulance Operations, pursuant to subsection 239(2)(d) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* at 10:56 am.

Carried

3.a Land Ambulance Operational Review

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

THAT Council resume from its Closed Session at 12:25 pm.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT Council recess at 12:26pm until 1:00pm.

Carried

4. **WARDEN'S REMARKS**

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

Warden Burghardt-Jesson addressed Council as follows:

"Today marks the 2nd year in a row that we have not been able to host young students from across the County. Usually we would have students here representing their communities and elementary schools. This program, partnered with our local Optimist Clubs, allowed for students to learn about governance and the importance of municipal leadership. We all have connections and I encourage all of you to reach out to our young leaders in our own personal ways, so that the idea of municipal leadership is passed on. Let's hope this time next year our gallery will be filled with young budding leaders of tomorrow."

As I've highlighted many times over the last 18 months, we cannot let COVID and the pandemic overshadow the many other real health issues we may face. As we begin November, I want to highlight the important focus it has now come to represent. November as we now know, has become the month to focus on men's health, both physical and mental.

As the mother of 4 boys, now men, I am keenly aware of this focus. As I have mentioned many times during the stressful times we find ourselves living in, added attention to our mental health and well-being is paramount. Especially for men. It seems there is added pressure for men to have it all together and all figured out. Quite often the struggles with anxiety and depression are battled alone. I implore you to reach out to the men in your life, check in on them to ensure they are looking after their mental well-being. There are many resource available online through many organizations. Please take the time to do the research and find local resources to support your male loved ones. At the very least, regularly check in with them so they know they have a safe and supportive sounding board.

Men must be aware of their physical health. My father passed not from, but with prostate cancer. I would encourage men to have frank discussions with their health care providers. While there is controversy out there about the testing for prostate cancer—it is evident that prostate cancer can be cured, when detected and treated early. When prostate cancer is detected early, tumors are more likely to respond to treatment. You are always your own health advocate, so men or to the men in your life, pick up the phone and speak to your provider about your health and health concerns."

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

6. MINUTES

6.a Minutes of the October 26, 2021 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Richards

THAT the Minutes of the October 26, 2021 meeting of County Council be approved as presented.

Carried

7. DEPUTATIONS

None.

8. ENQUIRIES OR NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

9. REPORTS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.a MLPS Vehicle Design Upgrade

Report from Kelly Dolbear, Commander Logistics, MLPS.

Moved by Councillor Smith

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the prototype branding design for the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service fleet vehicles be approved; that the new design be included in the purchase and outfitting of all future vehicles; and that the re-branding of all vehicles (where practical) be completed no later than 2027.

Carried

10.b Communications Strategy RFP

Report from Marci Ivanic, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk and Chris Bailey, ITS Manager.

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT County Council accept the Evaluation Committee's recommendation to award the RFP to Boulevard Strategy Group and approve the attached Professional Consulting Services Agreement; and

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

Carried

10.c Request for Proposals for a Design/Build-to-suit Lease for a Downton London Station

Report from Colin Heise, Commander of Professional Practice, MLPS

Moved by Councillor Warwick

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

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

Carried

10.d Social Services - Electronic Document Management

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager, Finance and Community Services and Joe Winsor, Manager, Social Services

Moved by Councillor Cornelissen

Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

THAT the Warden and County Clerk be authorized to enter into a service agreement with Nimble Information Strategies Inc. on terms satisfactory to the General Manager, Finance and Community Services and in a form acceptable to the County Barrister & Solicitor.

Carried

11. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

None.

12. BY-LAWS

12.a #7138 - A BY-LAW to authorize the execution of a Professional Consulting Services Agreement between the County of Middlesex and Boulevard Strategy Group

12.b #7139 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the November 9, 2021 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Elliott

Seconded by Councillor Richards

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor Warwick

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

Carried

13. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

13.a DELEGATIONS / REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS

None.

13.b ACTION ITEMS

13.b.1 Exemption for a Proposed Plan of Condominium: Middlesex Centre
c/o Design for Happiness; File No. 39T-MC-CDM2102

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning.

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the County of Middlesex exempt plan of condominium File
No. 39T-MC-CDM2102 from the full condominium approval
process.

Carried

13.b.2 Strathroy-Caradoc Official Plan Amendment No. 13; Strathroy
Scoped Settlement Boundary Review; File No. 39-SC-OPA13

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning.

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Amendment No. 13 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

13.b.3 Inaugural Meeting Program

Report from Marci Ivanic, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk.

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

That the program for the Thursday, December 2, 2021 Middlesex County Council Inaugural Meeting be approved as follows:

3:00 p.m. - Reception in the Middlesex Meeting Room, Middlesex County Building

4:00 p.m. - Music Program presented by Medway Madrigal Choir (to be confirmed)

4:30 p.m. - Inaugural Meeting of County Council to elect the Warden (using the Rules of Procedures, approved by Middlesex County Council January 7, 2007)

5:15 p.m. - Reception in the Middlesex Meeting Room following the election of the Warden for December 2, 2021 to December 8, 2022

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

Carried

13.b.4 Municipal Modernization Program - Intake 3 Update

Report from Chris Bailey, ITS Manager.

Moved by Councillor Cornelissen

Seconded by Councillor Warwick

THAT Middlesex County Council accept this report as information relating to Intake 3 of the Municipal Modernization Program.

Carried

13.c CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

13.c.1 General Administration Payables - October 4-29, 2021
totalling \$123,743.83

13.c.2 Planning Payables - October 4-29, 2021 totalling \$33,847.75

- 13.c.3 Social Services Payables - October 4-29, 2021
totalling \$1,834,639.56
- 13.c.4 Strathmere Lodge Payables - October 4-29, 2021
totalling \$219,373.29
- 13.c.5 Roads Payables - October 4-29, 2021 totalling \$1,541,508.81
- 13.c.6 MLPS Payables - October 4-29, 2021 totalling \$1,185,325.21
- 13.c.7 Economic Development Payables - October 4-29, 2021
totalling \$19,440.58
- 13.c.8 Information Technology Payables - October 4-29, 2021
totalling \$114,824.72
- 13.c.9 Electronic Payments - October 2021 totalling \$2,297,037.90

Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Items 13.c.1 to 13.c.9 be received for information

Carried

- 13.c.10 Ministry of Long Term Care Compliance Inspection Visit
Report from Brent Kerwin, Administrator, Strathmere Lodge
- 13.c.11 AMO Policy Update - October 28, 2021
- 13.c.12 Letter from Solicitor General of Ontario re: Middlesex
Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, 2021-2026
- 13.c.13 County of Middlesex OP Alignment Exercise
- 13.c.14 County of Middlesex Official Plan Review
- 13.c.15 AMO Policy Update - October 26, 2021
- 13.c.16 AMO Policy Update - October 21, 2021
- 13.c.17 OEB Notice to Customers of Enbridge Gas Inc. re: 2022 rate
increase
- 13.c.18 TVDSB Rural Education Task Force - Middlesex Community
Consultation Dates

Moved by Councillor Warwick
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT Items 13.c.10 to 13.c.18 be received for information.

Carried

14. INQUIRIES

None.

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.a Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Richards
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

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Carried

15.a.1 Land Ambulance Operational Review - Continued

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO, continued.

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT Council resume from Closed Session at 3:11pm.

Carried

15.b Next Meetings

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

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

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

That the meeting adjourn at 3:12pm.

Carried

Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden