

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Tuesday, June 8, 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 1:00 p.m.

Warden Burghardt-Jesson addressed Council as follows:

"The last 10 days have been to say the least, troubling. Our nation was rattled with the discovery of 215 lost but now found Indigenous children. The discovery has served as a reminder that we cannot hide from a painful and horrifying past. We as a collective nation must acknowledge the role played in this cultural genocide. I am sure you in your personal reflections and in your local municipalities have grieved and honoured the 215 little lives that have been lost. Here at the County, the flag has been flying at half-mast.

And now we are facing the Sunday event that happened in our backyard. I really have no words as to how we begin to process what happened. I can share when Chief Williams confirmed this tragedy was in fact a targeted hate crime, I felt physically ill. Far too many times we have witnessed from a far crimes of this nature, in other countries, in other communities. I would hope we are not so naive to think racial prejudice does not exist here. Afterall we have seen signs, heard stories of troubling signs. However, a brutal, targeted attack on a family just out for an evening stroll leaves me gob smacked. We all need time to

process this and I suspect as more details are released, it will for a time become more difficult to grapple.

These 2 events, while decades apart in occurrence, are bound together by hatred. A hatred I do not understand or cannot fathom. I have reached out to Mayor Holder and expressed our sympathies and support on behalf of everyone in Middlesex County. Our flag will be flying at half-mast until Friday in honour of this family.

As leaders we are looked to for continuity and comfort. It is hard to offer that during times when we are ourselves are hurting, burdened and troubled. But to our communities I offer this...we must acknowledge what has happened and we MUST be part of a better future. In my Lucan Biddulph office I have a sign that reads Do Better. We must be part of a present and future where we do better. We must call out hate when we see it. We cannot be idle bystanders any longer. When we hear inappropriate language referring to a culture, when a joke is shared that shouldn't be, speak up. If we don't how can we be part of facilitating change? Hatred grows and it's easy when we don't stop the growth. Ignorance leads to fear, fear leads to anger, anger leads to hate. Let's stop the cycle at ignorance. Love will always prevail...We must lead with love.

We often look at past leaders and influences for inspiration at a time like this. I was empowered when I found this quote from Martin Luther King Jr. I felt that it described our community today and offered the hope that leading with love provides.

*"Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it.
Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it.
Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it."*

Please join me in a moment of silence to honour the 215 little lives and the family lost in London on Sunday.

I do want to take another moment to formally congratulate Councillor Vanderheyden on officially becoming the President of FCM. Joanne this is an incredible accomplishment. Your year ahead will be full of challenges and opportunity. I know that Strathroy-Caradoc, Middlesex County and now municipalities across the country will be stronger for your leadership. Congratulations...

I also want to mention Councillor Elliott, as she held onto her seat on the Board. Our region is well represented!"

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 May 25, 2021 Middlesex County Council

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor Warwick

THAT the Minutes of Middlesex County Council meeting held on May 25, 2021 be approved as presented

Carried

5. DEPUTATIONS

5.a Regena Lerke Distinguished Service Award Presentation from MISA Ontario

Presentation of the Regena Lerke Distinguished Service Award to Chris Bailey, Manager of ITS by Morgan Calvert, President MISA Ontario

5.b Middlesex OPP Summary of Activities

Presentation by Dean Croker, Detachment Commander OPP, Middlesex County - West Region

6. ENQUIRIES OR NOTICES OF MOTION

None

7. REPORTS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.a Ontario Ombudsman's Report Into Land Ambulance Investigations

Report from Chief Neal Roberts, MLPS

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT this report be received for information that that Middlesex County Council direct the Chief, Middlesex London Paramedic Service to report back to Council with findings and recommendations at a future meeting of County Council.

Carried

8.b Request for Proposals for Uniforms

Report from Chief Neal Roberts, MLPS

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Warwick

THAT the bid submitted by Talbot Uniforms be accepted by County Council; that the Chief be authorized to enter into an agreement with Talbot Uniforms authorizing them to supply Middlesex-London Paramedic Service with all required uniforms for the term of the agreement.

Carried

8.c Request for Proposals for General Land Use Planning Consulting Services

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the County of Middlesex enter into agreements with GSP Group and Monteith Brown Planning Consultants for the provision of General Land Use Planning Consultant Services.

Carried

9. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Ropp congratulated Taya Currie of Parkhill, ON for being the first ever female hockey player to be drafted to the Ontario Hockey League (OHL).

Councillor Vanderheyden congratulated Easton Cowan of Strathroy, ON for being drafted to the London Knights.

Councillor Vanderheyden thanked colleagues of Middlesex County Council for support in her new role as President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Warden Burghardt-Jesson provided an update on the Middlesex London Paramedic Service vaccine program. The initial 1000 doses have arrived and will be distributed this week to community members who are unable to attend at vaccination clinics. Warden Burghardt-Jesson announced that the province has committed another 1000 doses to the program, which will be distributed primarily to workplaces, through clinics set up throughout the region by MLPS.

10. BY-LAWS

10.a #7113 - A BY-LAW to authorize a collective agreement between UNIFOR Local 302 and The Corporation of the County of Middlesex for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023

10.b #7114- A BY-LAW to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the County of Middlesex - June 8, 2021.

Moved by Councillor Smith

Seconded by Councillor Richards

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Cornelissen

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT third reading of the by-laws be given.

Carried

11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11.a DELEGATIONS / REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS

None

11.b ACTION ITEMS

11.b.1 Exemption from a Proposed Plan of Condominium

Ridge Crossings Townhouse Development (Phase 2); Lucan Biddulph; File No. 39T-LB-CDM2101

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the County of Middlesex exempt plan of condominium File No. 39T-LB-CDM2101 for 2219260 Ontario Inc. from the full condominium approval process.

Carried

11.b.2 Proposed Plan of Subdivision

Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc, File No. 39T-SC-2001, Cirrus Developments Ltd.

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning

Moved by Councillor Warwick

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-SC-2001) 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 Intersection Safety Update

County Road 14 (Glendon Drive) and County Road 9 (Melbourne Road)

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT the County Road 14 (Glendon Drive) And County Road 9 (Melbourne Road) Intersection Safety Update Report from the County Engineer be received for information.

Carried

11.b.4 LED-Embedded Traffic Signs (LETS)

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Warwick

THAT until such time as Ontario Regulation 615: Signs and the Highway Traffic Act are amended to permit stop signs to be modified to include light-emitting-diodes that LED-embedded traffic signs not be installed at intersections under the jurisdiction of Middlesex County.

Carried

11.c CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

11.c.1 General Payables May 1-31, 2021 totalling \$1,108,985.22

11.c.2 Planning Payables May 1-31, 2021 totalling \$4,343.63

11.c.3 Electronic Payments May 2021 as amended totalling \$2,597,489.51

11.c.4 Social Services Payables May 1-31, 2021 totalling \$328,491.96

11.c.5 Strathmere Lodge Payables May 1-31, 2021 totalling \$189,006.24

11.c.6 Roads Payables May 1-31, 2021 totalling \$664,150.24

11.c.7 MLPS Payables May 1-31, 2021 totalling \$740,887.88

- 11.c.8 Information Technology Payables May 1-31, 2021 totalling \$115,755.04
- 11.c.9 Economic Development Payables totalling \$3,967.48
Moved by Councillor Richards
Seconded by Councillor Warwick
THAT Items 11.c.1 through 11.c.9 (Payables) be received for information.
Carried
- 11.c.10 Strathmere Lodge Family Newsletter June 2021
- 11.c.11 Blacks Bridge PIC Display Materials
- 11.c.12 Final Approval of Plan of Condominium
Kilworth Heights West Limited / Tridon Group Limited, File 39T-MC-CDM1704, Middlesex Centre
Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning
- 11.c.13 Final Approval of Plan of Condominium
1960634 Ontario Inc. (Sifton Properties Limited), File No. 39T-MC-CDM2001, Middlesex Centre
Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning
- 11.c.14 North Middlesex Community Improvement Plan
Notice of Passing By-law 2021-05-19
- 11.c.15 Provincial News Release - Safe Reopening
- 11.c.16 AMO Update - May 20, 2021
- 11.c.17 AMO Update - June 1, 2021
- 11.c.18 City of London Resolution
Report of County/City Liaison Committee re: the Middlesex London Paramedicine vaccine program.

11.c.19 Middlesex Library Board Minutes, May 25, 2021

Moved by Councillor Warwick

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT Items 11.c.10 through 11.c.19 be received for information.

Carried

12. INQUIRIES

None

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.a County Council Meetings

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

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

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14.a Thursday, September 16, 2021 - Warden's Charity Golf Tournament

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:09 p.m.

Carried

Kathleen Bunting, County Clerk

Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden