

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:00 PM
Middlesex County Building
399 Ridout Street North, London

Members Present	Warden Warwick Councillor Burghardt-Jesson Councillor Smith Councillor DeViet Councillor Brennan Councillor Ropp Councillor Cornelissen Councillor Mayhew Councillor Vanderheyden Councillor Richards Councillor Elliott
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND WARDEN'S REMARKS

Warden Warwick called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Warden Warwick addressed County Council as follows:

"Tonight among many others, I will be found in the parking lot of the Thames Valley District School board parking lot. We will be there for two reasons.

The first reason being is county residents are extremely concerned with the possibility of losing one rural trustee and being replaced with an urban representative. At this time we have equal representation of rural and urban tomorrow that may be changed.

To use the argument of representation by population is inherently flawed in this circumstance. If we apply this argument to other services there would be no rural medical facilities, the four county hospital in Newbury should not exist, the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital should not exist. However they do exist and serve as a valuable service to the county. Same as our rural schools...

The flaw in the argument is that our rural residents have no control over population in rural areas. The planning act is designed to keep growth to existing

settlement areas and protect our agricultural lands. This is acknowledged in the provincial policy statement and specifically mentions that rural areas receive reasonable population.

To not have equal representation moving forward is extremely concerning and unfair to our rural students.

There has been a long standing injury between our rural and urban areas that should have been healedand the idea behind the rural task force report was to help heal those wounds....however here we are again with our rural residents feeling uncomfortable, suspicious and ignored.

This is the second reason I will be attending is to support the findings of the rural education task force. I am extremely worried that the hard work and input that went into this document will be shelved.

The draft report is the culmination of two years worth of work in partnership with school board staff, rural trustees, municipal leaders and appointed citizens.

Consultations were held with county residents and concerns and suggestions were made. It is important that this report is recognized and to see correspondence stating that some of the school trustees have not read the report is extremely concerning.

I thank the local MPP' s who have supported the concerns of rural residents by writing letters to the TVDSB and also thanks to the Middlesex Federation of Agriculture for their comprehensive letter representing their membership.

It would be much appreciated if the school board would allow the public to attend this meeting in person. It would be appreciated if the doors were open and the meeting was conducted in an open transparent fashion. It would be appreciated that we do not lose sight that all everyone wants is for our children to feel supported, to feel included and to receive the gift of the excellent education that Ontario tax payers pay for."

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 March 8, 2022 Budget Meeting of County Council

4.b Minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Minutes of the March 8, 2022 Budget meeting and the Minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular meeting of County Council be approved as presented.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Elliott

Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT Council adopt the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular meeting.

Carried

4.c Closed Session Minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

THAT the Closed Session Minutes of the March 8, 2022 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 MLPS COVID Vaccine Initiative

Report from Miranda Bothwell, PAD/Public Education Coordinator, MLPS.
A copy of the presentation is attached.

Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the MLPS COVID Vaccine Initiative update be received for information.

Carried

8.b Vehicle Purchase - CAO Car Lease

Report from Chris Traini, P. Eng., GM Infrastructure/Deputy CAO/County Engineer.

Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT the 2019 Acura RDX be purchased off lease from Acura of Hamilton at a total cost of \$27,752.60 inclusive of taxes and fees and be added to the County of Middlesex fleet.

Carried

8.c 2022 Tax Rates

Report from Cindy Howard, GM Finance and Community Services, County Treasurer and Deputy CAO.

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

That the 2022 Tax Ratios for the County of Middlesex remain the same as 2021 as listed in the report and that the Tax Ratio By-law be forwarded to County Council for approval.

Carried

9. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

9.a FCM 2022-2023 Board of Directors Nomination

Councillor J. Vanderheyden

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of member municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the united voice required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

WHEREAS FCM's hybrid Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held June 3 to 5, 2022, during which time the Annual General Meeting will be held, followed by the election of FCM's Board of Directors;

WHEREAS candidates wishing to run for FCM's Board of Directors must submit an official resolution endorsed by their member municipality permitting the candidate to seek a position on the Board for the period June 2022 to June 2023; and

WHEREAS in the event that a candidate is not re-elected in Ontario's October 2022 municipal election, the candidate's nomination will be deemed to be void;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the County of Middlesex endorse Councillor Joanne Vanderheyden to stand for election on FCM's Board of Directors for the period starting in June 2022 and ending June 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council assumes all costs associated with Councillor Joanne Vanderheyden attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

10.a #7155 - A BY-LAW to Adopt the 2022 Budget of the County of Middlesex

10.b #7156 - A BY-LAW to provide the Remuneration Payable to the Warden

10.c #7157 - A BY-LAW to provide for Remuneration and Expenses, including Convention Expenses, payable to Members of Council

10.d #7158 - A BY-LAW to Adopt Tax Rates and the Payment Schedule for the 2022 County Levy

10.e #7159 - A BY-LAW to Confirm Proceedings of the March 22, 2022 meeting of Council

Moved by Councillor Richards
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

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

Carried

11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT Council convene the Committee of the Whole at 1:43 pm.

Carried

11.a DELEGATIONS / REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS

11.a.1 Middlesex Clean Water Program Update

11.a.2 LDD Moth Monitoring Program

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT Items 11.a.1 and 11.a.2 be received for information.

Carried

11.b ACTION ITEMS

11.b.1 Police Record Checks and Driver's Abstract Policy, HR Policy 1.02

Report from Jessica P. Ngai, Director of Human Resources.

Moved by Councillor Richards
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT County Council approve replacing Human Resource Policy 1.02 "Pre-Employment Requirements Policy" with the attached Human Resource Policy 1.02 "Police Record Checks and Driver's Abstract Policy".

Carried

11.b.2 Middlesex Joint Annual Accessibility Status Report 2021

Report from Sarah Savoie, Accessibility Coordinator.

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the "Joint Annual Accessibility Status Report 2021" be approved and forwarded to participating Local Municipal Partners for approval.

Carried

11.b.3 Middlesex County and Local Municipal Partners Joint Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, 2022-2027

Report from Sarah Savoie, Accessibility Coordinator

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the "Middlesex County and Local Municipal Partners Joint Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022-2027" be approved and forwarded to participating Local Municipal Partners for approval.

Carried

11.b.4 Tender for the Supply and Installation of Subdrains M-E-22

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor.

Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor Richards

THAT the bid for the supply and installation of subdrains in the total amount of \$50,996.00 plus HST submitted by A.G. Hayter be accepted.

Carried

11.b.5 Quotation for Roadside Weedspraying

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor.

Moved by Councillor Cornelissen

Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

THAT the quotation provided by Green Stream for the spraying of roadside weeds at a total cost of \$75,320.66 plus HST be accepted.

Carried

11.b.6 Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) and Social Services Relief Funds (SSRF)

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

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT Council approve the Interim Housing Contracts attached to this report and authorize the General Manager of Finance and Community Services, Cindy Howard, to execute the agreements on behalf of the Corporation.

Carried

11.b.7 Communications Strategy

Report from Marci Ivanic, Legislative Services Manager/Clerk

Presentation by Erin O'Hoski, Boulevard Strategy Group

Moved by Councillor Smith

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT Council approve the Draft Middlesex County Communications Strategy, in principle, and that a final version be prepared and circulated to Council for information at a future meeting.

Carried

11.b.8 Tender for Concrete Curb and Gutter - M-F-22

Moved by Councillor Richards
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the bid Ro-Buck Construction in the amount of \$194,212.00 before taxes for Contract M-F-22 for the supply of Concrete Curb and Gutter be accepted.

Carried

11.b.9 Tender for Traffic Paint - M-H-22

Moved by Councillor Cornelissen
Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the bid Ennis Paint Canada in the amount of \$743,120.00 before taxes for Contract M-H-22 for the supply of Traffic Paint be accepted.

Carried

11.b.10 Tender for Crushing Stockpiling - M-P-22

Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT Associated Paving & Materials Ltd in the amount of \$153,600.00 before taxes for Contract M-P-22 for the crushing and stockpiling of granular 'A' be accepted.

Carried

11.c CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

11.c.1 Letter from Enbridge Gas - March 3, 2022

11.c.2 Letter from NDMNRF - March 3, 2022

11.c.3 Media Release - March 7, 2022 - Middlesex County Economic
Development Recipient of Marketing Canada Award

11.c.4 AMO Policy Update - March 8, 2022

11.c.5 2021 Council Remuneration and Expenses

Report from Cindy Howard, GM Finance and Community Services,
County Treasurer and Deputy CAO

11.c.6 Public Sector Salary Disclosure

11.c.7 2006 Strathmere Lodge Capital Works Debenture

Cindy Howard, GM Finance and Community Services and Wayne
Meagher, County Barrister & Solicitor

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT Items 11.c.1 to 11.c.7 be received for information.

Carried

12. INQUIRIES

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.a Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Richards
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed at 3:18 pm in order to
consider labour relations and employee negotiations pursuant to
subsection 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried

13.a.1 Collective Agreement with CUPE 101.5

Report from Jessica Ngai, Director of Human Resources

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT Council resume from its Closed Session at 3:22 pm.

Carried

13.b Rise and Report from Closed Session

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT County Council ratify the Memorandum of Settlement dated March 9, 2022 and authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign a new Collective Agreement with CUPE Local 101.5 effective January 1, 2022 to expire on December 31, 2025.

Carried

13.c Next Meetings

April 5, 2022 – Council Photo Day*

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adjourn at 3:23pm.

14.a Thursday, June 23, 2022 - Middlesex County Warden's Charity Golf
Tournament

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson
Seconded by Councillor Smith

That the meeting adjourn at 3:24 pm.

Carried

Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

Alison Warwick, Warden

