

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Tuesday, June 14, 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

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND WARDEN'S REMARKS

Warden Warwick called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and addressed Council as follows:

*"I would like to acknowledge the hard work and knowledgeable representation by Councillor Vanderheyden in her role as president of FCM over the past year.*

*The conference which was held in Regina at the beginning of the month was packed from morning until evening and at any time Joanne represented herself and the county with authority and professionalism.*

*As always the conference itself offered many opportunities to network with our national colleagues. The differences between our municipalities is always a good ice breaker and led to many memorable conversations.*

*One of the striking differences between us and our western colleagues is the conversation about Truth and Reconciliation. This conversation can be sensitive and often leaves us unsure on how to begin.*

*One of the seminars that left a great impact on me was titled "Creating partnerships between municipal and indigenous groups"*

*The message that was repeated often was simple, reconciliation has to be a human centred approach and takes time and commitment. Other important messages emphasize standing with our First Nations and not speaking for them.*

*As a municipality it can be easy to say that this is a federal issue but as a municipality we can make a difference. Ensuring that our policies and bylaws do not marginalize is a good step. Staff and council training is important. As a municipality we can use our voices collectively to the province and the federal government to make sure funding is being used and doing what it is supposed to do.*

*If you haven't already done so I would suggest you review the nine municipal calls to action listed in the Truth and Reconciliation report.*

*One of the key takeaways was that municipalities should not be afraid to try things even if they fail as they are an attempt at growth.*

*At the last library meeting Director Lindsay Brock introduced a land acknowledgment that the library had crafted while working on a program in partnership with Kettle & Stony Point First Nation, Community Wellness/Human Service: Oneida Healthcare, and Yotuni Social Enterprise (Oneida).*

*With the library's permission I will be opening up our meeting today with this acknowledgment.*

*We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Add-a-won-da-run), Anishinabeg (Ah-nish-in-a-beg), Haudenosaunee (Ho- den-oh-show-nee), and Lunaapeewak (Len-ahpay-wuk) peoples who have long standing relationships to the land, water and region of Southwestern Ontario. The local First Nation communities of this area include Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames First Nation, and Munsee-Delaware Nation.*

*This building is on land within the area of Treaties 21 and 29 and the London Township Treaty (6). We value the significant contributions, both in the past and the present, of local and regional First Nations of Turtle Island.*

*We acknowledge the historic and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples endure in Canada, and we affirm our commitment to honouring Indigenous voices, Nations and cultures, and to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect".*

## **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 May 24, 2022 meeting of County Council**

Moved by Councillor Elliott

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting of County Council be approved as presented; and

THAT Council adopt the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting.

Carried

**4.b Minutes of the May 24, 2022 Visioning Session of County Council**

**4.c Closed Session Minutes of the May 24, 2022 Visioning Session of County Council**

Moved by Councillor Cornelissen

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the Minutes of the Visioning Session of Council on May 24, 2022 and the Closed Session Minutes of the Visioning Session on May 24, 2022 be approved as presented.

Carried

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

**5.a Future of Shortline Rail in the South Central Ontario Region**

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

THAT the presentation on the Future of Shortline Rail in the South Central Ontario Region be received for information and that a letter of support for the Cayuga Shortline Rail Revitalization Project and SCOR's application to the National Trade Corridor Fund be provided.

Carried

**6. ENQUIRIES OR NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

**7. REPORTS**

None.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.a 2022 Approval for Middlesex Supports Programs**

Report from Cindy Howard, GM Finance and Community Services and Joe Winser, Manager Social Services

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the \$17,726.73 amount that was not allocated be divided evenly (\$2,215.84) and provided to the eight lower tier Middlesex County municipalities to support children and youth in sports and/or recreation; and

THAT County Council approve the following financial support through the Middlesex Supports program with the knowledge that funding will not be provided until programs are actually operating for the following funders; and that the necessary by-laws authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to sign the agreements be prepared and forwarded to Council for approval:

- Merrymount Family Support and Crisis Care - Mutual Aid for Parenting Program - \$10,000
- Family Services Thames Valley - Counselling for children and families - \$64,900
- Southwest Middlesex - Can I Play Too? - \$6,500
- Strathroy/Caradoc - Can I Play Too? - \$10,000
- Middlesex County Library - Supporting Children's Healthy Development through the promotion of Early Literacy in the Home - \$2,500
- Children's Aid Society - Swim Passes - \$500

Carried

- 8.b Purchase of Service Renewal - LEADS Employment Services - Skills that Work Program - April 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

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

Moved by Councillor DeViet  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the contract with Leads Employment Services for the Skills That Work program from April 1st, 2022 to December 31st, 2022, with the potential to extend to March 31st, 2023, be approved; and

THAT the necessary by-law authorizing the Warden and the County Clerk to execute the agreement be prepared and forwarded to Council for approval.

Carried

- 8.c Request for Proposals for Janitorial Cleaning Services - HQ

Report from Deputy Chief Adam Bennett, Middlesex-London Paramedic Service

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson  
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT Council accept the Evaluation Committee's recommendation to award RFP #MLPS-2022-002 to GDI Integrated Facility Services and authorize the Chief, Middlesex-London Paramedic Service to negotiate and execute a contract between GDI Integrated Facility Services and MLPS for janitorial cleaning services at the costs outlined in the proposal.

Carried

- 8.d Request for Proposals for Middlesex County Attainable Housing Review

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services, County Treasurer and Deputy CAO, Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Cara Finn, Director of Economic Development.

Moved by Councillor Cornelissen  
Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

THAT Council accept the Evaluation Committee's recommendation to award RFP No. CS-2022-03 to Vink Consulting Inc., and that the General Manager Finance and Community Services be authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement between Vink Consulting Inc. and the County of Middlesex for the preparation of an Attainable Housing Review at a cost of \$89,819 before taxes.

Carried

8.e County Official Plan Amendment No. 3

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development.

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden  
Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT the minimum farm parcel within the proposed Official Plan Amendment be 40 hectares.

Defeated

Moved by Councillor Smith  
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the minimum farm parcel within the proposed Official Plan Amendment be 20 hectares.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden  
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT Council confirm its regard for all submissions received through the Middlesex 2046 Engagement campaign, approve Official Plan Amendment No. 3, as amended, and declare that the Amendment does not conflict with any Provincial plans, is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, and has regard to matters of Provincial interest as listed in Section 2 of the Planning Act;

THAT the by-law necessary to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 3 be prepared by the Clerk and forwarded to Council for approval; and

THAT the issues of a 'County-wide Growth Management Study' and a 'Population, Housing, and Employment Forecast Update' be included by County Council as part of the 2023 budget process.

Carried

8.f Insurance Policy Renewal

Report from Chris Traini, GM Infrastructure, Deputy CAO, County Engineer and Cindy Howard, GM Finance and Community Services, Deputy CAO, County Treasurer

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the proposed 2022/23 insurance program as submitted by Intact Public Entities Inc. with a premium of \$1,126,371 for twelve months plus applicable taxes to June 30, 2023 be approved.

Carried

8.g Former Strathmere Lodge Lands Easements

Report from Wayne Meagher, County Barrister & Solicitor

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the attached easement agreements for sanitary sewer and waterline service over Parts 2, 4, and 5 as in 33R-21257 be approved and the necessary by-law authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the agreements be prepared and forwarded to Council for approval; and

THAT Council confirm that the County Barrister and Solicitor shall take all action on Council's behalf for the easements to be registered on title.

Carried

8.h Telecommunications Municipal Access Agreement

Report from Wayne Meagher, County Barrister & Solicitor

Moved by Councillor Mayhew  
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the Quadro Telecommunications Municipal Access Agreement be approved and that the necessary by-law authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute the agreement be prepared and forwarded to Council for approval.

Carried

## **9. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Burghardt-Jesson congratulated Councillor Joanne Vanderheyden and her successful term as President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Councillor Vanderheyden thanked members of Council for their support.

Councillor Ropp congratulated Jocelyn Amos from North Middlesex for being named to the Under 18 National Hockey team. She scored the game-winning goal in the gold medal game against the United States.

Councillor Elliott recognized a group of six teenage boys in Thames Centre, including Ryan Slegers, Ethan Grieve, Joseph Valencia O'Reilly (Jojo), Nick Gordon, Jack Mitchinson and Tysen Wielgosz, who took in upon themselves to clean up graffiti at the Dorchester Library.

## **10. BY-LAWS**

- 10.a #7169 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement under the Middlesex Supports Program - Children's Aid Society
- 10.b #7170 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement under the Middlesex Supports Program - Family Service Thames Valley
- 10.c #7171 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement under the Middlesex Supports Program - Merrymount
- 10.d #7172 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement under the Middlesex Supports Program - Middlesex County Library
- 10.e #7173 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement under the Middlesex Supports Program - Southwest Middlesex
- 10.f #7174 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement under the Middlesex Supports Program - Strathroy-Caradoc



- 10.g #7175 - A BY-LAW Designating Prescribed Rates of Speed on County Roads No. 1 to 81 inclusive
- 10.h #7176 - A BY-LAW to Authorize the Signing of an Agreement with Fulline Farm & Garden
- 10.i #7177 - A BY-LAW to Authorize the Signing of an Agreement with LEADS Employment Services
- 10.j #7178 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Easement Agreement with Debaski Inc. - Sanitary Sewer
- 10.k #7179 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Easement Agreement with Debanski Inc. - Water Easement
- 10.l #7180 - A BY-LAW to Authorize the Signing of a Telecommunications Municipal Access Agreement with Quadro
- 10.m #7181 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the June 14, 2022 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Elliott

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

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

Carried

## **11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

THAT Council convene Committee of the Whole at \_\_\_\_ pm.

### **11.a DELEGATIONS / REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS**

### **11.b ACTION ITEMS**

#### **11.b.1 Legislative Policy 6.01 - Use of Social Media for Business Purposes**

Report from Marci Ivanic, Legislative Services Manager/Clerk

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT IT Policy 9.01 – Corporate Use of Social Media be repealed and that Legislative Policy 6.01 – Use of Social Media for Business Purposes be approved and the Corporate Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual be updated.

Carried

#### 11.b.2 Restricted Acts after Nomination Day (Lame Duck Period)

Report from Marci Ivanic, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

Moved by Councillor Smith  
Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT the attached draft By-law to authorize the delegation of authority to the CAO for certain acts during a Lame Duck Period of the 2022 Municipal Election be presented to Council for approval at the July 19, 2022 meeting.

Carried

#### 11.b.3 Middlesex Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 46; 1571145 Ontario Limited; File No. 39-MC-OPA46

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development.

Councillor Brennan exited the meeting at 3:04pm.

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden  
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Amendment No. 46 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 all written submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

11.b.4 Tender for LED Lighting Retrofit (Approved Capital Budget Project)

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Richards

THAT County Council approve the appended Agreement and that the necessary by-law authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the agreement be prepared and forwarded to Council for approval.

Carried

11.c CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

11.c.1 General Administration Payables - April 29 to June 2, 2022 totaling \$1,667,027.35

11.c.2 Economic Development Payables - April 29 to June 2, 2022 totaling \$14,825.51

11.c.3 Information Technology Payables - April 29 to June 2, 2022 totaling \$365,403.52

11.c.4 Library Payables - March 29 to June 2, 2022 totaling \$359,053.66

11.c.5 MLPS Payables - April 29 to June 2, 2022 totaling \$1,422,963.43

11.c.6 Planning Payables - April 29 to June 2, 2022 totaling \$18,862.96

11.c.7 Roads Payable - April 29 to June 2, 2022 totaling \$1,849,213.88

11.c.8 Social Services Payables - April 29 to June 2, 2022 totaling \$595,824.40

11.c.9 Strathmere Lodge Payables - April 29 to June 2, 2022 totaling \$315,388.96

11.c.10 Electronic Payments May 2022 totaling \$3,049,264.01

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Items 11.c.1 to 11.c.10 be received for information.

Carried

- 11.c.11 Middlesex County Library Board Meeting Minutes (To Be Approved) - May 24, 2022
- 11.c.12 Four Counties Health Services Foundation Spring 2022 Newsletter
- 11.c.13 Municipality of Thames Centre - Planning and Development Services Report - Information Report on School Enrollment and Planning Implications
- 11.c.14 Middlesex-London Board of Health Meeting May 19, 2022 - Update
- 11.c.15 AMO Policy Update - May 20, 2022
- 11.c.16 International Acclaim for Economic Development - Media Release
- Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson  
Seconded by Councillor Richards
- THAT Items 11.c.11 to 11.c.16 be received for information.
- Carried

## **12. INQUIRIES**

None.

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

### **13.a Closed Session**

Moved by Councillor Ropp  
Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed at 3:16pm in order to consider labour relations and employee negotiations pursuant to subsection 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried

### **13.a.1 Tentative Collective Agreement with Ontario Nurses' Association**

Moved by Councillor Mayhew  
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Council rise from its Closed Session at 3:24 pm.

Carried

13.b Rise and Report from Closed Session

Warden Warwick reported that Council received a report in closed session on the Tentative Collective Agreement with the Ontario Nurses Association.

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT Council ratify the Memorandum of Settlement dated May 25, 2022 and authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign a new Collective Agreement with the Ontario Nurses' Association effective April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023.

Carried

**14. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

That the meeting adjourn at 3:25 pm.

Carried

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Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

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Alison Warwick, Warden