

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Tuesday, October 11, 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. Warden Warwick addressed Council as follows:

*"Over this past holiday weekend it was my pleasure to volunteer at the Dorchester Fair . The crowds were large and genuinely glad to be attending a fair once more.*

*Throughout the county of Middlesex we are so lucky to have strong agricultural societies preserving our traditional skills whether it be showing livestock, sewing and cooking skills, or entering prized vegetables, flowers or field crops.*

*It's inspiring to see fairs celebrating ,milestones like Dorchester's 167 year of hosting a fair. It's always amazing to think of our our early residents coming together ,leaving behind the toils of their lives ,and travelling to their local fair ,meeting either to rejoice or to console each other on each year's harvest.*

*As my position as the warden of Middlesex County I am appreciative and aware of the economic benefits of our fall fairs. In Ontario 212 fairs are held yearly and*

*they range from the smallest fairs up to our premier event the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.*

*Every fair brings tourists into our communities, helps support vendors and midway operators, musicians and artists, and gives people a chance to have new and fun experiences in their own communities.*

*Fairs allow rural people an opportunity to educate and welcome people to our rural lifestyle.*

*The economic impact of our fall fairs in Canada is a staggering figure totalling over 1 billion dollars of revenue to our communities across the nation.*

*Ontario fall fairs alone generate approximately 700 million dollars annually.*

*And all of this revenue is because of the hard work of our agricultural societies and the support they receive from our residents.*

*It's no secret that the last couple of years have been a challenge for our agricultural societies. But I know that our rural communities are resourceful and resilient.*

*This is the strength of rural communities. It's a great example to us all."*

**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 September 27, 2022 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Minutes of the September 27, 2022 meeting of County Council be approved as presented; and

THAT the recommendations made by the Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the September 27, 2022 meeting be adopted.

Carried

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

None.

**6. ENQUIRIES OR NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

**7. REPORTS**

None.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.a Execulink Telecom Inc. Telecommunications Municipal Access Agreement**

Report from Wayne Meagher, County Barrister & Solicitor

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

THAT a by-law be introduced at the October 11, 2022 meeting to:

- a. Authorize and approve the Agreement with Execulink Telecom Inc.; and
- b. Authorize the Warden and the Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Carried

**8.b External Audit Services**

Report from Cindy Howard, GM Finance and Community Services

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

THAT a by-law be introduced at the October 11, 2022 meeting to:

- a. Appoint KPMG as the auditor for the County of Middlesex, County of Middlesex Trust Funds, Middlesex County Library Board, Middlesex-London Emergency Medical Services Authority and Strathmere Lodge Long-term Care Annual Report for the audit years 2022 to 2026;
- b. Authorize and approve the Agreement between KPMG and the County for the provision of external audit services; and
- c. Authorize the Warden and the Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Carried

8.c Request for Quotation - T-28-2023 - 3/4 Ton Diesel Crew Cab Pickup Truck

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer/Deputy CAO

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the bid submitted by Larry MacDonald Chevrolet-Buick-GMC for the supply of one Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD at a cost of \$72,400.00 (plus HST) each be accepted; and

THAT the County Engineer be authorized to undertake all administrative acts necessary in connection with this project, including execution of any contract or other documents, if required.

Carried

8.d Request for Quotation - T-33-2023 - 3/4 Ton 4x4 Gas Pickup Truck

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer/Deputy CAO

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT the bid submitted by Larry MacDonald Chevrolet-Buick-GMC for the supply of one Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD at a cost of \$60,900.00 (plus HST) each be accepted; and

THAT the County Engineer be authorized to undertake all administrative acts necessary in connection with this project, including execution of any contract or other documents, if required.

Carried

8.e Request for Quotation - T-3-2023 and T-20-2023 - 3/4 Ton 4x4 Diesel Pickup Trucks

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer/Deputy CAO

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the bid submitted by Larry MacDonald Chevrolet-Buick-GMC for the supply of two Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD at a cost of \$71,250.00 (plus HST) each be accepted; and

THAT the County Engineer be authorized to undertake all administrative acts necessary in connection with this project, including execution of any contract or other documents, if required.

Carried

8.f Request for Quotation - T-17-2023 and T-37-2023 - Tandem Trucks with Snow plow Equipment

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer/Deputy CAO

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the bid submitted Premier Truck Group (London) for the supply of two Freightliner 114SD Detroit Diesel 13 engine tandem trucks with Viking Equipment at a cost of \$351,000.00 (plus HST) each be accepted; and THAT the County Engineer be authorized to undertake all administrative acts necessary in connection with this project, including execution of any contract or other documents, if required.

Carried

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

Councillor Burghardt-Jesson attended a meeting with MPP Rob Flack and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clarke, on behalf of Warden Warwick. Councillor Burghardt-Jesson asked Minister Clarke why the approval process for the County's Official Plan Amendment had been delayed. Minister Clarke advised the process would reopen within the next couple of months.

Warden Warwick thanked Jessica Ngai, Director of Human Resources for organizing a webinar for Council and Staff with Ladders to Kindness in recognition of National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Councillor Vanderheyden thanked Cara Finn, Director of Economic Development for her presentation to the female members of the Strathroy and area Chamber of Commerce.

**10. BY-LAWS**

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the by-laws be deferred until after the Closed Session and that Committee of the Whole convene at 1:20 pm.

Carried

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

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

#### **11.a.1 Economic Development Council Update**

Moved by Councillor Richards  
Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Economic Development Council Update presentation be received for information.

Carried

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

#### **11.b.1 2021 Investment Report**

Report from Cindy Howard, GM Finance and Community Services

Moved by Councillor Ropp  
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the 2021 Investment Report be approved as presented.

Carried

#### **11.b.2 Social Services Relief Funds - Phase 5**

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

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the Interim Housing Contract as attached to this report be authorized and approved; and

THAT the General Manager of Finance and Community Services, Cindy Howard, be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

Carried

11.c CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

11.c.1 General Payables September 2, 2022 to September 29, 2022  
totaling \$504,511.02

11.c.2 Economic Development Payables September 2, 2022 to  
September 29, 2022 totaling \$40,867.29

11.c.3 ITS Payables September 2, 2022 to September 29, 2022 totaling  
\$53,669.15

11.c.4 Library Payables September 2, 2022 to September 29, 2022  
totaling \$294,415.61

11.c.5 MLPS Payables September 2, 2022 to September 29, 2022 totaling  
\$578,766.60

11.c.6 Planning Payables September 2, 2022 to September 29, 2022  
totaling \$1,184.04

11.c.7 Roads Payables September 2, 2022 to September 29, 2022  
totaling \$937,061.99

11.c.8 Social Services Payables September 2, 2022 to September 29,  
2022 totaling \$476,229.90

11.c.9 Strathmere Lodge Payables September 2, 2022 to September 29,  
2022 totaling \$229,352.20

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT Items 11.c.1 to 11.c.9 be received for information.

Carried

11.c.10 Board of Health - September Meeting Update

11.c.11 Oneida Nation of the Thames - Transmission Main  
Connection - Project Update

11.c.12 Letter from Minister Clark - Public Consultation - September  
26, 2022

- 11.c.13 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority - 2022 Progress Report
- 11.c.14 Letter from the Ministry of Long-Term Care - 2022-23 COVID-19 Prevention and Containment and PPE Funding
- 11.c.15 Road Department Construction Update  
Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor
- 11.c.16 Final Approval of Foxborough, Plan of Subdivision; Phase 4; File 39T-TC1301, Municipality of Thames Centre  
Report by Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator
- 11.c.17 WOWC Submission to Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario September 26, 2022

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT Items 11.c.10 to 11.c.17 be received for information.

Carried

## **12. INQUIRIES**

None.

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Councillor Smith

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 1:59 pm and Council resume regular session.

Carried

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

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the Council convene in Closed Session at 1:59 pm in order to consider personal matters about an identifiable individual, and labour



relations or employee negotiations in accordance with subsections 239(2)(b) and (d).

Carried

#### 13.a.1 MLPS Job Description Review

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 3:38 pm.

Carried

#### 13.b Rise and Report from Closed Session

Warden Warwick advised that Council met in closed session to discuss MLPS Job Descriptions and direction was given to officers, employees or agents of the municipality.

### 14. **BY-LAWS**

14.a #7193 - A BY-LAW to Regulate Activities on County Highways

14.b #7194 - A BY-LAW to Amend the enforcement provisions of Parking By-law #6208

14.c #7196 - A BY-LAW to appoint Auditors for the County of Middlesex for the years ending December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2026

14.d #7197 - A BY-LAW to Authorize the Signing of a Telecommunications Agreement with Execulink

14.e #7198 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the October 11, 2022 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Richards  
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

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

Carried

**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Warden's Banquet – November 5, 2022

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

That the meeting adjourn at 3:40pm.

Carried

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Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

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Alison Warwick, Warden