

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 1:00 PM  
Middlesex County Building  
399 Ridout Street North, London

Members Present      Warden Burghardt-Jesson  
                                 Councillor DeViet  
                                 Councillor Brennan  
                                 Councillor Ropp  
                                 Councillor Clarke  
                                 Councillor McMillan  
                                 Councillor Mayhew  
                                 Councillor McGuire  
                                 Councillor Smibert  
                                 Councillor Grantham

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

Warden Burghardt-Jesson called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Warden Burghardt-Jesson addressed Council as follows:

*"We acknowledge that the land we stand upon today is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Add-a-won-da-run), Anishinabeg (Ah-nish-in-a-beg), Haudenosaunee (Hoden-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.*

*The Middlesex County Building is on a land within the areas 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 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.*

*Today is a good da! While we were sworn in last week, and we have spent weeks participating in orientation sessions, today is the day that the hard work*

*really begins. As this new term of council takes off, I want to remind you that we are here around this horseshoe, because of the trust our residents have placed in us. It is a trust; we cannot take lightly. The work we take on, the decisions we make as Councillors for Middlesex, will impact our residents and businesses on a daily basis. We may not always agree. Each one of our opinions are valued and I for one look forward to hearing from each one of you at this table. We all have so much to learn from one another. Together, through thoughtful discussions and respectful debate we will continue to move Middlesex forward. I can see you are ready...I know I am, so let's get to it."*

**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 November 14, 2022 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Minutes of the November 14, 2022 meeting of County Council be approved as presented.

Carried

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

None.

**6. ENQUIRIES OR NOTICES OF MOTION**

Councillor Grantham noted he had received inquiries from residents about traffic and traffic control within the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc. Councillor Grantham requested a report from staff with respect to same. CAO Rayburn noted that an education session on highways has been planned for January 2023 which will include information from engineering, legal and the County's insurers.

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.a Offload Nurse Report**

Report from Chief Neal Roberts, MLPS

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Council for the County of Middlesex supports Middlesex-London Paramedic Services' business case submitted to the Ministry of Health for increased funding to provide staffing for the Dedicated Offload Nurse Program twenty four (24) hours per day at London Health Sciences Centre emergency departments; and

THAT the Warden and Chief MLPS include the request for increased funding and a permanent solution for the Dedicated Offload Nurse Program as part of the County's delegation to the Minister of Health at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference in January 2023.

Carried

### **7.b MLPS System Status Update**

Report from Chief Neal Roberts, MLPS

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT Council for the County of Middlesex supports Middlesex-London Paramedic Services' business case submitted to the Ministry of Health for implementing the Early Adopter Proposal for a Treat and Refer Program, as part of the Models of Care, and as tabled at the 2022 AMO Conference with the Minister of Health; and

THAT the Warden and Chief MLPS include the request for approval to launch the Early Adopter program for Treat and Refer within the Middlesex London Paramedic Service Program as part of the County's delegation to the Minister of Health at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference in January 2023.

Carried

7.c MLPS 2023 Draft Budget

Presentation from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the MLPS Draft 2023 Budget Presentation be received for information.

Carried

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

8.a Appointments to Boards and Committees for the 2022-2026 Term of Council

Report from Warden Burghardt-Jesson and Deputy Warden DeViet.

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the necessary by-laws be introduced at the December 13, 2022 meeting of Council to confirm the Committee and Board appointments set out in the report.

Carried

8.b Blacks Bridge Replacement

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the bid of Sierra Bridge Inc. in the amount of \$4,062,594.08 including taxes and contingencies for Project M-G-22 for the replacement of the Blacks Bridge 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.c Integrity Commissioner, Closed Meeting Investigator and Municipal Ombudsman

Report from Marci Ivanic, Legislative Services Manager/Clerk and Wayne Meagher, County Barrister & Solicitor

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT a by-law be introduced at the December 13, 2022 meeting of Council to:

(a) Appoint the firm of Independent Resolutions Inc., represented by Mark McDonald as the Municipal Ombudsman, Integrity Commissioner, and Closed Meeting Investigator for the County of Middlesex effective January 1, 2023;

(b) Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Independent Resolutions Inc., attached to the staff report as Schedule "A";

(c) Authorize the Warden and the Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Carried

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

Warden Burghardt-Jesson announced that the vaccination clinic at the Caradoc Community Centre is closing as of December 14, 2022. Warden Burghardt-Jesson noted that 112,000 doses were administered from that location and congratulated everyone involved in the success of the clinic, including MLPS and MLHU staff and CERV volunteers.

**10. BY-LAWS**

10.a #7203 - A BY-LAW to approve Committee and Board Appointments 2022-2026

10.b #7204 - A BY-LAW to appoint members of the MLEMS Authority Board

10.c #7205 - A BY-LAW to appoint a Municipal Ombudsman, Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator

10.d #7206 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the December 13, 2022 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

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

Carried

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

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 2:03 pm.

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

#### **11.a.1 Weighted Vote Distribution**

Report from Marci Ivanic, Legislative Services Manager/Clerk

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Weighted Vote Distribution for 2022-2026 and Representation for 2026-2030 Report be received for information.

Carried

#### **11.a.2 More Homes Built Faster Act and Related Provincial Changes**

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the More Homes Built Faster Act and Related Provincial Changes report and attachments be received for information.

Carried

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

#### **11.b.1 Wabuno Creek Bridge Replacement - Detailed Design and Environmental Assessment Project ENG-2023-010**

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the County Engineer be authorized to enter into an agreement with B.M. Ross and Associates Limited on behalf of the Corporation of the Environmental Assessment and Detailed Design of the Wabuno Creek Bridge Replacement under the terms and conditions of its proposal and the RFP for Project ENG-2023-010.

Carried

11.b.2 Pike Road Bridge Replacement - Detailed Design and Environmental Assessment Project ENG-2023-020

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the County Engineer be authorized to enter into an agreement with BT Engineering Inc. on behalf of the Corporation of the Environmental Assessment and Detailed Design of the Pike Road Bridge Replacement Project under the terms and conditions of its proposal and the RFP for Project ENG-2023-020.

Carried

11.b.3 Rules of Procedure By-law Review

Report from Marci Ivanic, Legislative Services Manager/Clerk.

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Rules of Procedure By-law Review report be received for information; and

THAT the By-law to provide Rules of Procedure for the meetings of the Council of The Corporation of the County of Middlesex and Committees of Council attached to the report be introduced at the January 17, 2022 meeting of Council.

Carried

Councillor Mayhew exited the meeting at 2:36pm.

#### 11.b.4 2023 Budget Timetable

Report from Cindy Howard, GM Finance and Community Services.

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the proposed 2023 budget timetable be approved.

Carried

Councillor Mayhew returned to the meeting at 2:38pm.

#### 11.c CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

11.c.1 General Payables September 30, 2022 to December 1, 2022  
totaling \$1,382,214.21

11.c.2 Economic Development Payables September 30, 2022 to  
December 1, 2022 totaling \$158,376.88

11.c.3 ITS Payables September 30, 2022 to December 1, 2022  
totaling \$362,295.52

11.c.4 Library Payables September 30, 2022 to December 1, 2022 totaling  
\$455,131.97

11.c.5 MLPS Payables September 30 to December 1, 2022 totaling  
\$3,924,732.33

11.c.6 Planning Payables September 30, 2022 to December 1, 2022  
totaling \$21,661.77

11.c.7 Roads Payables September 30, 2022 to December 1, 2022 totaling  
\$5,477,527.02

11.c.8 Social Services Payables September 30, 2022 to December 1,  
2022 totaling \$2,615,969.13

11.c.9 Strathmere Lodge Payables September 30, 2022 to December 1,  
2022 totaling \$996,221.50

11.c.10 Electronic Payments - October 2022

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor McMillan



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

Carried

- 11.c.11 AMO Policy Update - Unpacking Bill 23
- 11.c.12 Adelaide Metcalfe - Notice of Passing of Development Charges By-law
- 11.c.13 Middlesex County Receives Ontario Tourism Resiliency Award
- 11.c.14 Notice from Enbridge Gas
- 11.c.15 Board of Health Monthly Meeting Update - November 2022
- 11.c.16 Four Counties Health Services Foundation Fall 2022 Newsletter
- 11.c.17 AMO Policy Update - Province Responds to AMO Calls for Municipal Funding
- 11.c.18 Notice: Changes under the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act related to Geologic Carbon Storage
- 11.c.19 AMO Policy Update - Standing Committee Appearance on Bill 39
- 11.c.20 Strathmere Lodge Census Report for October 2022
- 11.c.21 Strathmere Lodge Census Report for November 2022
- 11.c.22 October Budget Variance Report

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Items 11.c.11 to 11.c.22 be received for information.

Carried

## **12. INQUIRIES**

None.

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**14. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

14.a Next Meetings

January 17, 2023

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Grantham  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

That the meeting adjourn at 2:41 pm.

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Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

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Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden