

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 22, 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 1:00pm.

The Warden addressed Council as follows:

*"Today marks a very special occasion. It is Kathy Bunting's last meeting with council before her retirement day at the end of the month. Kathy has been part of Middlesex County for just about 31 years. She has relationships with people right across the county. I might be so bold to say though...her most important relationships have been with the members of councils over the years. She has been a tremendous support to councillors and ensures that those relationships are kept relevant with the County. There will be celebrations planned when it is safe to do so in the future, but in the mean time today we celebrate you and all you have done for Middlesex County. In true fashion...we have a full agenda, to make sure your last meeting with us is memorable! Congratulations Kathy."*

**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 Middlesex County Council - June 8, 2021**

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Minutes of the Middlesex County Council Meeting held on June 8, 2021 be approved as presented.

Carried

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

None

**6. ENQUIRIES OR NOTICES OF MOTION**

**6.a Southwestern Ontario Transportation Task Force**

Councillor Vanderheyden addressed Council regarding the Southwestern Ontario Transportation Task Force. Councillor Vanderheyden is one of the Co-Chairs for the Active Transportation piece; she invited any Councillors, community members and staff interested in joining the committee to email her for details.

Councillor Warwick addressed Councillor Vanderheyden regarding the importance of continued funding for walking trails maintained by Conservation Authorities.

**7. REPORTS**

None

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.a MLPS Performance Report**

Presentation by Adam Bennett, Commander-Operations, MLPS

Chief Neal Roberts, MLPS was absent.

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden  
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Council receive this report for information and direct the County Clerk to forward a copy of this report to the City of London Clerk for distribution to London City Council.

Carried

8.b Middlesex Supports Programs - 2021

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager of Finance & Community Services

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT County Council approve the \$31,928 amount that was not allocated be divided evenly (\$3,991) 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 approved:

**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

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

None

## **10. BY-LAWS**

- 10.a #7115 - A BY-LAW to enter into an agreement with Merrymount Family Support and Crisis Care for the "Middlesex Supports" Program - April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022
- 10.b #7116 - A BY-LAW to enter into an agreement with Family Services Thames Valley for the "Middlesex Supports" Program - April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022
- 10.c #7117 - A BY-LAW to enter into an agreement with the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex for the "Middlesex Supports" Program - April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022
- 10.d #7118 - A BY-LAW to enter into an agreement with the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc for the "Middlesex Supports" Program - April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022
- 10.e #7119 - A BY-LAW to enter into an agreement with the Middlesex County Library for the "Middlesex Supports" Program - April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022
- 10.f #7120 - A BY-LAW to enter into an agreement with the Children's Aid Society of London and Middlesex for the "Middlesex Supports" Program - April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022
- 10.g #7121 - A BY-LAW to appoint Marcia Ivanic, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk of the Corporation of the County of Middlesex
- 10.h #7122 - A BY-LAW to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the County of Middlesex - June 22, 2021

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Warwick

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Smith  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the third and final reading of the preceding By-laws be given.

Carried

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

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

#### **11.a.1 Governance**

Presentation by Warden Burghardt-Jesson.

#### **11.a.2 Human Resources: A Look Forward to 2021**

Presentation by Jessica Ngai, Human Resources Manager.

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

#### **11.b.1 Insurance Renewal 2021**

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services/Treasurer and Chris Traini, County Engineer  
  
Tony Commisso, Intact Public Entities Inc., was in attendance for this item.

Moved by Councillor Ropp  
Seconded by Councillor Warwick

THAT the proposed 2021/22 insurance program as submitted by Intact Public Entities Inc. with a premium of \$957,986 for twelve months plus applicable taxes to June 30, 2022 be approved.

Carried

#### **11.b.2 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, 2021-2026**

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services/Treasurer

Moved by Councillor Cornelissen  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the attached Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, be approved, and that a copy of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan be forwarded to the Ministry of the Solicitor General, as required by the *Police Services Act, 1990*.

Carried

11.b.3 Five Year Machinery Replacement Program

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer.

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the 5-year Machinery Replacement Program be approved, and that the equipment scheduled for replacement in 2022 be tendered in the fall of 2021.

Carried

11.b.4 Homeless Prevention and Housing Plan Middlesex County 2020 Update and Priorities for 2021

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services/Treasurer.

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the Homeless Prevention and Housing Plan – Change Begins with Choice, 2020 update and priorities for 2021 be received for information; and

THAT *Appendix A* be approved and sent to the Service Manager to be included in the Service Manager's submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Carried

11.c CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

11.c.1 Strathmere Lodge Occupancy and Activity Report - May 2021

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator.

- 11.c.2 AMO Update - June 3, 2021
- 11.c.3 AMO Update - June 7, 2021
- 11.c.4 AMO Update - June 10, 2021
- 11.c.5 Middlesex-London Health Unit - Board of Health Meeting Update - May 20, 2021
- 11.c.6 Letter to Premier Ford from Warden Burghardt-Jesson re: MLPS Vaccination Program

Bill Rayburn, CAO provided an update on the MLPS Vaccination Program. He thanked Miranda Bothwell, MLPS Paramedic, for her leadership on the project.

The focus of the program has been on providing vaccinations to employees of large employers and community paramedicine clients. The program has been very successful and requests have been made to the province for more vaccines. Five hundred doses will be administered at Cargill this week. The drive through model is very efficient. MLPS is preparing for pop up clinics in local municipalities as well we second dose clinics at workplaces.

- 11.c.7 FCHS Foundation Spring 2021 Newsletter

- 11.c.8 Budget Variance Report

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services/Treasurer.

Moved by Councillor Richards  
Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT Items 11.c.1 through 11.c.8 be received for information.

Carried

## **12. INQUIRIES**

None

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

### **13.a CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Warwick  
Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the closed session of the meeting to consider the property matter described in 13.a.1 of the June 22, 2021 Agenda be deferred to the July 13, 2021 meeting of Council.

Carried

13.a.1 Property Matter

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO deferred to July 13, 2021 meeting.

13.b Next County Council Meetings

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

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

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

13.c Remarks from Kathy Bunting, County Clerk

Kathy Bunting, County Clerk addressed Council as follows:

*"Thank you. It has been a privilege to work for the County of Middlesex for the past 31 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here working with all Wardens, members of council and staff over the years.*

*It would take me too long to name everyone from employment starting with Warden Alan Johnson in 1990 and ending with Warden CBJ.*

*A big thank you to Ron Eddy who hired me; and Nigel Bellchamber and the past 23 years working with Bill.*

*I will stay in touch with my Middlesex family and hope to see you all in person at some point in the future.*

*Welcome to Marci – you will enjoy it.*



*Virtual hugs to all and my best wishes to all of you."*

**14. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Smith

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:07 p.m.

Carried

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Marcia Ivanic, County Clerk

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Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden