

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 1:00 PM
Middlesex County Building
399 Ridout Street North, London

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WARDEN'S REMARKS

Warden Burghardt-Jesson called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and 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.

Many of us around the table had the pleasure and honour of knowing Duncan McPhail. Duncan was the Mayor of West Elgin and Past Warden of Elgin County.

Duncan passed away on the weekend. To say it came as a shock is an understatement. Duncan was larger than life. If you knew him, you knew and experienced his generous, supportive and positive personality. He always welcomed you with a smile and a big, bear hug.

While Duncan was an Elgin County Councillor, he was a friend to Middlesex. Past Warden Marigay Wilkins shared many memories with me over the past few weeks, when we talked about Duncan. It was Duncan who encouraged her to enter the political forum. Marigay shared a story with me that shows his generous spirit. For years he grew pumpkins. He and his first wife got to know an owner of one of the Detroit Airport parking lots. They developed a great friendship and because of that for years (before paperwork got to labourous), he would bring a truckload of pumpkins to the lot, so that everyone as they exited received a free pumpkin. As Marigay said, he just had a big heart.

Past Warden Kurtis Smith shares memories of attending events with his wife Bridget and Duncan and his wife Norma when they were both Wardens in 2019. Kurtis observes that at first glance it seems like an unlikely friendship—the well-seasoned Warden from Elgin and Kurtis the young Warden from Middlesex. But a friendship developed and the 2 enjoyed their terms as Warden together.

Kurtis's description of Duncan, is the same as so many have shared—a fun adventurous, community-oriented family man with a big personality and the gift of being a great story teller.

On Saturday night, I was watching the announcement of the Final Four Communities in the Kraft Hockeyville Campaign. I was beyond excited, when West Lorne was announced. I knew that it was going to be so much fun watching Duncan be the cheerleader for his community. He would have loved that so. I will miss Duncan's humour, his support and his wisdom...he served his community well and his community is better for his service and I like to think I am better for having known him.

I know you all join me in sending our condolences to West Elgin, Elgin County but most importantly to Norma and his family.

Rest Well Duncan..."

2. PROVISION FOR DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 4.a Minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting of County Council and the Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the Minutes of the February 14, 2023 Meeting of Council and Committee of the Whole be approved as presented; and

THAT the recommendations made by Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting be adopted.

Carried

- 4.b Minutes of the February 14, 2023 Visioning Session - Education and Training

- 4.c Closed Meeting Minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting of County Council

- 4.d Closed Meeting Minutes of the February 14, 2023 Education and Training Session

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the Minutes of the February 14, 2023 Education and Training Session; the Closed Meeting Minutes of the February 14, 2023 Education and Training Session and the Closed Meeting Minutes of the February 14, 2023 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a ACTION ITEMS

5.a.1 Land Ambulance Dispatch Consultant

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the hiring of Fitch & Associates for the provision of Land Ambulance Dispatch consulting services at the cost of \$40,000.00 USD (\$54,420.20 CAD), before taxes, be approved and that the Chief of Middlesex-London Paramedic Services be authorized to execute all agreements and other documents necessary to implement this award on confirmation that such agreements and other documents be in a form satisfactory to the County Solicitor and Chief Administrative Officer.

Carried

5.a.2 MLPS 2023 Response Time Performance Plan Compliance

Report from Neal Roberts, Chief, Middlesex-London Paramedic Service

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service Response Time Performance Plan results be received for information; and

THAT County Council direct the Chief, Middlesex London Paramedic Service to submit the annual performance report to the Ontario Ministry of Health, no later than March 31, 2023.

Carried

5.a.3 911 Central Emergency Reporting Bureau (CERB) Contract Renewal with London Police Department

Report from Chris Traini, Deputy CAO/County Engineer

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT a by-law be introduced at the March 14, 2023 meeting to:

- a. Authorize and approve the Central Emergency Reporting Bureau (CERB) (Neutral Answering) Agreement between The Corporation of the County of Middlesex and the London Police Services Board effective March 20, 2023; and
- b. Authorize the Warden and the County Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Carried

5.a.4 Appointment to the Middlesex London Food Policy Council

Report from Warden Cathy Burghardt-Jesson and Deputy Warden Aina DeViet

Moved by Councillor McMillan
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the necessary by-law be introduced at the March 14, 2023 meeting of Council to appoint Councillor Michelle Smibert to the Middlesex London Food Policy Committee.

Carried

5.a.5 Tender for Glass Beads Contract M-G-23

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-G-23 Reflective Glass Beads to Opta Waterdown Inc. in the amount of \$61,654.1 before taxes and that the County Engineer be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Middlesex, all agreements and other documents necessary to implement this award on confirmation that such agreements and other documents be in a form satisfactory to the County Solicitor.

Carried

5.a.6 Quotation for Roadside Weed Spraying

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Quotation M-A-23 Roadside Weed Spray to Green Stream in the amount of \$61,654.10 before taxes and that the County Engineer be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Middlesex, all agreements and other documents necessary to implement this award on confirmation that such agreements and other documents be in a form satisfactory to the County Solicitor.

Carried

5.a.7 Tender for Cold in Place Asphalt Recycling Contract M-C-23

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-C-23 Cold in Place Recycling to Lavis Contracting Co. in the amount of \$2,119,230.00 before taxes and that the County Engineer be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Middlesex, all agreements and other documents necessary to implement this award on confirmation that such agreements and other documents be in a form satisfactory to the County Solicitor.

Carried

5.a.8 Tender for Concrete Curb and Gutter Contract M-F-23

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-F-23 Concrete Curb and Gutter to Ro-Buck Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$258,620.50 before taxes and that the County Engineer be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of

Middlesex, all agreements and other documents necessary to implement this award on confirmation that such agreements and other documents be in a form satisfactory to the County Solicitor.

Carried

5.a.9 Tender for the Supply and Installation of Sub Drains M-E-23

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-E-23 Sub Drains to Van Bree Drainage. in the amount of \$97,225.00 before taxes and that the County Engineer be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Middlesex, all agreements and other documents necessary to implement this award on confirmation that such agreements and other documents be in a form satisfactory to the County Solicitor.

Carried

5.a.10 Tender for Hot Mix Asphalt Contract M-B-23-A

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-B-23-A Hot Mix Asphalt to GIP Paving Inc. in the amount of \$5,347,000.00 before taxes and that the County Engineer be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Middlesex, all agreements and other documents necessary to implement this award on confirmation that such agreements and other documents be in a form satisfactory to the County Solicitor.

Carried

5.a.11 Tender for Hot Mix Asphalt Contract M-B-23-B

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-B-23-B Hot Mix Asphalt to J-AAR Excavation LTD. in the amount of \$1,990,880.00 before taxes and that the County Engineer be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Middlesex, all agreements and other documents necessary to implement this award on confirmation that such agreements and other documents be in a form satisfactory to the County Solicitor.

Carried

5.a.12 Dedicated Offload Delay Nurse Program Contract Renewal

Report from Neal Roberts, Chief, Middlesex-London Paramedic Service

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT a by-law be introduced at the March 14, 2023 meeting to:

- a. Authorize and approve an agreement between the London Health Sciences Centre, the County of Middlesex and the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service for the Dedicated Offload Nurse Program for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023; and
- b. Authorize the Warden, the County Clerk and the Chief, Middlesex-London Paramedic Service to execute the Agreement.

Carried

6. INQUIRIES

None.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

8. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Warden Burghardt-Jesson recognized Strathroy-Caradoc resident Jake Higgs for his participation on Team Nunavut at the 2023 Tim Hortons Brier.

8.a A Call to the Provincial government to End Homelessness in Ontario

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;

WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Middlesex calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

1. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
2. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
3. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Council convene in Committee of the Whole at 1:42pm.

Carried

9.a DELEGATIONS

9.a.1 Committee to Establish a Middlesex County Archives

Presentation by Carol Small, Chair, Committee to Establish a Middlesex County Archives.

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the Middlesex County Archives presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

None.

9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.1 North Middlesex Official Plan Amendment No. 14; File No. 39-NM-OPA14; Housekeeping Amendment

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT Amendment No. 14 to the North Middlesex 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 no written submissions were received concerning this application.

Carried

9.c.2 Newbury Official Plan Amendment No. 15; Concession Drive; File No. 39-NEW-OPA15

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT Amendment No. 15 to the Newbury 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 no written submissions were received concerning this application.

Carried

9.c.3 Proposed Plan of Condominium (File No. 39T-SC-CDM2001); Strathroy-Caradoc; Wagstaff Place

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the proposed Plan of Condominium (File No. 39T-SC-CDM2001) be granted draft plan approval subject to conditions and that a Notice of Decision be circulated 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 make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

9.c.4 Planning Approval Authority Fee Review

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the By-law necessary to adopt the Planning Act Tariff of Fees attached as Schedule A to this report be prepared and introduced at the March 28, 2023 meeting of Council.

Carried

9.c.5 Award of Hot Mix Asphalt Paving & Cold Asphalt Recycling Contracts

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the 2023 construction schedule for capital road works proceed as indicated in the budget.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 General Payables February 3, 2023 to March 2, 2023 totaling \$736,444.88

9.d.2 ITS Payables February 3, 2023 to March 2, 2023 totaling \$122,796.77

9.d.3 Library Payables February 3, 2023 to March 2, 2023 totaling \$174,241.87

9.d.4 MLPS Payables February 3, 2023 to March 2, 2023 totaling \$1,118,538.18

9.d.5 Planning Payables February 3, 2023 to March 2, 2023 totaling \$950.38

9.d.6 Roads Payables February 3, 2023 to March 2, 2023 totaling \$859,545.31

9.d.7 Social Services Payables February 3, 2023 to March 2, 2023 totaling \$908,363.13

9.d.8 Strathmere Lodge February 3, 2023 to March 2, 2023 totaling \$247,961.37

9.d.9 Economic Development Payables February 3, 2023 to March 2, 2023 totaling \$11,444.90

9.d.10 Electronic Payments - January 2023

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT Items 9.c.1 to 9.c.10 be received for information.

Carried

9.d.11 AMO Policy Update - February 9, 2023

9.d.12 AMO Policy Update - February 13, 2023

9.d.13 Board of Health Update - February 2023

9.d.14 Petition for Glendon/Melbourne Intersection Visibility Improvements

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT Items 9.d.11 to 9.d.14 be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 2:32pm.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

10.a #7214 - A BY-LAW to authorize a Central Emergency Reporting Bureau (CERB) (Neutral Answering) Agreement with the London Police Services Board

10.b #7215 - A BY-LAW to Appoint a representative to the Middlesex London Food Policy Council

10.c #7216 - A BY-LAW to authorize a Service Agreement with LHSC and MLPS

10.d #7217 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of County Council on March 14, 2023

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

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

Carried

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.a Middlesex Municipal Day - Tuesday, May 2 , 2023

11.b Warden's Charity Golf Tournament - Thursday, June 22, 2023

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

That the meeting adjourn at 2:34 pm.

Carried

Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden