

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

Tuesday, April 11, 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
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**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.*

*We acknowledge the treaties that are specific to this area: Treaty 2 (McKee Purchase), Treaty 3 (Between the Lakes Purchase), Treaty 6 (London Township Purchase), Treaty 21 (Long Woods Purchase) and Treaty 29 (Huron Tract Purchase). 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.*

*I don't know about you, but I joined the "I'm a fan of astronauts" bandwagon last week! What an exciting announcement NASA made when they unveiled their latest journey into space is going to include a Canadian team member. What is more exciting for us, is that he is a Middlesex County boy! And yes, while Jeremy Hansen was born in London, he was raised near Ailsa Craig. What an incredible accomplishment for him. He is a role model to many and will inspire not only young scientists, but a generation that will grow up watching him travel into outer space and will show young and old, that hard work and determination does mean that that dreams and aspirations to do come true. I know, that as Middlesex County ambassadors, you join me in wishing him all that best and to let him know that will be joining the 1000's of other Canadians who will cheer him on!*

*I also want to take a moment to remind everyone that April is Be A Donor Month. Organ and Tissue donations save lives. Do you know that one (1) organ donor has the ability to save eight (8) lives? My family, both immediate and extended, know the importance of becoming a donor. We have a family member who is the end stages of assessment for a heart-lung transplant. While, this transplant is very rare and chances of matches are slim...without donors, my nephew will not even have a chance. It is incredibly easy to become a donor. You can register to be a donor at [beadonor.ca](http://beadonor.ca). More importantly, have a conversation with your family letting them know of your intention to be a donor. These conversations can be difficult to have...but they are necessary. In our family, we recognize that we cannot take our organs and tissue with us, so we are registered to be donors, in the hopes that someone will benefit from transplantation. If you have not done so, please recognize Be a Donor month and register to be a donor."*

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

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

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 March 28, 2023 Meeting of County Council

4.b Closed Session Minutes of the March 28, 2023 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Minutes of the March 28, 2023 Meeting of Council and the March 28, 2023 Closed Session be approved as presented; and

THAT the recommendations made by Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the March 28, 2023 meeting be adopted.

Carried

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

5.a ACTION ITEMS

5.a.1 Tender for the Installation of Steel Beam Guide Rail M-H-23

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the County Engineer be authorized and directed to award Tender M-H-23 Steel Beam Guide Rail to Royal Fence in the amount of \$123,495.00 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.2 "LSAA" (Long Term Care Home Services Accountability Agreement)

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT a by-law be introduced at the April 11, 2023 Council meeting to:

- a. Authorize and approve the Long Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement (LSAA); and
- b. Authorize the Warden and the County Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Carried

#### 5.a.3 Surplus Vehicle Disposal

Report from Neal Roberts, Chief of Middlesex-London Paramedic Services, Director of Emergency Services

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT Middlesex County Council declare the following vehicles as surplus to be sold on GOVDEALS.CA and that funds from the sale of these assets be placed into a capitol reserve account and be used to offset the 2023 ambulance purchases:

Vehicle Number	Vehicle VIN	Mileage (KMS)	Date of Last Reading	Vehicle Make
<b>2014-1076</b>	1GB3G3CG3F1183579	280,175	03/15/2023	Demers
<b>2015-1077</b>	1GB3G3CGXF1186317	250,215	03/15/2023	Demers
<b>2015-1183</b>	1GB3G3CG7F1185660	241,297	03/15/2023	Demers
<b>2015-1184</b>	1GB3G3CG9F1185420	338,107	03/15/2023	Demers
<b>2013-1170</b>	1GB3G3CG7D1142580	292,949	03/15/2023	Crestline
<b>2014-1171</b>	1GB3G3CG8E1155484	335,973	03/15/2023	Crestline
<b>2014-1188</b>	1GB3G3CG1E1155505	336,351	03/15/2023	Crestline
<b>2015-1071</b>	1GB3G3CG9F1109521	304,939	03/15/2023	Crestline
<b>2015-1191</b>	1GB3G3CG8F1111440	273,219	03/15/2023	Crestline
<b>2014-1047</b>	1GB3G3CG4E1154543	324,794	03/15/2023	Crestline

Carried

#### 5.a.4 County Loan Program

Report from Cindy Howard, GM Finance and Community Services,  
County Treasurer and Deputy CAO

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the County Loan Program report be deferred to the May 9,  
2023 Meeting of County Council.

Carried

### 6. INQUIRIES

Councillor Grantham requested an update on the intersection of Melbourne Rd. at Glendon Dr. In response, Chris Traini, Deputy CAO/County Engineer, provided an explanation that a report on the intersection is currently delayed due to an ongoing notice of claim, making the matter a litigation and insurance matter. As per insurance requirements, County policies, and solicitor-client privilege, the report is on hold until the legal matter has been resolved.

### 7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

### 8. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

#### 8.a Enbridge Motion - Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)

Request from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) for support in objecting to a new fee proposed by Enbridge Gas

Moved by Councillor Ropp  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the Enbridge Motion - Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS) be received for information.

Carried

#### 8.b FCM 2023-2024 Board of Directors Nomination

Councillor Michelle Smibert is requesting support from County Council for her nomination to the FCM Board

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of member municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the united voice required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

WHEREAS FCM's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference and Trade Show, May 25 to 28, 2023, followed by the election of FCM's Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the of the Corporation of the County of Middlesex endorse Michelle Smibert to stand for election on FCM's Board of Directors for the period starting in May 2023 and ending June 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council assumes all costs associated with Michelle Smibert attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.

Carried

## **9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:19pm.

Carried

### **9.a DELEGATIONS**

#### **9.a.1 Agriculture: An Economic Powerhouse**

Presentation by Crispin Colvin, Vice President, OFA and Karen McLean, Member Service Representative for Lambton-Middlesex, OFA

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Agriculture: An Economic Powerhouse presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.a.2 KPMG Audit Work Plan

Presentation by Ian Jeffreys, Lead Audit Engagement Partner, KPMG and Tiffany Harriott, Manager, KPMG

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the KPMG Audit Work Plan presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.a.3 2023 Employee Benefits Renewal Highlights

Presentation by Kevin Routley, Partner, Employee Benefits and Pension Advisor, Select Path

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the 2023 Employee Benefits Renewal Highlights presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.a.4 Middlesex County On-Demand Transportation Needs Assessment Study

Presentation by David Forsey, Associate Director, Practice Lead for Transportation Engineering, IBI Group and Jeremy Cohen, Intermediate Transit Planner, IBI Group

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the Middlesex County On-Demand Transportation Needs Assessment Study Presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

9.b.1 Pilot Phragmites Treatment Update

Report from Mark Brown, Woodland Conservation Officer and  
Weed Inspector and Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Mayhew  
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the Pilot Phragmites Treatment Update report be received for  
information.

Carried

9.b.2 County Forestry Services 2023 Update

Report from Mark Brown, Woodland Conservation Officer and  
Weed Inspector and Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and  
Development

Moved by Councillor DeViet  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the County Forestry Services 2023 Update report be  
received for information.

Carried

9.b.3 Accessibility Roles and Responsibilities

Report from Sarah Savoie, Accessibility Coordinator

Moved by Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Accessibility Roles and Responsibilities presentation and  
report be received for information.

Carried



9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.1 Middlesex Joint Annual Accessibility Status Report 2022

Report from Sarah Savoie, Accessibility Coordinator

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Joint Annual Accessibility Status Report 2022 be approved and forwarded to the participating Local Municipal Partners for approval.

Carried

9.c.2 Middlesex Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 50; Dausett Drive; File No. 39-MC-OPA50

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Amendment No. 50 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 no written submissions were received concerning this application.

Carried

9.c.3 Middlesex Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 60; 15277 Fifteen Mile Road; File No. 39-MC-OPA60

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT Amendment No. 60 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 no written submissions were received concerning this application.

Carried

- 9.c.4 Exemption for a Proposed Plan of Condominium; 48 Carroll Street West; Strathroy-Caradoc, File No. 39T-SC-CDM2301

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the County of Middlesex exempt plan of condominium File No. 39T-SC-CDM2301 from the full condominium approval process.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.d.1 General Payables March 3, 2023 to March 30, 2023 totaling \$315,965.24

- 9.d.2 ITS Payables March 3, 2023 to March 30, 2023 totaling \$206,852.55

- 9.d.3 Library Payables March 3, 2023 to March 30, 2023 totaling \$254,743.61

- 9.d.4 MLPS Payables March 3, 2023 to March 30, 2023 totaling \$1,231,361.70

- 9.d.5 Planning Payables March 3, 2023 to March 30, 2023 totaling \$4,262.02

- 9.d.6 Roads Payables March 3, 2023 to March 30, 2023 totaling \$1,676,785.80

- 9.d.7 Social Services Payables March 3, 2023 to March 30, 2023 totaling \$829,500.29

- 9.d.8 Strathmere Lodge Payables March 3, 2023 to March 30, 2023 totaling \$365,159.19

- 9.d.9 Economic Development Payables March 3, 2023 to March 30, 2023 totaling \$43,594.41

Moved by Councillor Grantham  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT Items 9.d.1 to 9.d.9 be received for information.

Carried

9.d.10 Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal of Proposed Plan of Condominium;  
File No. 39T-MC-CDM2101; Sweid Holdings Inc.; Middlesex Centre

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning

9.d.11 Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility - Call for Ontario Senior of the  
Year Award Nominations

9.d.12 Drinking Water Source Protection Committee Newsletter - March  
2023

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

9.d.14 Benefit Renewal for April 2023 to March 2024

Report from Jessica Ngai, Director of Human Resources

9.d.15 WOWC Media Release - April 4, 2023

9.d.16 Library Board Meeting Minutes - March 28, 2023

9.d.17 MLPS Authority Board Meeting Minutes - April 5, 2023

Moved by Councillor McMillan  
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT Items 9.d.10 to 9.d.17 be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor McGuire  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 3:25pm.

Carried

9.e CLOSED SESSION

9.f RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

## **10. BY-LAWS**

- 10.a #7226 - A BY-LAW to authorize a Long Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement with Ontario Health
- 10.b #7227 - A BY-LAW to provide for Remuneration and Expenses, including Convention Expenses, payable to Members of Council
- 10.c #7228 - A BY-LAW to Confirm Proceedings of the April 11, 2023 meeting of Council

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor DeViet  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

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

Carried

## **11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 11.a MLPS Service Awards and Gala Night - Wednesday, May 17, 2023
- 11.b MLPS Cardiac Arrest Survivor Day Celebration - Friday, May 19, 2023
- 11.c Middlesex Municipal Day - Thursday, May 4, 2023
- 11.d Warden's Charity Golf Tournament - Thursday, June 22, 2023
- 11.e Next Meetings
  - Tuesday, May 9, 2023
  - Tuesday, May 23, 2023
  - Tuesday, June 20, 2023

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Grantham  
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

That the meeting adjourn at 3:27p.m.

Carried

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Paul Shipway, County Clerk

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Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden