

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

Tuesday, May 9, 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."*

1.a Presentation to Middlesex County Community Emergency Response Volunteers (CERV)

*"Thank you for joining us today as we gather to celebrate the long-term service and unwavering commitment of our Community Emergency Response Volunteers. These individuals stand as a shining example of what can be achieved when community members come together for the common good.*

*Since its inception in 2007, CERV Middlesex has made a significant impact on the safety and security of our communities. With volunteers operating at the grassroots level, our County has become more resilient in the face of emergencies, be they floods, severe storms, or other unexpected hazards.*

*As we all know, it is the dedication and hard work of our volunteers that make CERV Middlesex a success. With comprehensive training in emergency and disaster response, first aid, and Reception Centre operations, our volunteers are well-prepared to assist their fellow citizens when disaster strikes.*

*Their commitment has not gone unnoticed. The CERV Middlesex team has demonstrated the "can-do" spirit and compassion that Ontarians are known for, as evidenced by their tireless efforts during the H1N1 Flu Outbreak in 2009, or when they provided assistance at numerous community events, including a visit of the Stanley Cup to Strathroy, Olympic medalists Scott & Tessa's Homecoming in Ilderton, or Lucan's celebration for Hockeyville. Most recently, their service was invaluable during the COVID-19 pandemic, providing support and a welcoming presence at vaccination clinics throughout the county.*

*Today, we honor the long-term service of these exceptional individuals who have devoted their time and energy to making Middlesex County a safer place for all. Their contributions have undoubtedly brought comfort to residents and made a lasting difference in our communities.*

*As the Warden of Middlesex County, I am immensely grateful for their service and proud to stand alongside them in their commitment to community safety. To our CERV Middlesex volunteers, I extend my heartfelt thanks and admiration for your selflessness and dedication.*

*May we continue to work together to build a stronger, safer and more resilient Middlesex County for generations to come."*

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

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Grantham  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

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 April 11, 2023 Meeting of County Council**

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Meeting of Council be approved as presented; and

THAT the recommendations made by Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting be adopted.

Carried

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.a ACTION ITEMS**

**5.a.1 Changes to County Connect Routes**

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager of Finance and Community Services, Cara Finn, Director of Economic Developments, and Anum Maqsood, Community Transportation Project Manager

Moved by Councillor DeViet  
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the Corporation of the County of Middlesex supports the changes to the inter-community transit project and is committed to implementing the New Routes to launch on May 29, 2023.

Carried

5.a.2 Community Transportation Service Operator and Service Agreement

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

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT a by-law be introduced at the May 9, 2023 Council meeting to:

a. Authorize and approve the Community Transportation Service Amending Agreement with Voyago; and

b. Authorize the Warden and the County Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Carried

5.a.3 Telecommunications Municipal Access Agreement - North Frontenac Telephone Southwest Corp.

Report from Wayne Meagher, Director of Legal Services / County Barrister and Solicitor / Municipal Prosecutor

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the site specific Municipal Access Agreement with North Frontenac Telephone Southwest Corp. concerning County Roads located in southwestern Middlesex be approved and endorsed.

Carried

**6. INQUIRIES**

None.

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

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

Councillor Ropp thanked all who attended Middlesex Municipal Day on May 2, 2023 and thanked staff from the Municipality of North Middlesex and Middlesex County for organizing.

**9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:45pm.

Carried

**9.a DELEGATIONS**

**9.a.1 Middlesex Detachment OPP Introduction**

Delegation from Insp. Ross A. Stuart, Detachment Commander,  
OPP

Moved by Councillor DeViet  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the Middlesex Detachment OPP Introduction from Insp. Ross Stuart be received for information.

Carried

**9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS**

**9.b.1 Planning Reform - Bill 97 & New Provincial Planning Statement**

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and  
Development

Moved by Councillor McGuire  
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the Planning Reform - Bill 97 & New Provincial Planning Statement presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.b.2 Economic Development and Tourism Update

Report from Cara A. Finn, Director of Economic Development

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Economic Development and Tourism Update be received for information.

Carried

9.b.3 County Legal Services Update

Report from Wayne Meagher, Director of Legal Services / County Barrister and Solicitor / Municipal Prosecutor

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the County Legal Services Update be deferred to the May 23, 2023 meeting.

Carried

9.b.4 Middlesex County Emergency Management Update

Presentation from Bettina Weber, Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC)

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Middlesex County Emergency Management Update be received for information.

Carried

9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.1 Support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

Correspondence from Women of Ontario Say No

Moved by Councillor Mayhew  
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Middlesex express its support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development; and the Honourable Rob Flack, Elgin-Middlesex-London MPP.

Carried

9.c.2 Thames Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 29; File No. 39-TC-OPA29; Housekeeping Amendment

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Amendment No. 29 to the Thames 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.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 General Payables March 31, 2023 to April 27, 2023 totaling  
\$767,260.55

9.d.2 ITS Payables March 31, 2023 to April 27, 2023 totaling  
\$252,192.91

9.d.3 Library Payables March 31, 2023 to April 27, 2023 totaling  
\$101,211.09

9.d.4 MLPS Payables March 31, 2023 to April 27, 2023 totaling  
\$1,219,574.39

9.d.5 Planning Payables March 31, 2023 to April 27, 2023 totaling  
\$2,524.74

9.d.6 Roads Payables March 31, 2023 to April 27, 2023 totaling  
\$1,958,780.11

9.d.7 Social Services Payables March 31, 2023 to April 27, 2023 totaling  
\$1,067,892.69

9.d.8 Strathmere Lodge Payables March 31, 2023 to April 27, 2023  
totaling \$286,187.67

9.d.9 Economic Development Payables March 31, 2023 to April 27, 2023  
totaling \$103,000.52

9.d.10 Electronic Payments - March 2023

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

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

Carried

9.d.11 Middlesex County Library Drag Storytime Programs

Report from Lindsay Brock, Director of Library Services

9.d.12 Letter from Enbridge Gas - May 2, 2023

9.d.13 Middlesex Clean Water Program - UTRCA - April 2023

9.d.14 Road Closures 2023

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor



9.d.15 Board of Health Update - April 2023

9.d.16 ITS Payables March 31, 2023 to April 27, 2023 totaling  
\$252,192.91

9.d.17 News Release - Good Roads Announces 2023/24 Board of  
Directors - April 21, 2023

9.d.18 Thank you card from the family of Duncan McPhail

9.d.19 Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - April 6, 2023

9.d.20 Middlesex London Health Unit - Monitoring Food Affordability and  
Implications for Public Policy and Action

9.d.21 Upper Thames River Watershed Report Card Summary 2023

9.d.22 Drinking Water Source Protection Roles and Responsibilities

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT Item 9.d.11. to 9.d.21 be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT Committee of the Whole recess at 3:29pm.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT Committee of the Whole reconvene at 3:39pm.

Carried

#### 9.e CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Committee of the Whole convene in Closed Session at 3:40pm in  
order to consider a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land

by the municipality or local board; a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board in accordance with subsections 239(2)(c)(k).

Carried

9.e.1 Municipal Facilities

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO and Chris Traini, Deputy CAO and County Engineer

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT Committee of the Whole rise from Closed Session at 4:08pm.

Carried

9.f RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the in-camera report from Bill Rayburn, CAO and Chris Traini, Deputy CAO and County Engineer be received for information;

AND THAT staff proceed as directed.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT Committee of the Whole Rise at 4:09pm.

Carried

**10. BY-LAWS**

10.a #7229 - A BY-LAW to authorize Execution of a Community Transportation Service Amending Agreement with Voyago

10.b #7230 - A BY-LAW to authorize a Telecommunications Municipal Access Agreement

10.c #7231 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of County Council on May 9, 2023

Moved by Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor McGuire  
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

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

Carried

## **11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11.a Next Meetings

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Smibert  
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

That the meeting adjourn at 4:11pm.

Carried

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Paul Shipway, County Clerk

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Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden