

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Tuesday, May 23, 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 McGuire
 Councillor Ropp
 Councillor Smibert

Members Absent Councillor McMillan

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.

Did you know this week is National Public Works Week? It's a week dedicated to recognizing Public Works Departments across Canada and the US. This week can be used to educate, engage and inform the community about the essential role these departments play in our quality of life. Equally important is the opportunity to promote Public Works as a career choice. At the County level we can take this opportunity to recognize the work of our Roads and Engineering department. This year's theme is "Connecting the World Through Public Works." This theme highlights the way public works professionals connect us physically through our infrastructure. Through the Roads department, Middlesex and our local municipalities are connected with safe, reliable infrastructure.

This week is also Paramedic Services Week. The theme being celebrated this year is Diversity in Paramedicine – The Patient, The Provider, The Profession. Our communities are constantly changing as is our community of paramedics. This theme allows us to focus on the opportunities within paramedicine related to diversity, equity and inclusion. Our paramedics and those they serve have diverse needs and backgrounds, by building an inclusive and equitable profession the capacity for exceptional care will continue to grow."

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

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Clarke
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 May 9, 2023 Meeting of County Council

4.b Closed Session Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Meeting of County Council and the Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Closed Session of County Council be approved as presented, and

THAT the recommendations made by Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Meeting of adopted.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a ACTION ITEMS

5.a.1 Middlesex County Connect Technology Provider

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 Smibert

THAT the Council approve proceeding with Blaise Transit for the provision of innovative transit solutions at the cost of \$26,666.66 CAD before taxes and that the General Manager of Finance and Community 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 Partnerships for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL)

Report from Cindy Howard, Deputy CAO

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) report be received for information.

Carried

5.a.3 Consulting Services Agreement with Oneida Nation of the Thames

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Consulting Services Agreement between Oneida Nation of the Thames and the Corporation of the County of Middlesex c/o MLPS be approved and that County Council authorize MLPS to execute the Consulting Services Agreement.

Carried

6. INQUIRIES

None.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

8. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:12pm.

Carried

9.a DELEGATIONS

9.a.1 Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Middlesex County Council
Delegation

Presentation from Kate Burns Gallagher, Executive Director,
Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

9.b.1 County Legal Services Update

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

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the County Legal Services Update presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.b.2 County Loan Program

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

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the County Loan Program update be received for information.

Carried

9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.1 Naloxone Administration Policy - Health and Safety Policy 3.13

Report from Jessica Ngai, Director of Human Resources

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Naloxone Administration Policy, Health and Safety Policy 3.13, be approved and that the Corporate Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual be updated.

Carried

9.c.2 Speed Limit By-Law Spring Update

Report from Chris Traini, Deputy CAO / County Engineer

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT the revised by-law designating prescribed rates of speed on County Roads No. 1 to 81 inclusive be approved as presented and that the Warden and the County Clerk be authorized to execute the by-law at the June 20, 2023 council meeting.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 Electronic Payments - April 2023

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT item 9.d.1 be received for information.

Carried

9.d.2 Letter from AORS - Annual Trade Show

9.d.3 EMCPA Compliance Results - 2022

9.d.4 Letter of Support for Resolution Regarding Cannabis Act-Combined

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT items 9.d.2 to 9.d.4 be received for information.

Carried

9.e CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Committee of the Whole convene in Closed Session at 2:12pm in order to consider personal matters about an identifiable individual, labour relations or employee negotiations, and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality as part of employee negotiations in accordance with subsections 239(2)(b)(d)(k).

Carried

9.e.1 Employee Negotiations

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Committee of the Whole rise from Closed Session at 3:11pm.

Carried

9.f RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 3:13pm.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

10.a #7232 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of County Council on May 23, 2023

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

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

Carried

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.a Next Meetings

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

That the meeting adjourn at 3:14p.m.

Carried

Paul Shipway, County Clerk

Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden