

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 1:00 PM
Middlesex County Building
399 Ridout Street North, London

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

As everyone can see, today is the day that I must pay up when it comes to the wager that was challenged to me by Warden of Peterborough County Bonnie Clark. As you might recall, Warden Clark challenged me during the OHL Championship series that saw the London Knights defeated by the Peterborough Petes. The Petes won the series in 6 games. 6 well fought games. I was fortunate to see one of the games in London and my goodness, the battle from both teams. It was an exciting series to watch.

As Warden, I am afforded many opportunities. This one---certainly is a highlight. I would encourage any future Warden to engage in this sort of friendly competition, not only with colleagues in our area, but those beyond the traditional neighbourly borders. In doing so, you expand the reach of Middlesex County. I have now had the pleasure of making a connection with Warden Clark, as have the staffs from both offices. I have learned more about Peterborough County. Our "basket of defeat" was shared with a resident of Peterborough County through a social media campaign. And now, they are more aware of what local treats Middlesex County has to offer.

As you all know...I love just about everything hockey has to offer. I especially love how it brings communities together. I saw that every season my kids played hockey. And I saw that in this series. As Warden Clark pointed out: "I think that people of all ages from Middlesex County and Peterborough County can aspire to emulate the good sportsmanship and professionalism demonstrated by the players from both teams. Moreover, we should be all proud of their strong efforts made in the course of the championship series." As municipal leaders we can certainly bring that to each and every table we are at.

So, I'm humbly wearing Warden Clark's own jersey today, in defeat---but with respect for not only the Petes and the Knights, but for the spirit of sportsmanship and community that this wager was made.

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

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Grantham
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

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 23, 2023 Meeting of County Council

4.b Closed Session Minutes of the May 23, 2023 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Minutes of the May 23, 2023 Meeting of County Council and the Minutes of the May 23, 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 23, 2023 Meeting of adopted.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a ACTION ITEMS

5.a.1 2023 Borrowing By-Law

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

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the necessary borrowing by-law for 2023 authorizing the borrowing of funds with a maximum limit of \$2,000,000 at any one time be presented to County Council for approval.

Carried

5.a.2 Middlesex Supports 2023-2024

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager of Finance & Community Services and Joe Winsor, Manager of Social Services

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT County Council approve the \$5,691 that was not allocated be divided evenly (\$711.38) 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
- The Western University Students' Council (USC) - Early Outreach Conference - \$5,000

Carried

5.a.3 Warden's Activity Report

Report from Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Middlesex County Warden's Activity Report be received for information.

Carried

5.a.4 Western Ontario Warden's Caucus

Report from Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Report be received for information;

AND THAT Middlesex County request the WOWC to confirm the Middlesex County Warden may delegate its WOWC Director role to a member of County Council to establish, a two year appointment, for consistency of representation;

AND THAT pending the WOWC confirmation of the WOWC By-law No. 1 interpretation, Middlesex County Council approve a two year appointment to the WOWC Director position.

Carried

5.a.5 2023 Insurance Renewal

Report from Chris Traini, Deputy CAO, County Engineer and Cindy Howard, Deputy CAO, County Treasurer

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the proposed 2023/24 insurance program as submitted by Intact Public Entities Inc. with a premium of \$1,240,597 for twelve months plus applicable taxes to June 30, 2024 be approved.

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 Grantham
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:22pm.

Carried

9.a DELEGATIONS

9.a.1 Middlesex London Ontario Health Team - Primary Care Recruitment

Presentation from Amber Alpaugh-Bishop, Lead, Middlesex London Ontario Health Team (MLOHT), Melissa Linseman, Primary Care Transformation Lead, London Middlesex Primary Care Alliance (LMPCA) and Jane Tillmann, Advisor Health Workforce, Ontario Health

Moved by Councillor McMillan
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Middlesex London Ontario Health Team - Primary Care Recruitment presentation be received for information and that staff be directed to report back to Council on this topic.

Carried

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

9.b.1 Industrial Assessment - A Review of Middlesex County Industrial Tax Base & Improvement Methodologies

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the Industrial Assessment - A Review of Middlesex County Industrial Tax Base & Improvement Methodologies report be received for information;

AND THAT staff be directed to report back to Council on the implementation of an industrial land strategy program.

Carried

9.b.2 Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) Overview

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) Overview be received for information.

Carried

9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.1 Middlesex Municipal Day

Report from Paul Shipway, Acting Manager of Legislative Services/County Clerk

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT the Middlesex Municipal Association host list for Middlesex Municipal Day, starting in 2024, be as follows, Township of Lucan Biddulph, Township of Strathroy-Caradoc, Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, Municipality of Middlesex Centre, Village of Newbury, Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, Municipality of Thames Centre, Municipality of North Middlesex;

AND THAT the Mayor of the host municipality chair and/or determine the chair of Middlesex Municipal Day;

AND THAT Middlesex County maintain the financials for the Middlesex Municipal Association, inclusive of setting annual membership dues to support Middlesex Municipal Day;

AND THAT Middlesex County staff support host municipality staff in planning Middlesex Municipal Day.

Carried

9.c.2 Proposed Plan of Subdivision, Municipality of Southwest Middlesex,
File No. 39T-SM2101, Utopia Custom Homes Inc.

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and
Development

Moved by Councillor McGuire
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-SM2101) 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 and oral submissions
received on the application were considered; the effect of which
helped to make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

9.c.3 Homeless Prevention Program Funding Update

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager of Finance &
Community Services and Joe Winsor, Manager of Social Services

Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Council approve the Middlesex Accommodation Program
contract as attached to this report and authorize the General
Manager of Finance and Community Services, Cindy Howard, to
execute the agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 General Payables April 28, 2023 to June 8, 2023 totaling
\$482,916.34

9.d.2 ITS Payables April 28, 2023 to June 8, 2023 totaling \$130,401.38

9.d.3 Library Payables April 28, 2023 to June 8, 2023 totaling \$83,101.38

9.d.4 MLPS Payables April 28, 2023 to June 8, 2023 totaling
\$1,526,924.28

9.d.5 Planning Payables April 28, 2023 to June 8, 2023 totaling 8,636.25

- 9.d.6 Roads Payables April 28, 2023 to June 8, 2023 totaling \$1,644,802.57
- 9.d.7 Social Services Payables April 28, 2023 to June 8, 2023 totaling \$1,168,066.98
- 9.d.8 Strathmere Lodge Payables April 28, 2023 to June 8, 2023 totaling \$271,766.71
- 9.d.9 Economic Development Payables April 28, 2023 to June 8, 2023 totaling \$29,200.02

9.d.10 Electronic Payments May 2023

Moved by Councillor McMillan
Seconded by Councillor Grantham

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

Carried

9.d.11 ROMA Update - May 18, 2023

9.d.12 MNRF Letter - Streamlining of Approvals under the Aggregate Resources Act and Supporting Policy

9.d.13 911 and You Pamphlet - The Middlesex County 911 System

9.d.14 Board of Health Update - May 2023

9.d.15 Public Notice - Oxford County Water and Wastewater Master Plan

9.d.16 Strathmere Lodge Census Report for May 2023

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

9.d.17 Road Department Construction Update - June 12, 2023

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

9.d.18 Minutes of the May 23, 2023 Meeting of the Library Board

9.d.19 Budget Variance Report - May 2023

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

Moved by Councillor Smibert
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Items 9.d.11 to 9.d.19 be received for information.

Carried

9.e CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT Committee of the Whole convene in Closed Session at 2:36pm 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).

9.e.1 Municipal Facilities

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor McGuire

THAT Committee of the Whole rise from Closed Session at 3:07pm.

Carried

9.f RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 3:08pm.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

10.a #7233 - A BY-LAW to Authorize the Borrowing of Sums in 2023

10.b #7234 - A BY-LAW to Authorize the Creation of the MLPS Authority Board

10.c #7235 - A BY-LAW to Approve the Terms of Reference for MLPS Authority Board

- 10.d #7236 - A BY-LAW to appoint members of MLPS Authority Board
- 10.e #7237 - A BY-LAW Designating Prescribed Rates of Speed on County Roads No. 1 to 81 Inclusive
- 10.f #7238 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement under the Middlesex Supports Program - Merrymount
- 10.g #7239 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement under the Middlesex Supports Program - Family Service Thames Valley
- 10.h #7240 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement under the Middlesex Supports Program - Southwest Middlesex
- 10.i #7241 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement under the Middlesex Supports Program - Strathroy-Caradoc
- 10.j #7242 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement under the Middlesex Supports Program - Middlesex County Library
- 10.k #7243 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement under the Middlesex Supports Program - Children's Aid Society
- 10.l #7244 - A BY-LAW to Authorize an Agreement under the Middlesex Supports Program - Western University Students' Council
- 10.m #7245 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the June 20, 2023 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT the By-Laws be given a third and final reading.

Carried

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.a Next Meetings

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

That the meeting adjourn at 3:10pm.

Carried

Paul Shipway, County Clerk

Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden