

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

Tuesday, July 18, 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.*

*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 Acknowledgement of Middlesex-London Paramedic Services Ontario Medal for Paramedic Bravery Recipients

*Recently, the Ontario government honoured paramedics from across the province, including paramedics from our Middlesex-London Paramedic Services with the Ontario Medal for Paramedic Bravery. This medal recognizes and applauds the bravery of paramedics who risk their lives in the service of others. It is my extreme honour to be able to introduce to you the five MLPS paramedics that were recognized for the extraordinary courage and commitment to not only their profession and this services, but to our community.*

*It is no secret how incredibly proud I am of our Middlesex-London Paramedics. I know you are as well. We know that our paramedics everyday make significant contributions to the health and safety of our citizens. We know that with every call they attend, be it a vehicle collision, a shortness of breath call, a VSA call or a “simple” flu like symptom call, our paramedics are committed and selfless. They can be sure of what exactly they will find or be confronted with when answering the call.*

*These five paramedics that I am about to introduce to you showed their courage, selflessness and unwavering commitment to their duty as they faced extreme uncertain and dangerous conditions. The stories are both humbling and inspiring. They really do represent the best of our Middlesex County.*

*On the night of August 14, 2019, Paramedics Philip Adams and David Jeffries responded to a call after a vehicle crashed into a home. At the scene, a damaged gas line quickly ignited causing a massive explosion, destroying several homes and injuring almost everyone present. Despite the fiery, debris-filled scene, Paramedics Adams and Jeffries stayed cool under pressure to triage, treat, and transport the police and fire personnel injured from the blast. As a result of their heroic actions, all six first responders and one civilian received medical attention for their injuries and all survived. Unfortunately Paramedic Jeffries is unable to join us today, but we know our congratulations will be forwarded to him.*

*On December 11, 2020, Deputy Chief Adam Bennett, Advanced Care Paramedic Josh Hill and Operations Superintendent Michael Hurst responded to the partial collapse of an under-construction residential building. At the scene, several construction workers were trapped under rubble, while others were covered in wet cement. Despite the risk of the building further collapsing, the three paramedics entered the area without*

*hesitation. Deputy Chief Bennett and Superintendent Hurst assessed the trapped workers and coordinated their extraction and transportation, where possible. Paramedic Hill tried to stabilize another worker who had been trapped under rubble for several hours, helping to extricate and care for him during transport to the hospital. Tragically, one worker died while still trapped and another died shortly after, but because of their courageous efforts, five workers were safely rescued. Unfortunately Operations Superintendent Hurst is unable to join us today, but we know our congratulations will be forwarded to him and Paramedic Jeffries as well.*

*I would ask Paramedic Philip Adams, Deputy Chief Adam Bennett and Advanced Care Paramedic Josh Hill to come forward and as they do that, please join me in congratulating these outstanding members of our Middlesex-London Paramedic Service.*

1.b Warden's Charity Golf Tournament - Presentation of Proceeds

*On June 22, I was able to host the annual Warden's Golf Tournament at the Fox Golf Club in Granton. It was a beautiful day for golf with a few drops of rain around noon hour...we couldn't have asked for a more comfortable day. We had 97 golfers. Once again, partners to Middlesex County and Lucan Biddulph stepped up and did not disappoint when it came to sponsorship opportunities. The success of the day could not have happened without the effort and work that Paul and his department—Rebecca and Paul and the extra set of hands from Jessica—put into the day. Thank you so much for your efforts, the success of day is because of your work.*

*It can be a daunting task for the Warden of the day to decide who receives the funds raised from this annual tournament. This year, I am pleased to share the proceeds with four youth sports organizations. My family knows the importance of youth organized sports. My children would not be the men they are today, without the lessons and experiences they gained through their involvement with minor sports. Our communities are better for the volunteers who manage these organizations. It is not easy to be a coach, trainer or executive member to these organizations. You don't just show up at game time. It is a commitment for children to play team sports and for families to get them there...but it pales in comparison to the time that volunteers put into these organizations. Thank you...*

*This year the recipients of the proceeds from the Warden's Golf Tournament are: The Lucan Soccer Club, The Lucan Skating Club, Ilderton-Lucan Athletics and Lucan Minor Hockey.*

*I would ask Yvonne Hundey and Colleen Dobinson from the Lucan Soccer Club, Derrick Sabourin from the Lucan Skating Club, Rob Cascaden from Lucan-Ilderton Athletics and Chris Pellizari and Will Eros from Lucan Minor Hockey to join me.*

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

2.a Warden Burghardt-Jesson – 9.a.12 – Final Approval of Rosewood Plan of Subdivision; Phase Two, File 39T-TC1701, Thames Centre

Family member works for the company responsible for the engineering.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

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

4.a Minutes of the June 20, 2023 Meeting of County Council

4.b Closed Session Minutes of the June 20, 2023 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Minutes of the June 20, 2023 Meeting of County Council and the Minutes of the June 20, 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 June 20, 2023 Meeting of adopted.

Carried

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5.a ACTION ITEMS

#### 5.a.1 Request for Proposal # MLPS-2023-001 – Auto Body Repairs for Ambulances and Paramedic Response Vehicles

Report from Kelly Dolbear, Commander of Logistics, Middlesex-London Paramedic Service and Josh White, Procurement Services Manager

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service Chief be authorized and directed to award the Request for Proposal # MLPS-2023-001 for Auto Body Repairs for Ambulances and Paramedic Response Vehicles to Colorworks Autobody Westman Collision in the estimated amount of \$194,550.00 before taxes;

AND THAT the Chief 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 Request for Proposal # MLPS-2023-002 – Land Ambulance Fleet Maintenance, Repairs, and Inspections

Report from Kelly Dolbear, Commander of Logistics, Middlesex-London Paramedic Service and Josh White, Procurement Services Manager

Moved by Councillor Ropp  
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service Chief be authorized and directed to award the Request for Proposal # MLPS-2023-002 for Land Ambulance Fleet Maintenance, Repairs, and Inspections to Quarrie's Tire and Auto in the estimated amount of \$416,663.25 before taxes;

AND THAT the Chief 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.3 Primary Care Recruitment, Transition into Practice and Retention Program Funding Request

Report from Cindy Howard, Deputy CAO/County Treasurer

Moved by Councillor Grantham

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the request for a financial contribution of \$20,000 for 2023 not be approved in accordance with the Grants Finance Policy and given that the 2023 budget has already been approved;

AND THAT the County continue to be an active partner with MLOHT and provide in-kind support.

Carried

5.a.4 CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

THAT Council convene in Closed Session at 1:30pm in order to consider advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board in accordance to section 239(2)(c)(f) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried

5.a.4.1 Municipal Facilities

Verbal Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 1:47pm.

Carried

5.a.4.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

5.a.5 Decentralization Strategy – Governance & Administration Centre

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

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT staff be directed to utilize section 11.1 of the Middlesex  
County Procurement Policy to obtain architectural design services  
from Matter Architectural Studio for the design of a new governance  
and administration centre with funding provided from capital  
reserves.

Carried

5.a.6 Strathroy-Caradoc Loan from Capital Works Reserve Fund (County  
Loan Program)

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and  
Community Services

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT Council not approve the non-growth loan for the amount of  
\$1.1 million dollar for the Affordable Housing Project, as it does not  
meet the criteria of the current County Loan Program or Grants  
Finance Policy.

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 Clarke

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:55pm.

Carried

9.a DELEGATIONS

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

9.b.1 Attainable Housing Review

Presentation from Cassandra Vink, Vink Consulting

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the Attainable Housing Review presentation be received for information;

AND THAT the Attainable Housing Review Interim Final Report be received for information;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare an Attainable Housing Review Implementation Report.

Carried

9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.1 5 Year Machinery Replacement Program

Report from Chris Traini, Deputy CAO/County Engineer

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the 5-year Machinery Replacement Program be approved, and that the equipment scheduled for replacement in 2024 be tendered in the fall of 2023.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 General Payables June 9, 2023 to July 6, 2023 totaling  
\$780,755.18

9.d.2 ITS Payables June 9, 2023 to July 6, 2023 totaling \$190,748.36

9.d.3 Library Payables June 9, 2023 to July 6, 2023 totaling \$324,768.15

9.d.4 MLPS Payables June 9, 2023 to July 6, 2023 totaling  
\$1,209,790.86

9.d.5 Planning Payables June 9, 2023 to July 6, 2023 totaling \$5,027.89

9.d.6 Roads Payables June 9, 2023 to July 6, 2023 totaling  
\$1,320,995.60

9.d.7 Social Services Payables June 9, 2023 to July 6, 2023 totaling  
\$1,068,303.43

9.d.8 Strathmere Lodge Payables June 9, 2023 to July 6, 2023 totaling  
\$83,911.67

9.d.9 Economic Development Payables June 9, 2023 to July 6, 2023  
totaling \$24,371.14

9.d.10 Electronic Payments June 2023

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

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

Carried

9.d.11 Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal of Proposed Plan of Subdivision File  
No. 39T-SC1901; Sifton Properties Limited; Strathroy-Caradoc

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and  
Development

9.d.12 Final Approval of Rosewood Plan of Subdivision; Phase Two, File 39T-TC1701, Thames Centre

Warden Burghardt-Jesson declared a conflict on this item. (Family member works for the company responsible for the engineering.)

Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator

9.d.13 WOWC Letter to Minister Clark - Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

9.d.14 Elgin County Warden's Charity Golf Tournament

9.d.15 Final Approval of C&L Group, Plan of Condominium; File 39T-MC-CDM2201, Municipality of Middlesex Centre

Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator

9.d.16 Memo from Hon. Sylvia Jones - "Your Health" Models of Care Innovation Fund

9.d.17 Road Department Construction Update - July 18, 2023

Report from Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor

9.d.18 Waste Connection of Canada Letter - Ridge Landfill Notice of Commencement of Environmental Screening Report

9.d.19 Letter from MMAH - Municipal Modernization Funding Program and recent changes to the Planning Act

9.d.20 County Official Plan Amendment No. 3; Minister's Decision

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

9.d.21 Planning and Development Mid-Year Update

Report from Abby Heddle-Jacobs, Planner

9.d.22 Minutes of the June 20, 2023 Meeting of the Budget Committee

9.d.23 Minutes of the June 21, 2023 Meeting of the MLPS Authority Board

9.d.24 Letter from the Minister of Long Term Care - Final 2022-23 COVID-19 Prevention and Containment Payment

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Grantham

THAT Items 9.d.11 to 9.d.24 be received for information.

Carried

9.e CLOSED SESSION

9.f RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor McGuire

Seconded by Councillor Smibert

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 2:24pm.

Carried

## 10. BY-LAWS

10.a #7246 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the July 18, 2023 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Smibert

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

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

Carried

## 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.a Next Meetings

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McGuire

That the meeting adjourn at 2:25p.m.

Carried

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Paul Shipway, County Clerk

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Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden