

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 1:00 PM
Middlesex County Building
399 Ridout Street North, London

Members Present Warden Warwick
 Councillor Burghardt-Jesson
 Councillor Smith
 Councillor DeViet
 Councillor Brennan
 Councillor Ropp
 Councillor Cornelissen
 Councillor Mayhew
 Councillor Vanderheyden
 Councillor Richards
 Councillor Elliott

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND WARDEN'S REMARKS**

Warden Warwick called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and addressed Council as follows:

"Once again the summer AMO conference has been and gone and it will be memorable for many different reasons, one of which was being able to attend in person after two years of virtual meetings. This was the first time seeing the provincial ministers after the June election. We saw many new faces, but also lots of familiar ones.

There were many conversations about various topics.... The big three as always were housing, transportation and internet access for all locations in Ontario.

Our health system led a large part of the discussions.

The County had an opportunity to partner with the City of London to talk to Minister Jones, and Minister Tibollo as well as PA Patrice Barnes about our concerns regarding social services, child care, early years funding, housing and homelessness and land ambulance.

The county provided some worthy solutions to these concerns, and I was pleased to help present these.

Firstly, we presented ways to improve and modernize land ambulance dispatch and options to relieve hospital wait times and off load delays. During our meeting with Minister Jones, we proposed a pilot project that would see Paramedics working in a single response unit, respond to lower acuity calls with the goal of assessing the needs of patients by triaging patients on scene, treating patients on scene and referring patients on scene to an MLPS Community Paramedic.

This project is described as Treat and Refer. We also advocated for the province to give Paramedics the ability to Treat and Release on scene or to transfer patients to an alternative Destination.

Our position at the county is that this pilot project will provide some much need relief at all levels (including to MLPS call volumes, offload delays, unnecessary transports and emergency department volumes).

We are hopeful that the letters sent after the conference to Premier Ford and the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones will continue this conversation.

The Western Ontario Wardens Caucus were also well represented at the ministerial delegations. Four priorities were discussed including: Affordable and Attainable Housing in rural areas, Implementation of the Western Ontario Workforce strategy, Provincial Broadband and cellular infrastructure, and Mental Health and addictions. These delegations were presented to individual ministers as well at a multi minister delegation and also to the leaders of the NDP, Green and Liberal party.

Some of the key messaging included sobering statistics:

- Half of the household incomes across the WOWC region have an average income of less than \$80,000. CMHC's maximum affordable home cost is \$327,000 dollars while the average home price is \$266,000 more than that.*
- Half of the in demand occupations in the region are in lower income roles. This would suggest that future housing demand will be for lower priced homes. Housing options will need to include a greater number of housing units for people to continue to work in their communities, including co-housing or smaller houses provided at a lower cost. The WOWC region needs innovative housing solutions that can be constructed faster and can*

accommodate the local workforce needs. Seasonal and migrant workers in particular need to be close to their employment.

- One third to one half of all tenant households are currently exceeding the 30% threshold for houses expenses. The higher share of rent paid is proving to be a barrier to households wishing to buy a home. The WOWC region will need more rental options and other options to help transition from renting to home ownership.*
- The housing options should include opportunities to enter market to build equity and move up. The housing option should include a greater supply of housing options.*

These statements give us a great insight to the pressures we are experiencing in this area. The OFA is concerned about the loss of farmland and recommend intensifying, but our rural communities and small urban areas are pushing back about growth in these areas. It is our job to make sure these facts are presented to residents in a factual manner that makes our towns and villages a place where all residents have an opportunity to have the quality of life that we all deserve.

As chair of SCOR, joined by Councillor Richards and other members of the board, I attended seven delegations to discuss the concerns of the regional partnership of Middlesex Elgin Oxford Norfolk and Brandt. Again similar issues as mentioned above were discussed, with some emphasis on transportation.

I would also like to recognize that newly elected MPP Rob Flack attended many of the delegations that were in his riding and his observations and questions were well received.

I thank all those that attended, prepared reports and worked hard in the background to give us a chance to make a difference in the County of Middlesex."

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

None.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

4. MINUTES

4.a Minutes of the July 19, 2022 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT the Minutes of the July 19, 2022 meeting of County Council be approved as presented; and

THAT the recommendations made by the Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the July 19, 2022 meeting be adopted.

Carried

4.b Minutes of the Closed Session of County Council on June 14, 2022

Moved by Councillor Smith
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Session of County Council on June 14, 2022 be approved as presented.

Carried

5. DEPUTATIONS

None.

6. ENQUIRIES OR NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

7. REPORTS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.a FU Fiber Inc. Telecommunications Municipal Access Agreement

Report from Wayne Meagher, County Barrister & Solicitor

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT a by-law be introduced to:

- a. Authorize and approve the Agreement with FU Fiber Inc.; and
- b. Authorize the Warden and the Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Carried

8.b FERNO PAC RACS

Report from Chief Neal Roberts, MLPS

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the report on the recent emergency purchase of replacement Ferno PAC RACS be received for information.

Carried

8.c MLPS Operations Update

Report from Chief Neal Roberts, MLPS

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the MLPS Operations Update be received for information.

Carried

8.d Truck Purchase - 3/4 Ton Crew Cab Pick-up

Report from Chris Tarini, P. Eng., GM Infrastructure/Deputy CAO/County Engineer

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the quote submitted by Oxford Dodge Chrysler Inc. for the supply of a 2022 RAM 2500 ¾ ton Tradesman Diesel 4x4 crew cab pick up truck for \$79,850.00 (plus HST) be accepted.

Carried

9. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Warden Warwick welcomed Sue Clarke who was seated in the gallery. Ms. Clarke will be joining County Council as the Mayor of Adelaide Metcalfe for the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Councillor Burghardt-Jesson spoke about the County's delegations at AMO regarding child care and land ambulance issues.

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT a meeting request be sent to MPP Flack and Minister McNaughton to present the materials on land ambulance and child care presented at AMO.

Carried

Councillor Vanderheyden spoke about the Wardens' Association's Summer Picnic and thanked staff for assistance.

Councillor DeViet announced she has been elected as Chair of the County Caucus for AMO. She thanked Council for supporting her nomination.

10. BY-LAWS

10.a #7189 - A BY-LAW to Authorize a Telecommunications Municipal Access Agreement with FU Fiber

10.b #7190 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of County Council on August 30, 2022

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor Cornelissen
Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

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

Carried

11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor Smith
Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 1:44 pm.

Carried

11.a DELEGATIONS / REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS

11.a.1 Attainable Housing Review

Presentation from Vink Consulting and TWC Consulting

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the Attainable Housing Review presentation be received for information.

Carried

11.a.2 London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Presentation

Presentation from Jill Tansley, Co-Chair, LMLIP and Huda Hussein, Project Coordinator, LMLIP

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership presentation be received for information.

Carried

11.a.3 Ontario Connects - Accelerated High-speed Internet Program

Report from Chris Bailey, Director of Information and Technology Services

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Richards

THAT the Accelerated High-Speed Internet Program report be received for information.

Carried

11.a.4 Decentralization Project

Presentation from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor Richards
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the Decentralization Project presentation be received for information.

Carried

11.a.5 Post-Election Committees and Boards

Presentation from Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the Post-Election Committees and Boards presentation be received for information.

Carried

11.b ACTION ITEMS

11.b.1 Exemption for a Proposed Plan of Condominium: Lucan Woods; Township of Lucan Biddulph; File No. 39T-LB-CDM2201

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Councillor A. Mayhew exited meeting at 3:02 pm.

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT the County of Middlesex exempt plan of condominium File No. 39T-LB-CDM2201 for 2381414 Ontario Inc. from the full condominium approval process.

Carried

11.b.2 Proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-SC1601) and Official Plan Amendment No. 15 (File No. 39-SC-OPA15); Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc, Saulsbury Developments and 2634876 Ontario Inc.

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

THAT the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-SC1601) 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 submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped make an informed recommendation and decision; and

THAT Amendment No. 15 (File No. 39-SC-OPA15) to the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc 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 all written submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

11.b.3 Proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-MC2002) and Official Plan Amendment No. 51 (File No. 39-MC-OPA51); Middlesex Centre; Valleyview Developments Inc.

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-MC2002) 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 submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped make an informed recommendation and decision; and

THAT Amendment No. 51 (File No. 39-MC-OPA51) to the Municipality of 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 all written submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

11.b.4 Proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-MC2003) and Official Plan Amendment No. 52 (File No. 39-MC-OPA52); Middlesex Centre; Valleyview Developments Inc.

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Cornelissen

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-MC2003) 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 submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped make an informed recommendation and decision; and

THAT Amendment No. 52 (File No. 39-MC-OPA52) to the Municipality of 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 all written submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

11.b.5 Proposed Plan of Condominium (File No. 39T-CDM-MC2201); Middlesex Centre; C&L Group Ltd.

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the proposed Plan of Condominium (File No. 39T-MC-CDM2201) 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 submissions received on the application were considered; the effect of which helped make an informed recommendation and decision.

Carried

11.b.6 Flooring Replacement (Approved Capital Budget Project)

Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the Flooring Replacement report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator be deferred to the September 13, 2022 meeting of County Council.

Carried

11.c CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

11.c.1 General Payables - July 8, 2022 to August 11, 2022
totalling \$1,645,885.79

11.c.2 Economic Development Payables - July 8, 2022 to August 11, 2022
totalling \$47,187.94

11.c.3 ITS Payables - July 8, 2022 to August 11, 2022
totalling \$220,817.43

11.c.4 MLPS Payables - July 8, 2022 to August 11, 2022
totalling \$1,191,387.02

11.c.5 Planning Payables July 8, 2022 to August 11, 2022
totalling \$21,763.21

11.c.6 Roads Payables July 8, 2022 to August 11, 2022
totalling \$2,311,468.19

11.c.7 Social Services Payables July 8, 2022 to August 11, 2022
totalling \$417,381.33

11.c.8 Strathmere Lodge Payables - July 8, 2022 to August 11, 2022
totalling \$407,202.46

11.c.9 Library Payables - June 3, 2022 to August 11, 2022
totalling \$113,361.10

11.c.10 Electronic Payments July 2022

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Items 11.c.1 to 11.c.10 be received for information.

Carried

11.c.11 Final Approval of Ausable Fields, Plan of Subdivision; File
39T-LB2001, Township of Lucan Biddulph

11.c.12 AMO Policy Update - August 10, 2022

11.c.13 AMO Policy Update - August 9, 2022

11.c.14 Strathmere Lodge Census Report for July 2022

11.c.15 Road Department Construction Update - August 23, 2022

11.c.16 AMO Policy Update - August 5, 2022

11.c.17 AMO Policy Update - August 3, 2022

11.c.18 Thames Valley District School Board - Accommodation Plan

11.c.19 Application for Council Exemption for Cutting of Woodlands;
Municipality of Southwest Middlesex; 1052 Longwoods
Road, Peter Jennen

11.c.20 Board of Health - July Meeting Update

11.c.21 Ontario Energy Board Notice to Customers of Enbridge Gas
- Increase to Rates Jan. 1, 2023

11.c.22 Final Approval of Clear Skies, Plan of Subdivision Phase III;
File 39T-MC1401, Municipality of Middlesex Centre

11.c.23 Middlesex Centre Archives Summer 2022 Newsletter

11.c.24 Budget Variance Report - July 2022

Report from Cindy Howard, GM Finance and Community Services

- 11.c.25 Proposal of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Ontario

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT staff be directed to bring a report regarding the Proposal of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Ontario.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Richards
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT Items 11.c.11 to 11.c.25 be received for information.

Carried

12. INQUIRIES

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.a Closed Session

Committee resumed in Closed Session at 3:48pm

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Committee of the Whole convene in Closed Session at 3:38 pm in order to consider a proposed acquisition of land by the municipality, personal matters about an identifiable individual, and labour relations or employee negotiations in accordance with subsections 239(2)(b), (c) and (d).

Carried

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT Committee recess at 3:38pm.

Carried

13.a.1 Land Acquisition

13.a.2 Post-Election Committees and Boards

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT Committee rise from closed session.

Carried

13.b Rise and Report

Warden Warwick advised that the Committee of the Whole met in Closed Session to discuss a proposed acquisition of land by the County, personal matters about an identifiable individual, and labour relations or employee negotiations and that direction was provided to staff regarding same.

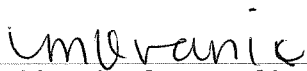
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

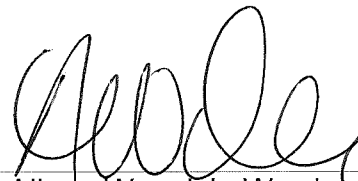
Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

That the meeting adjourn at 4:18pm.

Carried



Marci Ivanic, County Clerk



Alison Warwick, Warden

