

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 1:00 PM
Middlesex County Building
399 Ridout Street North, London
Virtual Meeting

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.

Warden Warwick addressed Council as follows:

"Throughout the month of January, each municipality hosted a number of vaccination clinics that provided our residents a chance to access vaccines close to home. Many thanks to the partnerships of the Emergency Services, the Health Unit, the CERV volunteers and the host municipalities.

By the end of January, 3,662 vaccines had been administered. Please encourage anyone who is eligible to have a vaccine. Although the latest numbers are encouraging, the only way we will beat this is by following the guidelines provided by our health unit.

We can't let this pandemic distract from our Canadian athletes performances in the Winter Olympics. There has been some interesting reports coming from the games, and again the athletes who will be successful are the ones who don't get

distracted and keep their goals in mind. I think we can and should be able to relate to this."

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

None.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4. MINUTES

4.a Minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting of Middlesex County Council

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the Minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting of County Council be approved as presented; and

THAT Council adopt the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting.

Carried

5. DEPUTATIONS

None.

6. ENQUIRIES OR NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

7. REPORTS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.a Strathroy Library and Library Administration Lease

Report from Lindsay Brock, Director of Library Services.

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Richards

THAT the Lease Agreements between the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc, the Corporation of the County of Middlesex and the Middlesex

County Library Board be approved by County Council and that the necessary by-law be forwarded to County Council for approval.

Carried

8.b Truck Purchase - Two Wheel Drive 1/2 Ton Pick-up Truck - T-31

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer.

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the quote submitted by McNaughton Dodge Chrysler Inc. for the supply of a 2021 RAM 1500 for \$51,500.00 (plus HST) be accepted.

Carried

8.c Establishment of a Community Paramedicine Reserve Account

Report from Neal Roberts, Chief MLPS and Director of Emergency Services.

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT County Council authorize Middlesex-London Paramedic Service Community Paramedicine Program to establish a reserve account for future use and that the sale of the vehicle proceeds and other revenues be transferred to this reserve account.

Carried

8.d Telecommunications Municipal Access Agreement - Xplornet Communications Inc.

Report from Wayne Meagher, Barrister & Solicitor.

Moved by Councillor Elliott

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Xplornet Telecommunications Municipal Access Agreement be approved and endorsed.

Carried

8.e FCM Partnerships for Municipal Innovation - Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL)

Report from Warden Alison Warwick.

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT Council approve participation in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partnerships for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) project;

THAT Warden Alison Warwick and Councillor Kelly Elliott be assigned as the elected official Champions of the project for the remainder of the Term of Council; and

THAT Cindy Howard, GM of Finance and Community Services be assigned as the staff lead on the project.

Carried

9. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Cornelissen advised that the London-Middlesex Housing Corporation will be investing in 20 housing units on Penny Lane. Investments will also be made in Newbury.

Councillor Elliott shared an update on the Michael Landsberg events held last week. The event was well attended and has had positive reviews. Councillor Elliott thanked Chris Bailey, ITS Manager, for all of his help on the project.

Councillor Vanderheyden shared that Kristen Bujnowski of Mount Brydges will be competing in the two women bobsled race at the Olympics in Beijing this week.

Councillor Vanderheyden advised that the Women's Caucus met with several Ministers at ROMA to advocate for women's issues. Councillor Vanderheyden thanked the Women's Caucus for participating in these discussions.

10. BY-LAWS

10.a #7147 - A BY-LAW to Authorize the Signing of the Library Administration Office Lease

10.b #7148 - A BY-LAW to Authorize the Signing of the Strathroy Library Lease

10.c #7149 - A BY-LAW to Authorize the Signing of a Telecommunications Agreement with Xplornet Communications Inc.

10.d #7150 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the February 8, 2022 Meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

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

Carried

Moved by Councillor DeViet

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

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

Carried

11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT Council convene the Committee of the Whole at 1:18 pm.

Carried

11.a HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS / REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS

11.a.1 SWIFT Ballymote Project and Switch Building Land Acquisition - Quadro Request to Waive Land Dedication

Delegation from John Deheer, General Manager, Quadro Communications; Jason Masselis, Construction Manager, Quadro Communications; and Ben Waghorn, Waghorn Stephens, Sipos and Poulton Law Professional Corporation.

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the matter be referred to Staff to prepare a report with recommendations.

Carried

11.a.2 Extension of Warden's Term: Administrative Overview

Report from Marci Ivanic, Legislative Services Manager/Clerk.

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the report be received for information and that no governance changes be made for the remainder of the term.

Motion Withdrawn

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the report be received for information

Carried

11.a.3 Municipal Modernization Program - Procurement Service Delivery Review

Report from Ebyan Hassan, Business and Data Analyst and Marilyn Brown, Partner LXM Law LLP.

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Richards

THAT the report be received for information.

Carried

11.a.4 Hearing for Application for Council Exemption for Clearing Woodlands; Municipality of Middlesex Centre; Concession 6, Lot 15; 14501 Medway Road; K. MacDougall, operating as Comgord Ltd.

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the Committee of the Whole convene a Public Hearing pursuant to Middlesex County Woodlands By-law #5738 at 2:17 pm.

Carried

11.a.4.1 Staff Report

Report from Mark Brown, Woodlands Conservation Officer/Weed Inspector.

11.a.4.2 Applicant's Submissions

Submissions from Applicant Kevin MacDougall.

11.a.4.3 Submissions from Members of the Public/Agencies

There were no requests from members of the public to speak.

11.a.4.3.1 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Written Submissions

11.a.4.4 Questions from Council and Decision

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the application by K MacDougall operating as Comgord Ltd, at 14501 Medway, Concession 6 Lot 15, in the municipality of Middlesex Centre for council exemption for clearing woodlands for conversion to agriculture be denied.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT the Public Hearing adjourn at 2:47 pm and that the regular session of Committee resume.

Carried

11.b ACTION ITEMS

11.b.1 Revised 2022 Middlesex County Council and Library Board Meeting Calendars

Report from Marci Ivanic, Legislative Services Manager/Clerk.

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the revised 2022 County Council and Library Board Meeting Calendar be approved as presented.

Carried

11.b.2 Thames Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 22; Southside Property Group (London) Inc. File No. 39-TC-OPA22

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Amendment No. 22 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

11.b.3 Thames Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 23; Allan Payne and A&K Farms Ltd.; File No. 39-TC-OPA23

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning

Moved by Councillor Elliott

Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT Amendment No. 23 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

11.b.4 Mileage Allowance - Human Resource Policy 2.10

Report from Jessica Ngai, Human Resources Manager.

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the Middlesex County Council amend the mileage allowance to reflect the current Canada Revenue Agency reasonable rate for 2022 of \$0.61 per kilometre for the first 5,000 kilometres and \$0.55 per kilometre thereafter to be effective February 8, 2022.

Carried

11.c CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

11.c.1 General Payables - December 25, 2021 to January 31, 2022
totalling \$748,060.88

11.c.2 Planning Payables - December 25, 2021 to January 31, 2022
totalling \$27,765.31

11.c.3 Economic Development Payables - December 25, 2021 to January 31, 2022 totalling \$54,259.15

11.c.4 Social Services Payables - December 25, 2021 to January 31, 2021 totalling \$699,100.87

11.c.5 Information Technology Payables - December 25, 2021 to January 31, 2022 totalling \$440,468.71

11.c.6 MLPS Payables - December 25, 2021 to January 31, 2022
totalling \$1,513,624.95

11.c.7 Roads Payables - December 25, 2021 to January 31, 2022
totalling \$1,087,618.01

11.c.8 Strathmere Lodge Payables - December 25, 2021 to January 31, 2022 totalling \$276,896.46

11.c.9 Library Payables - December 25, 2021 to January 31, 2022
totalling \$380,315.82

- 11.c.10 Electronic Payments - December 2021 totalling \$1,953,474.47
- 11.c.11 Electronic Payments - January 2022 totalling \$2,376,235.52
- Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Brennan
- THAT Items 11.c.1 to 11.c.11 be received for information.
- Carried
- 11.c.12 Local Jobs Hub Orientation Presentation - Workforce Planning & Development Board - January 27, 2022
- 11.c.13 Middlesex Centre Archives Fundraising Online Auction Notice
- 11.c.14 Middlesex-London Board of Health Meeting Update - January 20, 2022
- 11.c.15 Report to Community and Protective Services Committee - Odell Jalna Social Housing Provider Proposal
- 11.c.16 Strathmere Lodge Census Report for December 2021
- 11.c.17 Letter from LAS AMO Business Services re: Natural Gas Rebate - November 30, 2021
- 11.c.18 Letter from MNDMNR re: Proposed regulatory changes under the Aggregate Resources Act - January 6, 2022
- 11.c.19 Letter from MMAH re: Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021 - January 2022
- 11.c.20 Economic Development Strategic Plan Alignment with Official Plan - Final Report December 2021
- 11.c.21 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - January 19, 2022
- 11.c.22 Library Board Minutes - January 11, 2022
- 11.c.23 Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - January 18, 2022
- 11.c.24 Letter from Middlesex Soil & Crop Improvement Association re: Strathmere Lodge Walkway

Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator advised that additional maintenance hours have been included in the 2022 budget in order to continue to maintain the walkway. Staff was directed to send a letter on behalf of County Council thanking the Middlesex Soil and Crop Improvement Association for maintaining this area over the past number of years.

11.c.25 AMO Policy Updates - January 5, 14, 19, 26 and 28, 2022

11.c.26 SCOR Presentation to Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs - ROMA 2022

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT Items 11.c.12 to 11.c.26 be received for information.

Carried

12. INQUIRIES

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.a Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Richards
Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed at 3:02pm in order to consider a property matter and a human resources matter pursuant to sections 239(2)(a) and (d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried

13.a.1 Property Matter

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO.

13.a.2 Human Resources Matters

Report from Bill Rayburn, CAO.

13.a.3 Confidential Information supplied by a Crown Agency

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer.

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT council resume from its Closed Session at 3:39pm.

Carried

13.b Report from Closed Session

Council received the reports provided in Closed Session for information and there is nothing further to report.

13.c Next Meetings

February 22, 2022

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warden Warwick wished Past Warden Cathy Burghardt-Jesson a happy birthday.

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and Council resume its regular meeting at 3:31 pm.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

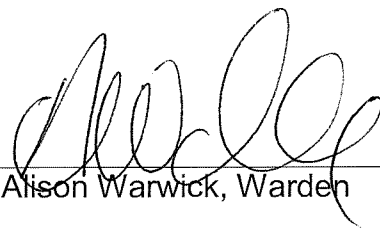
Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:31 pm.

Carried



Marci Ivanic, County Clerk



Alison Warwick, Warden