

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Tuesday, July 19, 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. Warden Warwick addressed Council as follows:

"When looking at the agenda for this meeting, I reflect that so many of our successful projects are a result of partnership and collaboration. Using this lens, I would like to comment on two issues -- child care and transit.

I would think it safe to say that those two issues have been more affected by the pandemic than many others. However, the increased awareness brought to these areas is starting to reap benefits.

The struggles to provide quality childcare throughout the pandemic put a spotlight on the inequity of compensation to the early-years educators who work with our most precious population, our infants and toddlers.

The Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care agreement between the provincial and federal governments will ultimately be a strong part of our recovery. The following is a quote from The Childcare Resource and Research Unit:

“The recognition that reliable, affordable, high quality child care is essential not only for our families, children and women’s equality, but also for Canada’s economy and future prosperity.”

The use of the federal funding opportunity to support the retention and recruitment of high quality child care and early years is another great example of collaboration. The use of these federal dollars to encourage and provide future educators an opportunity to receive a quality education, in our own county, with a bursary will be a game changer for ten potential students and is a real solution to the real shortage of early years educators.

On a personal note, I feel my mother looking over my shoulder at these times. As a passionate former educator at Fanshawe ECE program, she would have been so pleased and proud of these innovations.

The investment of provincial and now recently federal dollars in our community transportation systems has been welcomed and encouraging. We are now at a crucial stage where we can assess what our next steps are.

We know that southwestern Ontario is one of the most ideal locations in Canada for piloting a transit system. It is the responsibility of municipal governments of Southwestern Ontario to support and grow a local transit system that can be used as a model across Canada.

Continued funding for community transportation will allow communities to strategically plan for the future and make long term investments in their transit services. The grant we see in front of us today is a project that the federal government has earmarked 250 million dollars for, to support the development of locally driven transit solutions that will help people living in rural communities. Our successful grant application will explore an on demand transportation system in the County of Middlesex.

Last week SCOR awarded Dennis Kar and Dillon Consulting the successful bidder for the RFP for SCT’s application to the same funding.

At present Southwest Community Transit headed by SCOR works with eight local transit systems. The goal is to keep connecting these transit systems and to keep identifying challenges and opportunities.

At AMO SCOR will be asking the province to either directly or indirectly take a leadership position through provision of supports to regional transportation networks such as SCT. I congratulate the County of Middlesex and SCOR for their successful applications to the Rural Transit Solutions Fund. I also would like to see communication and collaboration through out the funding period in order to determine next steps that should be taken to identify funding gaps.

County Council should be very proud of its staff and administration for continuing to make our County a better place for everyone. This is one of the most rewarding parts of the municipal government and our council should also be proud of itself for continuing to be innovative and having a vision for the future."

The presentation of the proceeds of the 2022 Middlesex County Warden's Charity Golf Tournament was added to the agenda on consent.

1.a Presentation of the Proceeds of the 2022 Middlesex County Warden's Charity Golf Tournament

Warden Warwick presented the proceeds of the golf tournament to Mary Ellen Player, representative from the VON Dorchester Office, and gave the following remarks:

"It's my pleasure to present proceeds from the 2022 Warden's Golf Tournament to two different groups. Three thousand dollars will be going to the #SickNotWeak campaign , to help bring awareness to mental health especially in our younger population.

The next group to benefit is our Dorchester VON. Their work is so valuable to our community and so important to our goal of allowing are loved ones age in place.

They care for their clients as well as the families. Thank you so much for all you do for our community. It's my pleasure to present you with a cheque totalling twenty thousand dollars.

I would also like to thank Marci Ivanic and her team for their hard work in organizing the tournament this year. The tournament ran smoothly and was enjoyable due to their extensive planning. Of course a shout out to our hosts at the Willows Golf Course , the dinner was excellent and we were very lucky to have such beautiful weather.

Thanks to everyone who came out and played as well as our generous sponsors."

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 June 14, 2022 meeting of County Council

Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the Minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting of County Council be approved as presented.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Smith
Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT the recommendations made by the Committee of the Whole as set out in the Minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting be adopted.

Carried

5. DEPUTATIONS

5.a Audit Findings Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Delegation from Ian Jeffreys, Lead Audit Engagement Partner, KPMG.

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

THAT the Audit Findings Report for the year ended December 31, 2021 be received for information.

Carried

6. ENQUIRIES OR NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

7. REPORTS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.a Request for Proposals: Middlesex County Information Technology Service Delivery Review and Strategic Plan

Report from Chris Bailey, Director of Information and Technology Services.

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT the proposal submitted by Blackline Consulting for the preparation of an Information Technology Service Delivery Review and Strategic Plan be approved; and

THAT the Director of Information Technology Services be authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement, to the satisfaction of the County Barrister and Solicitor, between Blackline Consulting and the County of Middlesex as per the terms of RFP No. ITS-2022-001 in the amount of \$79,302 before taxes.

Carried

8.b Middlesex County Early Childhood Education Bursary

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager of Finance and Community Services, County Treasurer and Deputy CAO, and Joe Winsler, Manager of Social Services

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT a by-law be introduced to:

- a. Authorize and approve the Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Middlesex, the Fanshawe College Foundation and the Fanshawe College of Applied Arts and Technology for the creation of a bursary; and
- b. Authorize the Warden and the Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Carried

8.c Canada-Middlesex County Permanent Public Transit Program - Rural Transit Solutions Fund, Grant Agreement for Transportation Needs Assessment Study for Middlesex County, Ontario: Exploring On-Demand Transportation

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager Finance and Community Services, County Treasurer, and Cara Finn, Director of Economic Development and Tourism

Moved by Councillor Richards
Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT a by-law be introduced to:

- a. Authorize and approve the Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Middlesex and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities for the Canada-Middlesex County Permanent Public Transit Program; and
- b. Authorize the Warden and the Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Carried

8.d Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Funding Agreement Template

Report from Cindy Howard, General Manager of Finance and Community Services, County Treasurer and Deputy CAO, Joe Winsler, Manager of Social Services and Wayne Meagher, County Barrister & Solicitor

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

On the recommendation of General Manager Finance and Community Services (County Treasurer, Deputy CAO) and the County Barrister & Solicitor, that a by-law be introduced to:

- a. approve an updated Middlesex County Child Care Funding Form of Agreement to be effective January 1, 2023;
- b. authorize the use of Schedule "I" of the Child Care Funding Form of Agreement to be used immediately as an addendum for current signed Child Care Funding Agreements;
- c. delegate authority to the appointed "County Child Care Administrator" (General Manager of Finance and Community Services) to endorse Schedule "I" as a CWELCC addendum with current qualifying Child Care Centre Operators;
- d. delegate authority to the appointed "County Child Care Administrator" (the General Manager of Finance and Community Services) to endorse the updated Middlesex County Child Care

Funding Form of Agreement to be effective commencing January 1, 2023 and beyond with qualifying Child Care Centre Operators; and

- e. delegate authority to the appointed “County Child Care Administrator” (the General Manager of Finance and Community Services) to add to/and or amend the Schedules and provisions of the County Child Care Funding Agreements where necessary in his/her determination, to maintain and implement regulatory and eligibility changes that may occur from time from the Province of Ontario, Government of Canada, or the Service System Manager, which the County is obliged to implement.

Carried

9. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Brennan announced that the Western Fair District will be holding the annual induction to the Middlesex County Agricultural Hall of Fame ceremony on August 7, 2022 at 1:00pm at the Coldstream Community Centre. For tickets or further information, contact Hugh Fletcher at (519) 666-1572.

Councillor Burghardt-Jesson shared that Bulldog Hanover of Seelster Farms in Lucan Biddulph set a world record at the Medowlands breaking 1:46.

Councillor Vanderheyden thanked the Middlesex County Library for hosting an Open House to welcome Ukrainian Families who have settled in Middlesex County on July 13, 2022.

10. BY-LAWS

- 10.a #7182 - A BY-LAW to adopt Amendment No. 3 to County of Middlesex Official Plan
- 10.b #7183 - A BY-LAW to authorize Delegation of Authority to CAO - Lame Duck Period
- 10.c #7184 - A BY-LAW to approve and authorize the execution of an Agreement with the Ontario Nurses' Association
- 10.d #7185 - A BY-LAW to approve a Child Care Funding Form of Agreement and a Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Addendum and provide delegated authority to the General Manager of Finance and Community Services

- 10.e #7186 - A BY-LAW to approve and authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Middlesex, the Fanshawe College Foundation and the Fanshawe College of Applied Arts and Technology for the creation of a bursary
- 10.f #7187 - A BY-LAW to approve and authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Middlesex and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada for the Canada-Middlesex County Permanent Public Transit Program
- 10.g #7188 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the July 19, 2022 meeting of County Council

Councillor Cornelissen requested that By-law #7182 be considered separately to enable debate and amendment.

Councillor Vanderheyden requested that By-law #7188 be considered separately.

Moved by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT by-law #7183 to #7187 be given first and second reading.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden

Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT by-law #7183 to #7187 be given third and final reading.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Smith

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT by-law #7182 be given first and second reading to enable debate and amendment.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Cornelissen
Seconded by Councillor Richards

THAT by-law #7182 be amended as follows:

- a. reference to "20 hectares" in section 3.3.2 and section 4.5.3.4 of Schedule "A", being Official Plan Amendment No. 3, be struck out and replaced with "40 hectares".

Councillor Brennan requested a recorded, weighted vote prior to the vote:

Yeas: Councillor Brennan (6), Councillor Cornelissen (2), Councillor DeViet (7), Councillor Richards (8), Councillor Vanderheyden (9)

Nays: Councillor Burghardt-Jesson (4), Councillor Elliott (5), Councillor Mayhew (5), Councillor Ropp (3), Councillor Smith (3), Warden Warwick (5)

Carried (32 to 25)

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT by-law #7182, as amended, be given third and final reading.

Councillor Vanderheyden requested a recorded, weighted vote prior to the vote:

Yeas: Councillor Brennan (6), Councillor Burghardt-Jesson (4), Councillor Cornelissen (2), Councillor DeViet (7), Councillor Elliott (5), Councillor Mayhew (5), Councillor Richards (8), Councillor Ropp (3), Councillor Smith (3), Councillor Vanderheyden (9), Warden Warwick (5)

Nays: 0

Carried (57 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Richards

THAT by-law #7188 be given first and second reading.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT by-law #7188 be given third and final reading.

Carried

11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor Richards
Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

THAT Committee of the Whole convene at 2:18 pm.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT Committee of the Whole recess at 2:19pm.

Carried

Committee of the Whole resumed at 2:28pm. All members of Council were present.

11.a DELEGATIONS / REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS

11.a.1 County of Middlesex Core Asset Management Plan 'At A Glance'

Presentation from Chris Traini, County Engineer

Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor Richards

THAT the County of Middlesex Core Asset Management Plan presentation be received for information.

Carried

11.b ACTION ITEMS

11.b.1 Proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-MC1701) and Official Plan Amendment No. 38 (File No. 39-MC-OPA38); Middlesex Centre; Tomar Realty Corporation

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the proposed Plan of Subdivision (File No. 39T-MC1701) 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. 38 (File No. 39-MC-OPA38) 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.2 Thames Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 25; 2819842 Ontario Inc.; File No. 39-TC-OPA25

Report from Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Cornelissen
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT Amendment No. 25 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 5 Year Machinery Replacement Program

Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer.

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor Ropp

THAT the 5-year Machinery Replacement Program be approved, and that the equipment scheduled for replacement in 2023 be tendered in the fall of 2022.

Carried

11.b.4 2021 Consolidated Financial Statements

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

Moved by Councillor Brennan

Seconded by Councillor Cornelissen

THAT the 2021 Consolidated Financial Statements of the Corporation of the County of Middlesex be accepted; and

THAT the 2021 financial statements be posted on the County's website.

Carried

11.b.5 2021 Trust Financial Statements

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

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT the 2021 Trust Financial Statements of the Corporation of the County of Middlesex be accepted; and

THAT the 2021 Trust Financial Statements be posted on the County's website.

Carried

11.b.6 2021 Middlesex-London Emergency Medical Services Authority Financial Statements

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

Moved by Councillor Elliott

Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT the 2021 Middlesex-London Emergency Medical Services Authority Financial Statements be accepted; and

THAT Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report will be included in the next Middlesex-London Emergency Medical Services Authority Board agenda.

Carried

11.b.7 2021 Middlesex County Library Financial Statements

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

Moved by Councillor Ropp

Seconded by Councillor DeViet

THAT the Middlesex County Library Board Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2021 be approved; and

THAT the 2021 surplus be allocated as follows: \$300,000 shall be applied towards the 2022 library operating costs; \$60,000 shall be applied to the County 2021 budget and the remaining \$280,336.51 shall be transferred to the County Tax Rate Stabilization reserve.

Carried

11.b.8 2021 Surplus Report

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

Moved by Councillor Richards
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the yearend surplus from the 2021 operating accounts in the amount of \$3,402,597.51 (\$3,122,261.00 (County) +\$280,336.51 (Library)) be transferred to the tax rate stabilization reserve.

Carried

11.c CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

11.c.1 General Payables - June 3 to July 7, 2022 totalling \$1,047,290.24

11.c.2 Economic Development Payables - June 3 to July 7, 2022 totalling \$20,331.74

11.c.3 ITS Payables - June 3 to July 7, 2022 totalling \$144,660.39

11.c.4 MLPS Payables - June 3 to July 7, 2022 totalling \$1,311,411.92

11.c.5 Planning Payables - Jun 3 to July 7, 2022 totalling \$48,781.03

11.c.6 Roads Payables - June 3 to July 7, 2022 totalling \$998,121.22

11.c.7 Social Services Payables - June 3 to July 7, 2022 totalling \$359,428.95

11.c.8 Strathmere Lodge Payables - June 3 to July 7, 2022 totalling \$285,789.25

11.c.9 Electronic Payments June 2022 totalling \$2,322,396.24

Moved by Councillor DeViet
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT Items 11.c.1 to 11.c.9 be received for information.

Carried

11.c.10 City of London - Housing Stability for All Plan 2021 Update - May 31, 2022

11.c.11 Proposed Thames Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 24 (File No. 39-TC-OPA24), Pemic Thorndale Land Corporation, Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal

- 11.c.12 Thank You Letter from Victim Services of Middlesex-London to MISA Board of Directors - July 5, 2022
- 11.c.13 Middlesex-London Board of Health Meeting Update - June 16, 2022
- 11.c.14 School Bus Safety Ontario - Update Amber-Red Lighting on School Buses
- 11.c.15 Ontario Energy Board Notice to Customers - Enbridge Gas - June 2022
- 11.c.16 AMO Policy Update - July 6, 2022
- 11.c.17 AMO Policy Update - June 24, 2022
- 11.c.18 Notice of Amendments to Environmental Assessment Act - July 2022
- 11.c.19 Strathmere Lodge Census Report for June 2022
- 11.c.20 County of Middlesex Asset Management Plan Core Assets Effective June 30, 2022
- 11.c.21 Road Department Construction Update - July 13, 2022
- 11.c.22 Budget Variance Report May 2022

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor Richards

THAT Items 11.c.10 to 11.c.22 be received for information.

Carried

12. INQUIRIES

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

None.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 3:03 pm.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

That the meeting adjourn at 3:03 pm.

Carried



Marci Ivanic, County Clerk



Alison Warwick, Warden