

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 10:00 AM
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 10:00am.

Warden Warwick addressed Council as follows:

"The Middlesex County Budget Committee prepared a budget that was both responsible and reflective of the current economic environment. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has put unusual pressures on the County and our local municipalities. The recommended budget translates to a 0% tax levy increase.

In 2021 County Council adopted a renewed Strategic Plan titled "The Middlesex Initiative: Breaking new Ground". The 2022 budget aligns with the four areas of strategic focus which include: Cultivating Community Vitality; Connecting through Infrastructure; Strengthening Our Economy; and Promoting Service Excellence. Highlights of the budget include investments to support a comprehensive communications strategy, establishing a centralized procurement office, and continuing to invest in organizational capacity in the areas of Economic Development, Human Resources, Planning, and Information Technology Services. The budget continues to focus and enhance our core services and

makes significant investments in long term care, land ambulance, and transportation infrastructure.

Middlesex County is seeing continued significant growth and demographic changes. This budget is designed to support our communities in the long-term, ensure that the County continues to be innovative, and provide services that are of excellent value to our residents and businesses."

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

None.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.a MLHU 2022 Budget Presentation

Presentation by Emily Williams, CEO, MLHU and Dave Jansseune, Assistant Director of Finance, MLHU. A copy of the presentation is attached.

3.b 2022 Budget Presentation

Presentation by Cindy Howard, General Manager of Finance and Community Services. A copy of the presentation is attached.

4. 2022 BUDGET

The following items were circulated to County Council:

4.a 2022 Budget Summary

4.b 2022 Budget Committee Recommendations

4.c Administration

4.d Planning and Woodlots

4.e Economic Development

4.f Information Technology Services

4.g Social Services

4.h Transportation

4.i Strathmere Lodge

4.j Middlesex-London Emergency Medical Services

- 4.k Middlesex County Library Board
- 4.l Middlesex-London Health Unit
- 4.m Reserve - Tax Rate Stabilization
- 4.n Reserves and Reserve Funds
- 4.o OMPF (Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund)

Moved by Councillor Mayhew
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

THAT the 2022 Estimates be approved and that the necessary by-laws be presented to Middlesex County Council at the March 22, 2022 meeting.

Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT

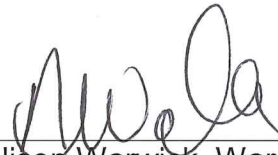
Moved by Councillor Ropp
Seconded by Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

That the meeting adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

Carried



Marci Ivanic, County Clerk



Alison Warwick, Warden