



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday December 4, 2019 in the Council Chambers, Shared Services Centre, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ropp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Brian Ropp

Deputy Mayor Adrian Cornelissen

Councillor Ward One – Doreen McLinchey

Councillor Ward Two – Joan Nichol

Councillor Ward Three – Gord Moir

Councillor Ward Four – John Keogh

Councillor Ward Five – Andrew Hemming

CAO/Director of Operations – Jonathon Graham

Clerk Jackie Tiedeman

Director of Economic Development and Community Services – Mike Barnier

Infrastructure Supervisor, Jonathon Lampman

Treasurer, Tracy Johnson

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. CLOSED MEETING (Under Section 239 of the *Municipal Act*)

MOTION #301/2019

HEMMING/MCLINCHEY: That the Regular Meeting adjourn to Closed Meeting at 6:00 p.m. under the following exceptions:

Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations – Organizational Matter

Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by municipality – Parkhill Land

CARRIED

5. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

MOTION #302/2019

KEOGH/MCLINCHEY: That the Closed Meeting adjourn and return to Regular Meeting at 6:36 p.m. without recommendation(s).

CARRIED

The Regular Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION #303/2019

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: That the Nov 20 Regular Meeting Minutes approved as presented.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC MEETINGS

MOTION #304/2019

KEOGH/MOIR: That Regular Meeting adjourn to Public Meeting at 7:01p.m. to consider four planning applications.

CARRIED

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m. following the Public Meeting

8. DELEGATION

7:30 p.m. – Arlene Morell, Trustee Thames Valley District School Board – Update on activities of the Board

- Re-elected as Chair of the Board for a second term, Vice Chair Meagan Ruddock for Elgin County, a rare occasion to have the Trustee leadership comprised of the rural County Trustees in TVDSB

- Welcomed the New Director of Education, Mark Fisher, toured Middlesex Schools including NMDHS. He was joined by members of the North Middlesex Council in the school tour classroom visits and presentation by the students
- TVDSB continues to support small rural school staffing through additional staffing line allocations in our budget ie: schools with enrollment of less than 200 students
- Recent Board decisions includes rescinding a motion to close two rural schools in Elgin County and the considerations that were taken into account to make this decision
- Establishment of the Rural Education Task Force (Elgin/Middlesex/Oxford) and the appointment of one representative from each County to sit on this committee (Deputy Mayor Cornelissen). The goal of the Task Force is to form a rural education strategy for TVDSB.
- Robotics Team – offering a hands on real world learning experience for all students while not funded by education funding. The Trustees support Robotics through the allocation of surplus funds.

Cr. Moir commented that this type of task force was one of the identified strategies that came out of the Rural Symposium a couple of years ago so it's great to see this move forward.

Mayor Ropp thanked both Trustee's for all their efforts with ensuring the needs of our rural schools is heard and it is making a difference. He advised of some of the initiatives the Municipality is undertaking which includes a new ring program and policy that is being developed which would recognize students at NMDHS in a civic capacity. Also, he extended that the Municipality is willing to do what they can to assist in pursuing the Robotics Program to be a credited course. She advised that support would be needed with the MPP as credited courses are the responsibility of the Ministry of Education.

Ms. Morell advised that the Robotics Club is not funded through the education fund allotment however she sees the extreme value this Club has brought to the students and school and she will continue to support the school in this regard.

Mayor Ropp thanked Ms. Morell for taking the time to attend Council with this informative update.

7:45 p.m. – David Bazargan, Andre Cleroux and Arezki Medrar – FONTUR International (TekSavvy Solutions Inc.) – Telecommunications Tower Proposal

The delegation provided background on the Rural Wireless Internet Service Provider (TekSavvy) as well as the site selection process for towers within North Middlesex. Location 1 has been identified on Creamery Road (McGillvray Twp) Location 2 has been identified on Glasgow Street (East Williams Twp).

The process entails the following:

- Application start date of October 1, 2019
- Public Consultation start date of October 31, 2019
- Public Consultation concluded November 30, 2019 with no responses to the application from landowners within the defined areas of the proposed towers
- Municipal consultation – December 4, 2019

North Middlesex was identified as in need of upgrading to serve current and future demands with respect to wireless communication needs. The proposed tower will be part of a network aiming to provide download speeds of up to 25 mpbs over Teksavvy's fixed wireless equipment. This will ensure contiguous coverage and service to customers in North Middlesex.

Council members asked several questions about the service which included the need for affordable unlimited access to the internet for its residents in remote areas. Mike Barnier, Director of Economic Development & Community Services advised that FONTUR International is looking for compliance letters from the Municipality as part of the application process and he will be providing these to them.

Mayor Ropp then thanked the delegation for their presentation.

8:00 p.m. – OCWA - Presentation of Operational and Capital Reports for North Middlesex Water and Wastewater Systems in Parkhill and Ailsa Craig.

Jackie Muller and Rodney Dupuis provided their 3rd quarter operational reports for the above noted systems with no notable concerns.

Mayor Ropp thanked them both for attending with the updated reports

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Report from Mike Barnier, Director of Economic Development and Community Services – Draft Warming/Cooling Centre Policy

MOTION #305/2019

HEMMING/KEOGH: That Council receive the report entitled “Warming & Cooling Centre Activation Policy” and that the Policy be hereby enacted as presented.

CARRIED

b. b.Report from Jonathan Lampman, Infrastructure Supervisor – Draft Waterline Extension Policy

MOTION #306/2019

MOIR/NICHOL: That Council accept the new sewer/watermain extension policy as presented and endorsed by the policy committee.

CARRIED

8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Compilation of accounts from November 14-27, 2019 in the amount of \$398,749.56

MOTION #307/2019

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: Be it resolved that the following Bills and Accounts be approved for payment in the amount of \$398,749.56

General Cheques \$111,943.37

Direct Deposit \$238,304.94

On-line/PAP \$48,501.25

Cemetery \$0.00

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Lake Huron Primary Water Supply Joint Mgmt Board (Cr. Hemming)

b. ABCA (Deputy Mayor Cornelissen)

c. BWRA (Cr. McLinchey) November Board Meeting Highlights (Receive and File)

d. EDAC (Cr. Moir)

e. LSAC – (Cr. Nichol) September 19th minutes (Receive and File)

f. Recreation Committee (Cr. Hemming)

g. Water/Wastewater Committee (Cr. Moir)

h. Policies Review Committee (Cr. Nichol) September 19 minutes (Receive and File)

i. Fire Committee (Cr.Keogh)

j. OCWA Client Advisory Board (Jonathon Graham)

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Huron Elgin Water – Kairos Blanket Exercise Training opportunities
(action: receive and file)

b. Township of Larder Lake – request to Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs –
Main Street Revitalization Grant – Extension request

MOTION #308/2019

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: That the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby support the motion from Township of Larder Lake as follows:

“Where as Council has discussed and edited the letter to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and

Therefore Council directs staff to send the letter with this attached resolution as endorsement to the letter; and

Further that the letter also be sent to Premier Doug Ford, our local MPP and all other municipalities in Ontario.”

CARRIED

c. Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command – Request for sponsorship in Military Service Recognition Book – past years sponsorship was 1/4page full colour)
(action: receive and consider sponsorship same as past years)

MOTION #309/2019

MCLINCEY/HEMMING: That Council support a sponsorship in the service recognition book for a ¼ page full colour ad in the amount of \$570.00.

CARRIED

d. Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville –Motion support to Ban of Single Use Disposable Wipes

MOTION #310/2019

KEOGH/NICHOL: That the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby support the Town of

Whitchurch-Stouffville motion regarding the ban of single use disposable wipes as follows:

“ Whereas single use wipes are a \$6 billion industry and growing, and are now being advertised as a clean alternative to toilet paper that is safe to flush; and

Whereas single use wipes accumulate in the sewer system and eventually clog the sanitary sewer system, requiring significant additional repair and maintenance; and

Whereas the Municipal Enforcement Sewer Use Group estimates non-flushable materials cause \$259 million in annual repairs across Canada; and

Whereas a 2019 study released by Ryerson University tested 101 types of single use disposable wipes and found that all of the wipes failed basic requirements of flushable products; and

Whereas there is no one standard for what the word “flushable” means; and

Whereas there is a lack of public awareness of the impact caused by non-flushable wipes being flushed down toilets and consume education and outreach could play a large part in reducing the impact; and

Whereas single use wipes even when properly disposed of as waste, are an inefficient and unsustainable use of resources that contribute significantly to environmental degradation

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville lobby the Provincial and Federal Governments to ban single use disposable wipes; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Local Members of Provincial Parliament, York Region and all municipalities with the Province of Ontario.”

CARRIED

e. Media Release –County of Middlesex – sale of Middlesex Properties including 399 Ridout St N.

(action: receive and file)

11.OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS

Consideration of Motion for Expression of Interest submission for Municipal Modernization Program Intake 1 – CAO/Director of Operations Jonathon Graham

MOTION #311/2019

MOIR/HEMMING: That Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby support an Expression of Interest submission for Municipal Modernization Program Intake 1 subsequent to the outcomes of:

- Line by line review of the municipality's entire budget; or
- A review of service delivery and modernization opportunities; or
- A review of administrative processes to reduce costs

Outcomes of a successful intake will be presented to Council for future consideration pending the results of the intake.

CARRIED

12.COMMUNICATIONS (including County Council)

Deputy Mayor Cornelissen and Mayor Ropp reported that a Notice of Motion will be considered by County Council to undertake an intersection study which involves all intersections within the County some of which that have had fatalities.

The Blackburn Bridge located in North Middlesex will have an EA completed on it to consider a replacement not a repair of the bridge.

13.CLOSED MEETING (UNDER SECTION 239 OF THE *MUNICIPAL ACT*)

In light of addressing both matters at the scheduled Closed Meeting session at 6:00 p.m. it was determined that this second provision was not necessary.

15.READING OF BY-LAWS

- a. By-law #86 of 2019 – ZBA 11734 Petty Street
- b. By-law #87 of 2019 Authorize the execution of Collective Agreement 2019-2022
- c. By-law #88 of 2019 Confirming

MOTION #312/2019

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That By-laws 86-88 of 2019 be read a first and second time

CARRIED

MOTION #313/2019

MOIR/NICHOL: That By-law 86-88 of 2019 be read a third time and final time

CARRIED

16.ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #314/2019

KEOGH/MCLINCHEY: That the meeting adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK