



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Electronic Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday July 8, 2020 under the provisions of Section 238 (3.3) and 238 (3.4) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* as amended, without physically being present at 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 by way of livestream on the North Middlesex You Tube Channel.

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 (Absent)
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
Fire Chief, Greg Vandenheuvel (Absent)

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (in writing) - None

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION #133/2020

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: That the June 17 Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS - None

6. DELEGATION

6:00 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment

MOTION #134/2020

NICHOL/KEOGH: That the Regular Meeting adjourn to Committee of Adjustment at 6:01p.m. to consider a request to amend conditions imposed on Consent B16/2019.

CARRIED

The Regular Meeting resumed at 6:05 p.m. (see separate Committee of Adjustment Minutes)

6:10 p.m. – OCWA Presentation of 1st Quarter Financials and 2019 Year in Review presented by Jackie Muller and Rod Dupuis.

2019 Year in Review report along with the North Middlesex Water System, Ailsa Craig Wastewater Plant and Parkhill Lagoon reports were presented in detail to Council for information purposes only.

6:20 p.m. – Presentation of Draft 2019 Financial Statements provided by Davis Martindale – Michael Watson and Aaron Chapman

Mr. Watson provided a overview of the financial statements which included the Financial Assets of \$1.3 million which is an increase over 2018. The tax receivable are up 27% and cautioned that the municipality should be closely watching this trend to ensure it remains at a acceptable level, long term receivable is down \$46,000 which is positive and Account Payable are down compared to last year however this will fluctuate year to year depending on status of projects at year end. The overall surplus for 2019 is \$836,000. A portion of this surplus was moved into reserves through a previous report

and approved by council at the June 3, 2020 meeting. It is recommended that the remaining \$274,000 be moved to a working capital reserve.

Mr. Watson advised that there has been a growth in taxation revenue of approximately \$700,000 which is primarily a result of the value of agricultural land. There is a surplus in the water department of approximately \$500,000, which is the first time this has occurred and is heading in the right direction.

Several questions were asked by council and responded to by Mr. Watson. He commended staff and council for achieving an overall healthy financial status for the municipality in 2019. Areas that have been a weakness in the past are continuing to move in a positive direction.

MOTION #135/2020

NICHOL/KEOGH: That Council accept the 2019 Financial Statements as presented, subject to the Transfer of the remaining surplus of \$274,000 to Working Capital.

CARRIED

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Jonathan Lampman, Infrastructure Supervisor – Meeting to Consider Engineer Reports for three drains.

Each recommendation would be to accept the final reports for all drains as well as giving two readings for a Provisional By-law as Section 45(1) of the *Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990* on each of the three (3) Municipal Drains.

MOTION #136/2020

MOIR/KEOGH: Be it resolved that Council accept the Final Report for the Brown-Rose Drain Branch "A" and "B" dated February 11, 2020 prepared by R. Dobbin Engineering Inc.

CARRIED

MOTION #137/2020

CORNELISSEN/NICHOL: Be it resolved that Council accept the Final Report for the Peters Drains dated May 21, 2020 prepared by R. Dobbin Engineering Inc.

CARRIED

MOTION #138/2020

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: Be it resolved that Council accepts the Final Report for the

Turner-Eagleson Drain Branches "C","D","E","I" and "J" dated May 21,2020 prepared by R. Dobbin Engineering Inc.

CARRIED

b.Tracy Johnson, Treasurer -2019 Annual Statement for Development Charges

MOTION #139/2020

MOIR/KEOGH: That Council receive the report entitled 2019 Annual Report on Development Charges as information.

CARRIED

c.Tracy Johnson, Treasurer – 2019 Reserve and Reserve Fund Balances

MOTION #140/2020

KEOGH/MCLINCHEY: That council receive the staff report entitled 2019 Reserve and Reserve Fund Balances as information.

CARRIED

d.Brandon Drew, Facilities Manager Parks and Recreation – 2020 Parks and Recreation Community Survey Results

MOTION #141/2020

NICHOL/CORNELISSEN: That Council receives the Parks and Recreation Community Survey report as information.

CARRIED

8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Compilation of accounts from June 12 – June 26, 2020 in the amount of \$1,882,303.63

MOTION #142/2020

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: Be it resolved that the following Bills and Accounts be approved for payment:

General Cheques \$524,591.99

Direct Deposit \$1,232,644.32

On-line/PAP \$125,067.32

Cemetery Cheques \$0.00

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Lake Huron Primary Water Supply Joint Mgmt Board (Cr. Hemming) Board approval of 2019 Financial Statements (receive and file)

b. ABCA (Deputy Mayor Cornelissen) Highlights from Board on June 18, 2020 Meeting
Deputy Mayor Cornelissen advised the permit for the development on Union/William Street in Parkhill for Goldleaf Properties Inc. has now been issued.

c. BWRA (Cr. McLinchey) Highlights from Board June 2020 Meeting

d. EDAC (Cr. Moir) Cancelled

e. LSAC – (Cr. Nichol) Cancelled

f. Recreation Committee (Cr. Hemming) Cancelled

g. Water/Wastewater Committee (Cr. Moir) Cancelled

h. Policies Review Committee (Cr. Nichol) Cancelled

Clerk Jackie Tiedeman advised that staff will be meeting soon to get policies back on track for consideration through Policy Committee. Staff are anticipating that the first meeting will resume in August.

i. Fire Committee (Cr. Keogh) Cancelled

j. OCWA Client Advisory Board (Jonathon Graham) None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Invitation for NMDHS Commencement Exercises – anticipated to proceed in the Fall (action: receive and attendance confirmation) Cr. McLinchey will represent Council at this event when a date is set.

b. Town of Bracebridge – Motion support to establish a Municipal Financial Assistance Program
(Action: receive and file)

c. Chatham-Kent (two letters) – To Premier Ford in support governments Commission on Long Term Care and requirement for Government to consider recommendation of Needs of Residents in LTC identified by Associated Agencies
(action: receive and endorse letter as noted below)

MOTION #143/2020

NICHOL/KEOGH: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex endorse the letter sent from Chatham Kent to the Premier, Minister Elliott and Minister Fullerton regarding current and long standing issues being faced by the LTC sector and to support the government's Commission on Long Term Care.

CARRIED

d. Service Proposal Opportunity from Second Wind Recycling – expanded polystyrene Recycling Services
(action: receive and file)

11. OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS

CAO, Jonathon Graham, updated Council on the re-opening plans of the Parkhill Library Branch. In the next couple of weeks curbside pickup and drop off will commence and they will be using the exit door closest to the parking lot. This will not impact the Shared Services Lobby.

Director of Economic Development and Community Services, Mike Barnier, reported that a request had been made to develop a beach volleyball court. He advised that staff would be able to try this as pilot project in Parkhill at a cost of approximately \$2,000.00

Deputy Mayor Cornelissen inquired into the status of the Popular Hill Bridge project.

CAO, Jonathon Graham, replied that the RPF will close on July 16 and a report will be coming to Council on July 22nd that will provide an update and a recommendation. Grants associated with this project are received after submission of the required reporting within the grant process.

Mayor Ropp advised that updates on various projects would be coming before council within the next one or two meetings.

12. COMMUNICATIONS (including County Council)

Deputy Mayor Cornelissen advised that meetings are still ongoing as part of the Strategic Plan project. The next meeting of County Council will be July 14th.

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

None

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

None

15.READING OF BY-LAWS

By-law #26 of 2020 Brown Rose Drain (1st and 2nd only)

By-law #45 of 2020 Peters Drain (1st and 2nd only)

By-law #46 of 2020 Turner-Eagleson Drain Branch C,D,G,I,J (1st and 2nd only)

By-law #47 of 2020 Confirming

MOTION #144/2020

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That By-law #26,45-47 of 2020 be read a first and second time

CARRIED

MOTION #145/2020

NICHOL/MOIR: That By-law #47 of 2020 be read a third and final time

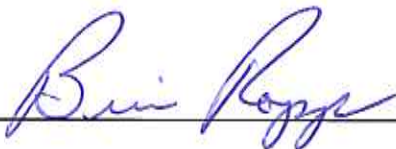
CARRIED

16.ADJOURNMENT

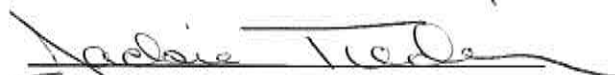
MOTION #146/2020

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That the meeting adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

CARRIED



MAYOR



CLERK