



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday March 4, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Shared Services Centre, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ropp called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 (in writing)

None

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION #050/2020

MOIR/NICHOL: That the February 12, 2020 Special Budget and February 19 Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

MOTION #051/2020

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That Regular Meeting adjourn to Committee of Adjustment at 7:00 p.m. to consider planning applications.

CARRIED

See separate Committee of Adjustment Minutes

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:15 p.m. immediately following the planning portion of the meeting.

6. DELEGATION

7:15 p.m. – OCWA – presentation of 4th Quarter Operational Reports for Water Distribution, Parkhill Lagoon and Ailsa Craig Wastewater Treatment Plant; and 2019 Annual and Summary Reports for Water Distribution System.

Jackie Muller and Rod Dupuis presented the reports on behalf of OCWA.

MOTION #052/2020

HEMMING/KEOGH: That Council receive and accept the 2019 Annual and Summary Reports by OCWA as required by the Ontario Regulation 170/03 Section 11 and 12 Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002; and
Further that both reports be made available for review by the public.

CARRIED

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Jackie Tiedeman, Clerk – MOU agreement with Southwest Middlesex for processing unpaid Offences under the Provincial Offences Act

MOTION #053/2020

MCLINCHEY/NICHOL: That Council receive the report entitled MOU Services Agreement with Southwest Middlesex for processing unpaid Offences under the POA; and That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement for services.

CARRIED

b. Jonathan Lampman, Infrastructure Supervisor – Tender Results for McEwen Drain

MOTION #054/2020

KEOGH/MOIR: That Council receive this report and direct staff to award the construction of the McEwen Drain Tender to Robinson Farm Drainage Limited in the amount of \$526,383.00 (not including HST and contingency)

CARRIED

c. Jonathan Lampman, Infrastructure Supervisor – O’Neill Drain Petition

MOTION #055/2020

CORNELISSEN/KEOGH: That Council receive the request for Improvement to the O’Neill Drain under Section 78 of the *Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990*.

CARRIED

d. Tracy Johnson, Treasurer – 2019 Council Remuneration Report

MOTION #056/2020

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: That Council receives the attached 2019 Council Remuneration and Expense Report, as information only.

CARRIED

8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Compilation of accounts from February 13-26, 2020 in the amount of \$241,242.65.

MOTION #057/2020

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

General Cheques \$103,684.84

Direct Deposit \$73,455.32

On-line/PAP \$64,102.49

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Lake Huron Primary Water Supply Joint Mgmt Board (Cr. Hemming) - Planned shutdown for March 10th

b. ABCA (Deputy Mayor Cornelissen) – Deputy Mayor Cornelissen advised council that the Board had a very interesting presentation by Geoff Cade on programs and services through the CA. He thought it would be beneficial for this council to hear. The Clerk is to invite Mr. Cade to a meeting in the near future

c. BWRA (Cr. McLinchey) Feb.20, 2020 Board of Director Meeting Highlights for information only

d. EDAC (Cr. Moir)

e. LSAC – (Cr. Nichol) Nov.19, 2019 minutes (Receive and File)

Councillor Nichol provided a very informative update on the last LSAC meeting held on Feb.20th . Highlights include: new Rural Task Force Committee that was formed through TVDSB and that Deputy Mayor Cornelissen has been appointed through County Council to sit on the committee; bus transportation being provided that is taking students from North Middlesex to area schools such as Medway and SDCI; lack of follow up from school when students apply for boundary change due to wanting a specific course however some do not even enroll in that course after acceptance into the school; LSAC was advised that Medway has recently denied 6 boundary changes from North Middlesex Students however the Clerk further updated that unofficially she had heard Medway ended up accepting the students; unofficial enrolment figures were provided from the NM feeder schools which has indicated that the majority of Grade 8 students from East Williams and McGillivray are intending on going to Medway or SDCI; active parent/school council group from NMDHS hosted a parent to parent information night to try and determine why parents are encouraging attendance at schools outside of the boundary for North Middlesex – this same group is wanting to work with the feeder schools to assess future needs of students by starting with Grade 6 and up. Council engaged in a discussion on the positive aspects of our highschool and feeder schools and will be engaging with them to provide support in various capacities as this is a high local investment for the community.

f. Recreation Committee (Cr. Hemming)

- g. Water/Wastewater Committee (Cr. Moir)
- h. Policies Review Committee (Cr. Nichol)
- i. Fire Committee (Cr.Keogh) Dec 3, 2019 minutes (Receive and File)
- j. Budget Committee (Mayor Ropp) Jan.13 and Feb. 5th minutes (Receive and File)
- k. OCWA Client Advisory Board (Jonathon Graham)

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Community Policing Meeting minutes from January 7, 2020
(action: receive and file)
- b. Middlesex Federation of Agriculture- Support Bill 156 – Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act

MOTION #058/2020

KEOGH/HEMMING: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports Bill 156 – Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019 and further that staff send a letter to the Honourable Ernie Hardeman advising of this support.

CARRIED

- c. MNR Proposed regulatory changes under the Aggregate Resources Act
(action: receive and file)
- d. County of Haliburton-Tourism Oriented Destination Sign Fee Increase – request support endorsement
(action: receive and file)

11. OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS

- a. Verbal update from Jonathon Lampman, Infrastructure Supervisor-Short list of engineering firms for wastewater treatment plant, elevator water tower, SCADA and integration.

b. Verbal update from CAO Jonathon Graham and Treasurer Tracy Johnson regarding the successful approval of a grant in the amount of \$75,000 to undertake a Line by Line Municipal Budget Review. This entails an independent third party reviewer to deliver a report by September 18, 2020.

12.COMMUNICATIONS (including County Council)

None

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

MOTION #059/2020

HEMMING/MOIR: That the Regular Meeting adjourn to Closed Meeting at 7:45 p.m. to receive information under the following exception:

Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations – HR Matters

CARRIED

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

MOTION #060/2020

KEOGH/MOIR: That the Closed Meeting adjourn and return to Regular Meeting with recommendations for Open Meeting at 8:11 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION #061/2020

NICHOL/HEMMING: That staff prepare a By-law to authorize the execution of the Joint Building Committee Agreement and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to proceed with finalizing any documentation required prior to the formal By-law being adopted on March 18th.

CARRIED

MOTION #062/2020

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That staff be direct to switch carriers for Long Term Disability (LTD), A.D.& D and Life Insurance from LaCapitale to Great West Life for all staff.

CARRIED

MOTION #063/2020

NICHOL/MOIR: That Council approve the increase in benefit for the higher wage earners allowing coverage for what is earned (LTD @\$6,000/mo maximum; and Life Insurance to \$250,000 maximum)

CARRIED

15.READING OF BY-LAWS

By-law #20 of 2020 Gilbert Drain

By-law #21 of 2020 Nairn VanDeuren Drain 2016

By-law #22 of 2020 Waters Fox Drain 2016

By-law #23 of 2020 Kennes Drain No.2

By-law #24 of 2020 Authorize agreement with Southwest Middlesex for processing *Provincial Offences Act* Offences.

MOTION #064/2020

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That By-laws #20-24 of 2020 be read a first and second time

CARRIED

MOTION #065/2020

NICHOL/MOIR: That By-laws #20-24 of 2020 be read a third time and final time

CARRIED

16.ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #066/2020

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That the meeting adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK