



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday December 18, 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 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present. An additional item was added to the Closed Meeting portion of the agenda.

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 (Absent)

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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION #318/2019

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That the December 4 Regular and December 11 Special Meeting Minutes approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

None

6. DELEGATION

None

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Report from Fire Chief, Greg Vandenheuvel – Fire Services Update Sept-Nov 2019

Deputy Mayor Cornelissen inquired as to the status of the review of the Open Air Burn By-law and in particular with respect to agricultural burns. The Fire Chief responded that he has undertaken the review and will be bringing to Fire Committee in the New Year and then to Council.

MOTION #319/2019

HEMMING/KEOGH: Be it resolved that the reported titled “Fire Services September to November 2019 Report” be received and filed for informational purposes as presented.

CARRIED

b. Report from Infrastructure Supervisor Jonathan Lampman - Appoint Engineer for Thomson Drain 2

Deputy Mayor Cornelissen requested clarification as to why Spriet Associates were being recommended to be appointed opposed to the usual R Dobbin Engineering.

Mr. Lampman responded that Spriet Associates were requested from the petitioners as they had undertaken work in the past on this drain and had the history.

MOTION #320/2019

NICHOL/CORNELISSEN: That Council receive this report and appoint Spriet Associates as Engineer to the Thomson Drain No. 2 as requested by the petitioners

CARRIED

c. Report from Donna Vanhooydonk, Executive Assistant – Driver Abstract Policy

MOTION #321/2019

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: Be it resolved that the report entitled “Driver Abstract Policy” be received and that the policy be hereby enacted as presented.

CARRIED

d. Report from Jonathon Graham, CAO/Director of Operations - Results of Gravel and Salt Brine Tender

MOTION #322/2019

NICHOL/CORNELISSEN: That Council receive the report and award the 2020 Gravel Tender to McCann Redi-Mix Inc. for the quantity of 75,000 tonnes (+/-) in the amount of \$1,229,250.00

And That Council awards the 2020 Salt brine tender to 552976 Ontario Limited c/o Cliff Holland in the amount of \$112,683.50.

CARRIED

e. Report from CBO Vic Stellingwerff – Building Activity for Jan-Nov 2019

MOTION #323/2019

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That Council receives the Building Activity Report from January 2019 through to September 2019 as information only.

CARRIED

f. Report from Clerk Jackie Tiedeman – renewal of Closed Meeting Investigator Service

MOTION #324/2019

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: That the report entitled “LAS Closed Meeting Investigator Program” be received; and

That the renewal invoice for the services of the Closed Meeting Investigator Program through LAS (delegated to Aird & Berlis LLP) be hereby approved commencing January 1, 2020 and each year thereafter unless repealed.

CARRIED

g. Report from Clerk Jackie Tiedeman – Proposed reduction of lottery licence fee's for eligible organizations

MOTION #325/2019

CORNELISSEN/KEOGH: That Council receive the report entitled “Reduction of Lottery Licence Fee's for eligible organizations” and;
Further that Council direct staff to reduce the collection of Lottery Licence fees effective January 1, 2020 to 1.5% or a minimum of \$5.00 per application

CARRIED

8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Compilation of accounts from November 27 – December 13, 2019 in the amount of \$2,337,805.58

MOTION #326/2019

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: Be it resolved that the following Bills and Accounts be approved for payment in the amount of \$2,337,805.58

General Cheques \$333,057.56

Direct Deposit \$1,884,746.47

On-line/PAP \$119,918.21

Cemetery \$83.34

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

b. ABCA (Deputy Mayor Cornelissen) Deputy Mayor Cornelissen advised that he has a meeting tomorrow and he will provide further updates at the next meeting.

c. BWRA (Cr. McLinchey)

d. EDAC (Cr. Moir) Minutes from October 7, 2019 (receive and file)

e. LSAC – (Cr. Nichol)

f. Recreation Committee (Cr. Hemming)

g. Water/Wastewater Committee (Cr. Moir)

h. Policies Review Committee (Cr. Nichol)

i. Fire Committee (Cr. Keogh) Minutes from September 10 (receive and file)

Deputy Mayor Cornelissen had some questions regarding the long range forecasts/needs listed in the minutes. CAO, Jonathon Graham advised that this was just a “wish list”. A more fulsome discussion will be occurring at Fire Committee and will keep Council updated in this regard.

j. OCWA Client Advisory Board (Jonathon Graham)

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Town of Amherstburg – motion support – Declaration of Climate Emergency
(action: receive and file)

b. Middlesex Centre – Notice of intent to remove holding zone – Phase 1 Draft Plan of Subdivision – Denfield Road
(action: receive and file)

c. Ministry of Finance – release of 2020 OMPF allocations
(action: receive and file)

11. OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS

Verbal update on Policy Amendments – Executive Assistant, Donna Vanhooydonk
Bereavement/funeral leave Policy
Sick Leave Policy
Vacation Policy

MOTION #327/2019

NICHOL/HEMMING: That the above noted policies be approved as presented.

CARRIED

12. COMMUNICATIONS (including County Council)

Deputy Mayor Cornelissen provided the following update: request from City to County to provide a Homelessness Plan – Housing Committee; recognize the need for more diverse housing in the county; discussion with Engineer on road safety – County Council has asked for a report on options for improvements to problematic intersections in the County as a whole. The report will be forwarded to Council once it has been

received. The sale price of the County Building and Health Unit was revealed to be \$30 million dollars. The County has obtained a rent free lease to remain in this building for four years.

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

MOTION #328/2019

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: That the Regular Meeting adjourn at 7:42 p.m. to receive information under the following exception:

Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations – Non Union Long Term Staff Request; Personal Matter about an identifiable individual including local board or employee- HR matter; and

Approval of Minutes: Oct.16, Nov. 6 & 13, Dec.4 & 11, 2019

CARRIED

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

MOTION #329/2019

KEOGH/NICHOL: That the Closed Meeting adjourn and return to Regular Meeting without recommendations for Open Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

15.READING OF BY-LAWS

a. By-law #89 of 2019 – 2020 Interim Tax Rate

b. By-law #90 of 2019 - Confirming

MOTION #330/2019

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That By-laws 89-90 of 2019 be read a first and second time

CARRIED

MOTION #331/2019

NICHOL/CORNELISSEN: That By-law 89-90 of 2019 be read a third time and final time

CARRIED

16.ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #332/2019

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That the meeting adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK