



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Electronic Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday November 4, 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 (Absent)

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 (absent)

Treasurer, Tracy Johnson

Fire Chief, Greg Vandenheuvel (absent)

Brandon Drew, Facilities Manager (portion of meeting)

Planner Stephanie Poirier (portion of meeting)

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (in writing or at anytime during the meeting)

None

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION #248/2020

NICHOL/HEMMING: That the October 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

MOTION #249/2020

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: Adjourn Regular Meeting to Committee of Adjustment Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

See separate Committee of Adjustment minutes

Regular Meeting resumed at 6:30 p.m.

6. DELEGATION

6:30 p.m. Janet Johnstone, representing Blessing Store, requested to attend to discuss signage on Mill Street, Parkhill. Specifically, requesting the removal of the “Do not Block Sidewalk” sign attached to the Blessing’s building, removal of additional “No Parking” signs along Mill Street from the Ambulance Base to Station Street area and requesting “Public Parking” signs on Main Street to indicate where the new public parking lot is located. Other requests were suggested but not recommended for consideration. Mayor Ropp thanked Mrs. Johnstone for her attendance and staff will accommodate the above-identified requests.

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Backyard Chickens Pilot Project Request – Clerk

Several questions were asked by Council and responded to by municipal staff and the Municipal Enforcement Unit regarding the contents of the report. After careful consideration and prior to voting on the recommendation, clarification was requested and subsequently the recommendation modified to remove the words “at this time” after “denied”.

MOTION #250/2020

NICHOL/CORNELISSEN: That Council receive the report “entitled Backyard Chickens Pilot Project Request”;

And further that the request to amend or create municipal by-laws to allow the keeping of backyard chickens in residential areas be denied;

And that By-law Enforcement continue to enforce compliance per North Middlesex’s Zoning By-law.

CARRIED

b. 2021 Regular and Special Council Meeting Schedule - Clerk

MOTION #251/2020

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That Council receive the report entitled “2021 Regular and Special Meeting Schedule” be received; and

That the meeting schedule, as attached, by hereby approved by Council with the understanding that there may be changes to the schedule as allowed through the Procedural By-law that may include Venue, Format of meeting (In person, electronic or combination of both) and time change.

CARRIED

c. 2021 Administration Building Closure Schedule - Clerk

MOTION #252/2020

CORNELISEN/HEMMING: That Council receive the report entitled “2021 Administration Offices Closure Schedule”;

And further that the 2021 Statutory Holidays, Negotiated Closures and Additional Closure Request between Christmas and New Year’s be approved.

CARRIED

d. Poundkeeping and Animal Control Services Contract Renewal – Clerk

MOTION #253/2020

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That Council receive the report entitled “Poundkeeping and Animal Control Services”; and that staff be directed to negotiate an agreement with the Animal Care Centre for their services to include the following:

Dog Control and wildlife pickup on public property (sick animals only)

CARRIED

e. Economic Development Update – November 2020 and Verbal update on Outdoor Rink Agreement with Optimist Club of East Williams – Director of Economic Development

MOTION #254/2020

MOIR/NICHOL: That Council receive report entitled “Economic Development Update – November 2020” and dated November 4, 2020.

CARRIED

Mr. Barnier updated on the draft agreement that has been presented to the Club being a five-year agreement with clearer direction on responsibilities for maintenance. A by-law has been prepared to authorize the execution of the agreement.

f. Municipally Significant Event Policy – Director of Economic Development

MOTION #255/2020

NICHOL/MCLINCHEY: That Council receive and adopt the “Municipally Significant Event Policy”; and

Further that Council delegate the authority to designate Municipally Significant Events to the Municipal Clerk or their written designate.

CARRIED

g. Advertising during COVID-19 and Verbal updates Municipal Alcohol Policy – Facilities Manager

In addition to the arena advertising report, Mr. Drew also updated Council on amendments made to the Municipal Alcohol Policy to ensure it is brought up to current regulations.

MOTION #256/2020

HEMMING/MCLINCHEY: That Council waive arena advertising fees for the 2020-2021 season; and

Further that the updated Municipal Alcohol Policy be adopted.

CARRIED

8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Compilation of accounts from Oct 1-14, 2020 in the amount of \$343,244.38

MOTION #257/2020

NICHOL/CORNELISSEN: Be it resolved that the following Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$513,192.75 be approved for payment:

General Cheques \$130,767.15
Direct Deposit \$188,338.88
On-line/PAP \$24,138.35
Cemetery Cheques \$0.00
Cemetery Direct Deposit \$0.00

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Lake Huron Primary Water Supply Joint Mgmt Board (Cr. Hemming)
- b. ABCA (Deputy Mayor Cornelissen) Representatives from ABCA have been invited to the next meeting to provide information regarding the 2021 Budget and Healthy Watersheds Update
- c. BWRA (Cr. McLinchey) October Meeting Notes and 2021 Budget (R&F)
- d. EDAC (Cr. Moir) None
- e. LSAC – (Cr. Nichol) None
- f. Recreation Committee (Cr. Hemming) None
- g. Water/Wastewater Committee (Cr. Moir) None
- h. Policies Review Committee (Cr. Nichol) August 20, 2020 (R&F)
- i. Fire Committee (Cr.Keogh) None
- j. OCWA Client Advisory Board (Jonathon Graham) None
- k. Budget Committee – Next Meeting scheduled for November 18 (Draft 2021 Capital)
- l. Joint Building Committee – none
- m. Community Development Fund Committee – Deadline is November 30th

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Minister of Finance – acknowledgement of participating as delegate at AMO conference (receive and file)
- b. Enbridge – Notice of rate increase effective April 1, 2021 (receive and file)

11. OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS

Cr. Nichol inquired about Remembrance Day Services this year due to COVID 19. Staff advised that Parkhill Legion was not having a public service however they would be streaming an alternate format service through face book. Plans for Ailsa Craig Legion was unknown.

Cr. Moir inquired into whether the municipality should be exploring options to implement municipal regulations for cannabis operations not under Federal jurisdiction. The CAO advised that he would consult with County Planning on available options for consideration.

Mayor Ropp advised of his recent site visit to the Beechwood Bridge project and encouraged members of council to pay a visit as well.

12. COMMUNICATIONS (including County Council)

Deputy Mayor Cornelissen updated on the Rural Education Taskforce and that TVDSB will be rolling out a questionnaire type project called the “Thought Exchange”. It is seeking public feedback on various matters relating to schools.

The County of Middlesex recently created the County’s first women’s caucus aiming to support rural women in the fallout of the COVID pandemic. The group is seeking to understand the challenges being encountered perhaps through layoffs, working at home or daycare challenges.

Another recent topic of discussion was the future governance with County Council including how representation may be affected.

The use of the enhanced rumble strips within the County was also discussed.

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 083 of 2020 – Optimist Club of East Williams – Nairn Outdoor Rink

By-law 084 of 2020 - Confirming

MOTION #258/2020

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That By-law #083 & 084 of 2020 be read a first and second time

CARRIED

MOTION #259/2020

CORNELISSEN/NICHOL: That By-law #083 & 084 of 2020 be read a third and final time

CARRIED

16.ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #260/2020

MCLINCHEY/NICHL: That the meeting adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK