



## **MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday May 5, 2021 under provisions of the Procedural By-law which allows both with or without physically being present in the Council Chambers located 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.

The Open Meeting is livestreamed 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

CAO/Director of Operations – Jonathon Graham (Acting Treasurer)

Clerk Jackie Tiedeman

Manager of Economic Development and Community Services – Mike Barnier

Facilities Manager, Brandon Drew (absent)

Infrastructure Supervisor, Jonathon Lampman

Fire Chief, Greg Vandenheuvel (absent)

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (*Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*) in writing or at anytime during the meeting)**

None

#### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

##### **MOTION #100/2021**

**MCLINCHEY/NICHOL:** That the April 21 Regular and Court of Revision Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

#### **5. PUBLIC MEETINGS**

##### **PLANNING – Zoning**

**6:00 p.m.** Notice of Public Meeting – Zoning By-law Amendment – 2557 McGuffin Hills Dr

Owners: Jack and Dalphine Schenning

Con 5 WCR Part Lot 1  
former Township of McGillivray

The purpose and effect of the Application for Zoning By-law Amendment (No. ZBA-8-2021) is to implement a condition of Consent B01/2021 which was conditionally approved by the Committee of Adjustment on January 20, 2021. The application proposes to rezone the severed lot from General Agricultural (A1) Zone to Agriculture Small Holding Exception (AG1-31) Zone to recognize the residential use of the lands, limit the range of permitted uses, and recognize the height of the existing accessory structure of 6.4m whereas 5.5m is the maximum height permitted. The retained lands would be changed from General Agricultural (A1) Zone to General Agricultural Exception (A1-87) Zone to prohibit the establishment of new dwellings on the remnant farm parcel, and to recognize a deficient lot area of 10.37 ha (whereas 39 ha is the minimum permitted).

Planner Stephanie Poirier presented her Planners Evaluation Report dated May 5, 2021.

The application was circulated to agencies and property owners in accordance to the requirements of the Planning Act.

##### **AGENCY AND WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

North Middlesex Chief Building Official – no objections to the proposal

ABCA – no concerns – not within their regulated area

No written submissions were received by the public regarding the proposal.

PUBLIC ORAL SUBMISSIONS

None

The applicants had no further comments to offer therefore the recommendation from the Planner was then considered.

**MOTION #101/2021**

**MOIR/HEMMING:** That Application for Zoning By-law Amendment No. ZBA-08-2021 which proposes to rezone the severed lot and the retained lot of Consent B01/2021 from 'General Agricultural (A1) Zone' to 'Agricultural Small Holding Exception (AG1-31) Zone' and from 'General Agricultural (A1) Zone' to 'General Agricultural Exception (A1-87) Zone' respectively, be APPROVED.

CARRIED

The By-law would be considered for all readings later in the meeting. A twenty-day appeal period will apply from the date of decision.

**MOTION #102/2021**

**NICHOL/KEOGH:** That Public Meeting adjourn to Committee of Adjustment at 6:12 p.m.

CARRIED

See separate Committee of Adjustment Minutes

Regular Meeting resumed at 6:38 p.m.

2020 Annual Planning Summary Report

CAO Jonathon Graham and Planner Stephanie Poirier provided a review of the 2020 Summary. It was noted that pre-consultation meetings were not included in the Report but there have been a substantial amount. It was also noted that the County of Middlesex is currently reviewing their Official Plan and following that North Middlesex will undertake a similar review. Council has requested to see the population report referenced with the summary.

**MOTION #103/2021**

**HEMMING/MOIR:** That the report be received and filed.

CARRIED

## 6. DELEGATIONS

OCWA, represented by Rod Dupuis and Jackie Muller presented the Fourth Quarter Operational Reports for the North Middlesex Water Distribution System, Ailsa Craig Sewage Treatment Plant and the Parkhill Lagoons.

2020 Annual and Summary Report on Water Distribution System was presented

### **MOTION #104/2021**

**KEOGH/MOIR:** That Council receive and accept the 2020 Annual and Summary Reports by OCWA as required by the Ontario Regulation 170/03 Section 11 and 12 Safety Drinking Water Act, 2022; and

Further that both reports be made available for review by the public on the website.

CARRIED

## 7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Changes to Property Tax and Assessment Measures Policies – CAO

### **MOTION #105/2021**

**NICHOL/HEMMING:** That the reported entitled 2021 Tax Policies be received as information.

CARRIED

b. Public Concern(s) regarding Mystery Falls – CAO

The CAO advised that following the posting of this report to the municipal website he received an email from the Lambton Shores Nature Trails outlining their observations of incidents in this area.

Several concerns were expressed by members of council regarding the current situation however it was agreed that the Municipality would prefer to ultimately work with the Conservation Authority on finding amenable solutions for the landowners as well as the public. Mr. Graham indicated his willingness to attend an upcoming ABCA Board Meeting to represent the Municipality in presenting these landowner concerns. Although the Deputy Mayor was appointed to the Board as a municipal representative, due to new regulations, this representation is intended to be with the interest of the CA.

In light of the desire to work together and that the CAO was contacted late in the day by Kate Monk regarding their desire to also work with the Municipality it was suggested that the recommendation within the report be tabled.

**MOTION #106/2021**

**CORNELISSEN/NICHOL:** That the report be deferred pending a meeting with the ABCA.

CARRIED

c. Secondary School Achievement Awards Policy – Economic Development and Community Services Manager

**MOTION #107/2021**

**KEOGH/MCLINCHEY:** That Council adopt the “Secondary School Achievement Award Policy” and direct staff to proceed with running the program in 2021.

CARRIED

**8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Compilation of accounts from April 15-29, 2021 in the amount of \$303,980.42

**MOTION #108/2021**

**MCLINCHEY/MOIR:** Be it resolved that the following Bills and Accounts be approved for payment as follows:

General Cheques \$45,475.23  
Direct Deposit \$173,526.05  
On-line/PAP \$84,905.70  
Cemetery Cheques \$0.00  
Cemetery Direct Deposit \$73.44

CARRIED

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Lake Huron Primary Water Supply Joint Mgmt Board (Cr. Hemming) and Lake Huron Steering Committee (J. Lampman) None

b. ABCA (Deputy Mayor Cornelissen)

c. BWRA (Cr. McLinchey) April 2021 Notes

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) None
- i. Fire Committee (Cr.Keogh) None
- j. OCWA Client Advisory Board (Jonathon Graham) None

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

Town of South Bruce Peninsula – Council Support for motion to review Lottery Licensing to Assist Small Organizations

### MOTION #109/2021

**MOIR/HEMMING:** That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex supports the following motion from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula as follows:

*“that staff are directed to contact the Ministry responsible for Alcohol and Gaming of Ontario to seek their assistance in implementing an additional level of licensing which would permit small organizations to hold fundraisers as a method of sustaining our community and organizations;*

*And further that all municipalities in Ontario are sent this resolution to see their assistance in lobbying the Ministry”*

CARRIED

- b. Township of The Archipelago – Council Support for motion Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites  
(action: receive and file)
- c. Township of Springwater – Support of letter regard Clean Fuels Standard  
(action: receive and file)
- d. City of Cambridge – Support to Request Paid Sick Leave  
(action: receive and file)

## 11. OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS

Infrastructure Supervisor, Jonathan Lampman, updated Council on the upcoming implementation of the Backflow Preventer Program for Commercial properties.

## 12. DEFERRED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- *Report on options for municipal regulations pertaining to certain Cannabis Operations*
- *Report from Treasurer on lifting temporary amendments to Municipal Fees and Charges By-law (waive penalty and interest)*
- *Review of water budget after 2<sup>nd</sup> billing cycle*

## 13. COMMUNICATIONS (including County Council)

It was noted that the County has tentatively set a date of May 19<sup>th</sup> for a virtual meeting for landowners affected by the Blacks Bridge Project. Communication regarding this meeting will be forthcoming.

## 14. READING OF BY-LAWS

046 of 2021 – Zoning By-law Amendment -2557 McGuffin Hills Dr

047 of 2021 – Confirming

### MOTION #110/2021

**MCLINCHEY/KEOGH:** That By-laws #046 -047 of 2021 be read a first and second time

CARRIED

### MOTION #111/2021

**NICHOL/MOIR:** That By-laws #046 -047 of 2021 be read a third and final time

CARRIED

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

The livestream was temporarily turned off for the Closed Meeting Session.

**MOTION #112/2021**

**MCLINCHEY/HEMMING:** That Regular Meeting adjourn to Closed Session at 7:53 p.m. under the following exception:

Labour relations or employee negotiations – Service Ontario Operations

CARRIED

**16. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING**

**MOTION #113/2021**

**MOIR/KEOGH:** That Closed Session adjourn and return to Open Session with NO recommendations at 8:12 p.m.

CARRIED

**17.ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #114/2021**

**MCLINCHEY/KEOGH:** That the meeting adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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CLERK