



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday June 19, 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.

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

Interim CAO/Director of Operations – Jonathon Graham

Director of Emergency and Safety Services/Fire Chief – William Davidson (Absent)

Director of Economic Development and Community Services – Mike Barnier

Clerk Jackie Tiedeman

Interim Treasurer/Manager of Finance– Dani Johnston

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None at this time

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION #157/2019

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That the June 5 Regular and June 12 Budget Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

7:00 p.m. Tom Prout and Pat Morden, Grand Bend Community Foundation, requested to attend the meeting to provide a presentation outlining the benefits they have seen since establishing their foundation for the community. The benefits of this type of foundation is to bring resources and people together to build better places to live, work and play. Three ways this may occur is by: working with donors to build endowment funds; grants funds to a wide range of organizations and initiatives; bring people together to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy. Examples of areas the foundation contribute to is: Arts and culture, children and youth, education, environment, health, social services, sports and recreation and seniors. Several questions were asked by council and responded to. Mayor Ropp thanked Mr. Prout and Ms. Morden for the informative presentation.

7:10 p.m. Shannon and Rob Schiestel requested to attend council to ask for a waterline connection. Mr. Schiestel advises that although they have an ultraviolet light and reverse osmosis for our well system, our well water continues to be undrinkable due to the total coliform count and are having to find alternative ways to get drinking water.

Mayor Ropp deferred to Mr. Lampman, Infrastructure Supervisor, for a high level overview of the waterline system in the area. Mr. Lampman confirmed that the lines do not currently extend to this property and if an extension was requested by Council, it would be staff recommendation that the line be looped according to best practices in the industry. This would entail approximately 1.2 kms of waterline at an approximate cost of \$170/metre. This could entail costs of up to \$200,000 for the property owner to connect.

Interim CAO/Director of Operations, Jonathon Graham, added that the Municipality is not obligated to provide a service to a property which does not currently have access. It was his opinion that this situation is no different that a potential new development being that a developer pays to bring service to his property line.

Council deliberated on a past similar request in the same area and that this landowner who made the request did not end up hooking into the waterline system and the municipality paid a significant amount of money to have this accommodated.

After several questions, the following motion was then brought forward:

MOTION #158/2019

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: That Council defer a decision on this request until a staff report is prepared outlining further consideration to be taken into account including costs and other potential options available to the landowner.

CARRIED

Mr. & Mrs. Schiestel inquired when this would be coming back before council and staff advised that it would be either the July or August meeting due to the summer schedule.

6. PUBLIC MEETING

None

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Tender Results for Kennes Drain No. 1 – Infrastructure Supervisor Jonathan Lampman

Mr. Lampman pointed out that the tender for the construction resulted in a higher cost and anticipated through the Engineers' Report. Councillor Moir inquired whether the petitioner for the maintenance work is aware of the potential higher cost? Mr. Lampman responded that he has not made contact about this. In light of the increased costs the following motion was brought forward:

MOTION #159/2019

MOIR/CORNELISSEN: That Council defer awarding the tender until the landowners have been advised of the increased cost by staff.

CARRIED

b. Appointment of Engineer for Henderson Drain, Infrastructure Supervisor, Jonathan Lampman

MOTION #160/2019

HEMMING/KEOGH: Be it resolved that Council appoint R. Dobbin Engineering Inc. as engineer to the Henderson Drain project.

CARRIED

8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Compilation of accounts from May 30 - June 13, 2019 in the amount of \$2,976,997.22

MOTION #161/2019

MCLINCHEY/NICHOL: Be it resolved that the following Bills and Accounts be approved for payment in the amount of \$2,976,997.22

General Cheques \$1,251,177.84

Direct Deposit \$1,585,707.68

On-line/PAP \$139,101.85

Cemetery Direct Dep \$256.14

Cemetery cheques \$753.71

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Lake Huron Primary Water Supply Joint Mgmt Board (Cr. Hemming) - June 6 Agenda package – no updates

b. ABCA (Deputy Mayor Cornelissen) - next meeting June 20th

c. BWRA (Cr. McLinchey)

d. EDAC (Cr. Moir)

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)

j. Budget Committee (Mayor Ropp)

k. Community Development Fund Committee (Cr. Hemming)

l. OCWA Client Advisory Board (Jonathon Graham)

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Source Water Protection Newsletter
(action: receive and file)

11. OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS

a. Verbal Update on agreement with the YMCA – Interim CAO/Director of Operations, Jonathon Graham

b. Verbal update to proceed with third and final readings for the Dewar Thompson and 16th Concession Drains – Infrastructure Supervisor, Jonathan Lampman

c. Request for meeting from Horticultural Society regarding future options for flower watering program

Mayor Ropp advised that as a follow up to the request from the recent delegation of the Horticultural Society he was seeking volunteer(s) from Council to meet with the organization about their needs for the watering program. Councillor Doreen McLinchey expressed interest in this meeting.

12. COMMUNICATIONS (including County Council)

Deputy Mayor Cornelissen advised that he had attended the Community Meeting at the Thames Valley District School Board on June 13th. He stated that our local high school is at 37% capacity. He initiated the discussion of the possibility of space for daycare at this facility and TVDSB was very receptive to the idea. The benefit of utilizing the school space would also serve to eliminate empty pupil spaces.

Mayor Ropp advised that the County recently held their road tour and Centre Road repaving project is getting underway. Due to the upcoming Laurens Drain project, repaving in this area of North Middlesex will be accommodated after completion of the project.

Council had a discussion on other area municipality pilot projects with respect to solar lights on stop signs. Comments were made about the high visibility they appear to have in South Huron as an example.

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

MOTION #162/2019

KEOGH/HEMMING: That the Regular Meeting adjourn to Closed Meeting at 8:05 p.m. under the following exemption:

(e)Personal Matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees - HR Matters

CARRIED

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

MOTION #163/2019

MOIR/KEOGH: That Closed Meeting adjourn and return to Regular Meeting at 8:19 p.m. without recommendations.

CARRIED

15. READING OF BY-LAWS

By-law #23 of 2019 – Dewar Thompson Drain (3rd and final)

By-law #24 of 2019 – 16th Concession Drain (3rd and final)

By-law #40 of 2019 – Tax Rate By-law

By-law #41 of 2019 - YMCA

By-law #42 of 2019 – Confirming

MOTION #164/2019

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That By-laws #40, 41 and 42 of 2019 be read first and second time.

CARRIED

MOTION #165/2019

NICHOL/MOIR: That By-law #23,24, 40, 41 and 42 of 2019 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #166/2019

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK