



## **MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX**

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday November 6, 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

CAO/Director of Operations – Jonathon Graham

Clerk Jackie Tiedeman

Director of Economic Development and Community Services – Mike Barnier

Infrastructure Supervisor, Jonathon Lampman

Drainage Manager, Glen Bullock (portion of meeting)

Treasurer, Tracy Johnson

Fire Chief, Greg Vandenheuvel

Planner Stephanie Poirier (portion of meeting)

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor B. Ropp provided a written Declaration of Interest pertaining to Agenda Item 5 – Planning Application Hearing 7:20 p.m. Shady Pines Campground Inc for the following reason: Family and Nature of Employment

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

#### **MOTION #266/2019**

**MOIR/NICHOL:** That the Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 16, 2019 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

### **5. DELEGATIONS**

None

### **6. PUBLIC MEETING**

#### **MOTION #267/2019**

**HEMMING/KEOGH:** That Regular Meeting adjourn to Committee of Adjustment at 7:01 p.m. to consider planning applications

CARRIED

See Separate Committee of Adjustment Minutes

Regular Meeting resumed at 7:37 p.m.

### **7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Report from Glenn Bullock, Drainage Manager – Queen Street Drainage Concern  
(relating to Bill Irwin delegation Sept 18)

Mr. Bullock provided an overview of events that have transpired on these lands over the past years. The residents in the area would like to see the road ditch deepened along the frontage at 33272 Queen Street, Ailsa Craig, to take water to the south. A cost analysis of undertaking this work was provided for council consideration as requested.

There was considerable discussion regarding various work that could be undertaken and timing of these undertakings was a major consideration. After careful consideration, the following motion was then brought forward:

**MOTION #268/2019**

**CORNELISSEN/KEOGH:** That Council allow time and further investigation for the newly installed berm along the agricultural/urban properties divide just west of the affected homes to act as a deterrent to surface water flows that caused a majority the flooding seen on May 25, 2019;

and that staff provide council with an update on how the berm is working at a later date.

CARRIED

b. Report from Jonathan Lampman, Infrastructure Supervisor – Review of Kennes Drain No.2 Tender Results

**MOTION #269/2019**

**MCLINCHEY/KEOGH:** That Council receive this report and direct staff to award J&L Henderson the construction of the Kennes Drain No.2 in the amount of \$46,152.05 (including HST).

CARRIED

c. Report from Jonathan Lampman, Infrastructure Supervisor – VanMassenhoven Drain Improvements Requests

**MOTION #270/2019**

**NICHOL/KEOGH:** Be it resolved that Council receives the Requests for Improvement on the VanMassenhoven Drain and Branches under Section 78 of the *Drainage Act R.S.O. 1990*.

CARRIED

d. Report from Jonathan Lampman, Infrastructure Supervisor – Budget Re-allocation West Williams Booster Station (WWBS)

Mr. Lampman provided a summary leading up to the recommendation before council. Through the implementation of the water loss program in Parkhill it became apparent that the West Williams Booster Station (WWBS) was in need of an upgrade to all of its internal components. The issue that brought the plant to the forefront was the inability to measure flow differential between the Parkhill and West Williams distribution systems

to determine where our losses are. Several questions were asked by Council and responded to by staff.

After careful consideration the following motion was brought forward

**MOTION #271/2019**

**HEMMING/NICHOL:** That Council endorse the budget re-allocation of \$50,000 from the fire pump refurbishment line item under GL 01-4311-305 to the West Williams Pumping Station Process & Instrumentation Upgrade.

CARRIED

e. Report from Clerk – Jackie Tiedeman – 2020 Council Meeting Schedule

**MOTION #272/2019**

**MCLINCHEY/KEOGH:** That Council receive the report entitled “2020 Regular and Special Council Meeting Schedule” be received;

And that the meeting schedule, as attached, be hereby approved by Council with the understanding that there maybe changes, when necessary, at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

f. Report from Clerk – Jackie Tiedeman – 2020 Administration Building Closure Schedule

**MOTION #273/2019**

**MOIR/NICHOL:** That Council receive the report entitled “2020 Administration Offices Closure Schedule”;

And further that the 2020 Statutory Holidays, Negotiated Closures and Additional Closure Request between Christmas and New Year’s be approved.

CARRIED

g. Report from Treasurer – Tracy Johnson – One Third Tax Free Allowance Elimination for Members of Council – Council Remuneration

As requested by Council awhile ago, a report was prepared that provided an overview of how the Municipality can equitably address the removal of the one-third (1/3) tax free allowance for Members of Council.

After several questions were asked by Council and responded to by the Treasurer, the following motion was then brought forward:

**MOTION #274/2019**

**MOIR/HEMMING:** That Council receive report entitled “One Third (1/3) Tax Free Allowance Elimination” for informational purposes;

And That staff be authorized to adjust Council’s gross pay as outlined in Option #2 (number 2. Increase) of the report

And That the increase as per Option #2 (number 2 Increase) remain in effect in appropriate allocation in future budgets;

And further that staff be directed to provide an analysis of other surrounding municipalities remuneration due to elimination of the tax free allowance.

CARRIED

**8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Compilation of accounts from October 10-31, 2019 in the amount of \$646,862.66

**MOTION #275/2019**

**MOIR/MCLINCHEY:** Be it resolved that the following Bills and Accounts be approved for payment in the amount of \$646,862.66

General Cheques \$195,451.87

Direct Deposit \$410,164.62

On-line/PAP \$40,946.02

Cemetery \$300.15

CARRIED

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Lake Huron Primary Water Supply Joint Mgmt Board (Cr. Hemming) – Reminder of scheduled shut down for maintenance on November 13<sup>th</sup>

b. ABCA (Deputy Mayor Cornelissen): Deputy Mayor Cornelissen clarified his report from the last ABCA meeting as follows: *“General Levy on its own is in fact showing an increase of 7.95% and the original presentation did show an overall total amount of approximately \$158,000. This included project levy of about \$33,000. The overall proposed increase presented would have been 2.78% for North Middlesex as the project levy amount has decreased from the prior year.”*

General Manager Brian Horner will be at the November 20<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting to answer any questions council may have in this regard.

c. BWRA (Cr. McLinchey) Information provided BRA outlines that the recycling industry continues to be challenged by multiple forces at the same time creating conditions that are very difficult to steer though. The changes initiated by China in 2018 continue to affect our operation in 2019 and they are expected to have a significant impact in 2020 as well. The company is moving ahead with the full automation program and any remaining municipalities still on the manual pick up method will be changed. BWRA has also focused on public education for items for waste versus recycling.

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) – Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

j. OCWA Client Advisory Board (Jonathon Graham) Mr. Graham advised that he had attended his first meeting last week and feels it will be very beneficial for the municipality to be involved in this capacity

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

a.AMO: Key Announcements of interest affecting municipal governments from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
(action: Receive and File)

b.Thank you for Proficiency Award – L.Warkentin  
(action: Receive and File)

c. Town of Kingsville – Local Health Care Services

### **MOTION #276/2019**

**CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY:** Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the motion from the Town of Kingsville as follows:

*“Whereas public health care consistently ranks as the top priority in public opinion polls, and;*

*Whereas Public Health provides vital health promotion and prevention services based on the unique demographic and economic, social and cultural needs of our communities; and*

*Whereas the evidence from hospital amalgamation in Ontario and across Canada is that they have cost billions of dollars and have not yielded the promised administrative savings but have taken money away from frontline care, and;*

*Whereas there is no evidence to support the proposed closure of 25 out of 35 local public health units, the closure of 12 of 22 local ambulance dispatch centres and the closure of 49 out of 59 local ambulance services, and;*

*Whereas there is a deep consensus among virtually all stakeholders that increasing acuity in our long term care homes requires additional staff and resources, not cancellation of the two special funds and real dollar cuts to per diem funding of our long term care homes; and*

*Whereas our local hospitals have been downsized for an entire generation and cannot meet population needs while sustaining real dollar cuts to hospital global budgets.*

*Therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville calls upon the Ontario government to halt the closures of, mergers of, and cuts to our local health care services including Public Health Units, land ambulance services, hospitals and long term care homes and Town of Kingsville forward this resolution to all municipalities in the Province of Ontario*

CARRIED

d. Town of East Ferris – request to consider incorporating child care services throughout conferences  
(action: Receive and file)

e. Invitation for Council and Senior Staff from SMGH for Education Session and Diagnostic Imaging Tour Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.  
(action: Receive and RSVP to Jackie at meeting)

## **11. OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS**

a. Verbal update from Jonathan Lampman, Infrastructure Supervisor – Draft Water By-law has now had the required public consultation period with no changes to the by-law as a result. The By-law is now ready for all readings this evening

b. A request to set a Special Meeting is required for the presentation of the Draft Water/Wastewater Report from Gary Scandlan, Watson & Associates

The date of November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. was selected. Due to the nature of the information being provided, a Closed Meeting will be held under the following exception to Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001: Educational or Training Sessions*

c. Ontario Good Roads Association – Nomination to Board of Directors

**MOTION #277/2019**

**NICHOL/KEOGH:** That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the nomination of Mr. Jonathon Graham (CAO/Director of Operations) to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA)

d. Remembrance Day Services – Mayor Ropp advised that he will be laying the wreath in Ailsa Craig; Deputy Mayor Cornelissen will attend the Parkhill Service and Cr Moir will attend the Lieury Services on November 11<sup>th</sup>

**12.COMMUNICATIONS (including County Council)**

Deputy Mayor Cornelissen advised that the Draft Plan of Subdivision for 92 Queen Street, Ailsa Craig was approved by County Council as the Approval Authority.

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

**MOTION#278/2019**

**MCLINCHEY/KEOGH:** That the regular meeting adjourn to Closed Meeting under the following exception at 8:30 p.m.

A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Municipality – Parkhill Ward.

CARRIED

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

**MOTION#279/2019**

**MOIR/HEMMING:** That the Closed Meeting adjourn and return to Regular Meeting at 8:45 p.m. with no recommendation

CARRIED



**15.READING OF BY-LAWS**

**MOTION #280/2019**

**MCLINCHEY/MOIR:** That By-laws #46,77-79 of 2019 be read first and second time.

CARRIED

**MOTION #281/2019**

**MOIR/NICHOL:** That By-law #46,77-79 of 2019 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

**16.ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #282/2019**

**MCLINCHEY/KEOGH:** That the meeting adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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CLERK