



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday November 20, 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 (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

Facilities Manager, Brandon Drew

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION #286/2019

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That the Nov 6 Regular and Nov 13 Special Meeting Minutes approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

Brian Horner, General Manager ABCA, was in attendance to present the proposed 2020 Budget and Municipal Levies. His presentation outlined the process that is taken by the CA in development of the budget which incorporates the five year forecast for capital. The proposed increase in the 2020 General Levy and Project Levy is 1.5% for 2019. He reminded Council that the actual increase for North Middlesex is 2.44% as the apportionment is based on the Modified Current Value Assessment formula used by the Province. This is an increase of \$3,770.00 over 2019. At the request of Council, Mr. Horner advised that he will try and get more clarification on the calculations for the modified value assessments for North Middlesex from the Province. Cr. Nichol advised that she was questioned on why access to the dam was blocked off and not available to kayakers. She was advised that there were no postings on the ABCA website for the public. Mr. Horner replied that the CA closes the boat ramp for the winter as well as when the reservoir is being drawn down for dam maintenance. He will look into the CA website notification regarding this.

Deputy Mayor Cornelissen inquired if there was any grants accessible to landowners that are located within the watershed to compensate for damages. In particular, this past May, a landowner's driveway was heavily damaged. Mr. Horner advised that he was not aware of anything however would check into it.

Other questions were asked and responded to by Mr. Horner. Mayor Ropp then thanked him for attending the meeting.

6. PUBLIC MEETING

None

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Report from Clerk Jackie Tiedeman – Contracted Service Agreement for MEU for MLEO services

MOTION #287/2019

CORNELISSEN/NICHOL: That Council receive the report entitled “Contracted Service for Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer; and

That the Mayor and Clerk be directed to proceed with entering into an agreement with William Menzie carrying on business as MEU Consulting for the purposes of receiving services for the Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer.

CARRIED

b. Report from Director of Economic Development & Community Services, Mike Barnier – Parkhill Flower Watering Program

A discussion ensued on this matter relating to the best course of action to proceed to satisfy the program but also taking into account the impact on municipal operations in order to accommodate the amount of time required. After careful consideration the following motion was brought forward

MOTION #288/2019

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That a decision be deferred until staff have explored a request for qualifications to determine if a third party would be able to undertake the program.

CARRIED

c. Report from Treasurer, Tracy Johnson – 3rd Quarter Financial Report

MOTION #289/2019

NICHOL/MCLINCHEY: That Council receive the 2019 3rd Quarter Financial Update – Operating & Capital Report for information purposes;

And that staff be authorized to establish a Weather Event Reserve to ensure sustainable funding to support the program’s base operating budgets during seasons of high program demand;

And that any surplus realized in the Transportation department at the year end be transferred to the Weather Event Reserve

CARRIED

d. Report from Infrastructure Supervisor, Jonathan Lampman – Appoint Engineer for VanMassenhoven Drain

MOTION #290/2019

KEOGH/HEMMING: That Council receive this report and appoint R. Dobbin Engineering Inc. as Engineer to the VanMassenhoven Drain and Branches Improvement as requested by the petitioner.

CARRIED

e. Report from Infrastructure Supervisor, Jonathan Lampman – Municipal Drain Improvement Request for Thompson Drain No.2

MOTION #291/2019

KEOGH/HEMMING: Be it resolved that Council receives the Requests for Improvement on the Thomson Drain 2 under Section 78 of the *Drainage Act, R.S.O 1990*.

CARRIED

f. Report from CBO, Vic Stellingwerff – Monthly Activity Report

MOTION #292/2019

MCLINCHEY/NICHOL: That Council receives the Building Activity Report from January – October 2019 as information only.

CARRIED

g. Report from CAO, Jonathon Graham – Strategic Plan Score Card Report

Council commended Mr. Graham for his efforts on streamlining the identified priorities from +/- 300 to a more manageable +/- 50 priorities and the addition of Roadmap/Achievements so far; Priority; Target and Score (which is an exercise of self-reflection). The next phase of this undertaking will be to anticipate cost, funding source and lead “champion” staff members.

MOTION #293/2019

NICHOL/MCLINCHEY: That Council receive the NM Strategic Plan 2018-2028: Scorecard Update report as information only;

And that Council direct staff to update/appendix the 2019 scorecard to the Community & Corporate Strategic Plan 2018-2028 as required.

CARRIED

8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Compilation of accounts from October 10-31, 2019 in the amount of \$421,082.27

MOTION #294/2019

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: Be it resolved that the following Bills and Accounts be approved for payment in the amount of \$421,082.27

General Cheques \$169,516.60

Direct Deposit \$94,510.26

On-line/PAP \$154,535.41

Cemetery \$2,520.00

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

b. ABCA (Deputy Mayor Cornelissen): In addition to the delegation, Deputy Mayor Cornelissen advised that there was a request for a splashpad at the CA, however the request was not suitable for the location and it was denied.

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. OCWA Client Advisory Board (Jonathon Graham)

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Request from Middlesex Rural Alliance to end violence against women to lower flags to half-mast on Dec. 6th

(action: Receive and File as Flag Policy OP_02.V1 2018 does not include this type of request)

b. County of Middlesex – Invite to Inaugural Meeting of County Council December 5th
(action: Tickets \$20.00 each – RSVP required by Nov 27th to Donna)

c. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Proposal to amend three statutes and make a new regulation
(action: receive and file)

d. Enbridge Gas Inc – Notice of increase to gas rates effective Jan 1, 2020
(action: receive and file)

e. Town of Prescott – Motion support regarding new delegated administrative authority under the Building Code Act.

MOTION #295/2019

NICHOL/CORNELISSEN: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the following motion from the Municipality of Prescott:

“Whereas the Province of Ontario has legislated in the Building Code Act that “the council of each municipality is responsible for the enforcement of this Act in the municipality” and “the council of each municipality shall appoint a chief building official and such inspectors as are necessary for the enforcement of this Act in the areas in which the municipality has jurisdiction”;

And whereas “the council of a municipality may pass by-laws applicable to the matters for which and in the area in which the municipality has jurisdiction for the enforcement of this Act”

And whereas the Province has asked local governments to find efficient and cost effective ways to deliver municipal services is now asking municipalities to collect a tax on their behalf to create a new Delegated Administrative Authority to deliver services that have historically been the responsibility of the Ontario Government,

And whereas Premier Ford stated in his keynote address at the Association of Ontario Municipalities 2019 Conference, that “we can’t continue throwing money at the problem (broken systems) as our predecessors did, into top down big government schemes. That is neither compassionate nor sustainable;

And whereas alternative methods of building administration and enforcement have been proposed in this consultation that remove municipality authority but not the associated liability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Prescott requests that the Province of Ontario work with the current building sector groups that, for the past fifteen years have been working to support the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and provide evidence based justification to municipalities that the creation of a new Delegated Administrative Authority is necessary prior to any legislative changes to the Building Code Act with regard to building service delivery, are introduced in the Legislature

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The Honourable Jim McDonnell, Parliamentary Assistant for Municipal Affairs and Housing

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to the Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration”

CARRIED

f.Twsp of Ramara – Motion support Conservation Authority Exit Clause
(action: receive and file)

g.Notice of Annual General Meeting by Friends of the Parkhill Carnegie Gallery – Nov 25th at 700 pm
(action: receive and file)

11.OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS

Verbal Update – Mike Barnier – Snow Removal Proposal (renewal of previous RFP contract)

MOTION #296/2019

KEOGH/HEMMING: That the proposal from All Care Tree Service be renewed for an

additional 3 year term with Year 1 being same rate as 2018/2019, Year 2 – 2.5% increase and Year 3 – 2.5% increase

CARRIED

Verbal Update – Mike Barnier – Renewal of Lions Club Agreement for use of Goal Post

Mr. Barnier advised that at the request of the Club the agreement is for one year only and there is a clause for notice clause for terminating the contract earlier by either party. The reduction of volunteers being able to commit to running the bar is the main reason. Mr. Drew advised that staff is exploring what other municipalities are doing in similar situations and will be providing a report at a later date for council on potential options.

Verbal Update – Jonathon Graham – Renewal of Fire Protection Services Agreement with Lucan Biddulph Fire Area Board

Mr. Graham reported that the proposed renewal of Fire Protection Services agreement with Lucan Biddulph Fire Area Board is for a four year term with automatic one additional year. There is an increase of 2% per year throughout the term of this agreement.

Update on 2020 Transfer Station Schedule and proposed increase in fee for unscheduled openings – Jonathan Graham

MOTION #297/2019

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That the 2020 Transfer Schedule be approved and the new off hour opening fee \$50.00 be reflected in the Fees and Charges By-law accordingly.

CARRIED

12.COMMUNICATIONS (including County Council)

Deputy Mayor Cornelissen advised that he had been appointed to the Rural Education Task Force through the County; some elementary schools recently participated in a mock council meeting at the County and to date Cathy Burghardt-Jesson has put her name forward seeking the Warden position.

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

- a. By-law 80 of 2019 – Appointment of CAO/Director of Operations – Jonathan Graham
- b. By-law 81 of 2019 – Authorize the execution of an agreement with MEU Consulting for Municipal Law Enforcement Services
- c. By-law 82 of 2019 – Authorize the renewal agreement for Fire Protection Services with Lucan Biddulph Fire Area Board
- d. By-law 83 of 2019 – Council Remuneration
- e. By-law 84 of 2019 – Confirming
- f. By-law 85 of 2019 – Authorize renewal agreement with Parkhill Lions Club for use of Goal Post

MOTION #298/2019

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That By-laws 80-85 of 2019 be read a first and second time

CARRIED

MOTION #299/2019

NICHOL/HEMMING: That By-law 80-85 of 2019 be read a third time and final time

CARRIED

16.ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #300/2019

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That the meeting adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK