



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 18, 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

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

Fire Chief, Greg Vandenheuvel

Brandon Drew, Facilities Manager

Donna Vanhooydonk, Executive Assistant

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

None

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION #261/2020

KEOGH/MCLINCHEY: That the November 4, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

None

6. DELEGATION

6:00 p.m. Jim Bruzzese, BMA Management Consulting Inc – presented the Financial Assessment and Line by Line Audit Review Reports. (full copies of the report are available on the municipal website)

Several questions were asked by Council and responded to by Mr. Bruzzese pertaining to both documents.

6:30 p.m. Mari Veliz, Healthy Watershed Manager-ABCA, provided a presentation on Healthy Watersheds

6:40 p.m. Brian Horner, General Manager ABCA – provided an overview of the 2021 Budget

The 2021 Proposed General and Project Levy is anticipated to be \$159,301 or .84% increase of 2020.

Several questions were asked by Council on both presentations and were responded to by the presenters.

Follow up will be provided by the CA regarding questions relating to the Gypsy Moth.

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. RFP results for Ailsa Craig Rescue Apparatus - Fire Chief

MOTION #262/2020

NICHOL/KEOGH: That Council direct staff to purchase a 2022 Rescue Apparatus from ResQTech Systems Inc for the purchase price of \$455,500 (excluding HST); and that

Council direct staff to purchase one Hurst eDraulic Spreader, (model SP555E2)' one Hurst eDraulic Cutter, (model S788E2), one Hurst eDraulic Ram (model R421E2) and one Hurst 110V Adapter from Code 4 Fire and Rescue for the combined price of \$44,455 (excluding HST) where staff is seeking direction to fund this through the equipment reserve.

CARRIED

b.Private Event Insurance – Facilities Manager

MOTION #263/2020

MOIR/HEMMING:That Council direct staff to sign an agreement with Programmed Insurance Brokers Inc to offer our users program insurance to help better protect our renters and North Middlesex.

CARRIED

c.Queen Street North Drainage Update – Infrastructure Supervisor

MOTION #264/2020

NICHOL/CORNELISSEN:That Council receives and file the 2020 Queen Street Drainage Concern (Update) as information only.

CARRIED

d.RFP Results for External Auditing Services – Treasurer

MOTION #265/2020

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That Council receive the staff report entitled RFP Award – External Auditing Services;

And that Council award the RFP to Graham Scott Enns, with the 2020 amount of \$17,500 (excluding HST).

CARRIED

8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Compilation of accounts from Oct 29-Nov.10, 2020 in the amount of \$1,058,728.64

MOTION #266/2020

MOIR/HEMMING: Be it resolved that the following Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$1,058,728.64 be approved for payment:

General Cheques \$593,576.37

Direct Deposit \$348,506.57
On-line/PAP \$114,095.70
Cemetery Cheques \$2,500.00
Cemetery Direct Deposit \$0.00

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Lake Huron Primary Water Supply Joint Mgmt Board (Cr. Hemming) None
- b. ABCA (Deputy Mayor Cornelissen) None
- c. BWRA (Cr. McLinchey) None
- 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
- k. Budget Committee – None
- l. Joint Building Committee – none
- m. Community Development Fund Committee – Deadline is November 30th

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. 2021 OMPF Funding Notification
(action: receive and file)
- b. City of Hamilton – request for endorsement for amendments to the AGCO Licensing and Application process for Cannabis Retail Stores
(action: receive and file)

c. Annual Community Planning and Facility Collaboration Mtg with TVDSB
(action: receive and consider participation)

MOTION #267/2020

NICHOL/MCLINCHEY: That North Middlesex be represented at this meeting.

CARRIED

11. OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS

Councillor Moir inquired as to whether the Municipality accepted credit card payments.

The Treasurer advised that at the present time we do not due to the cost of processing these payments. Council concurred that staff should explore this again as ratepayers are expressing their desire to use credit card as a payment option. Staff will prepare a report for Council consideration as soon as possible.

12. COMMUNICATIONS (including County Council)

Deputy Mayor Cornelissen advised that only one nomination, Cathy Burghardt-Jesson Mayor for Lucan Biddulph, was put forth for County Warden next year.

13. READING OF BY-LAWS

By-law 086 of 2020 - Confirming

MOTION #268/2020

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That By-law #086 of 2020 be read a first and second time

CARRIED

MOTION #269/2020

NICHOL/KEOGH: That By-law #086 of 2020 be read a third and final time

CARRIED

A brief recess was held to close the livestream in order for Council to have a Closed Meeting

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

MOTION #270/2020

MOIR/CORNELISSEN: That the Regular Meeting adjourn to Closed Meeting at to receive information under the following exception at 7:54 p.m.:

Personal Matters about an identifiable individual including municipal employee – HR Matter.

CARRIED

15. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:04 p.m. without recommendations from the Closed Session.

16.ADJOURNMENT

MOTION # 271/2020

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That the meeting adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK