



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday June 2, 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 #125/2021

HEMMING/CORNELISSEN: That the May 19 Regular and Court of Revision Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

Committee of Adjustment

MOTION #126/2021

NICHOL/MCLINCHEY: That Regular Meeting adjourn to Committee of Adjustment meeting at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

See separate Committee of Adjustment Meeting minutes

Public Meeting resumed at 6:13 p.m.

6:20 p.m. Notice of Public Meeting – Temp Use Zoning By-law -9505 Argyle St

Owner: Daniel Bell

Agent: Greg & Nathalie Tye

Con 2 Part Lot 1

former East Williams Twp

The purpose and effect of the zoning by-law amendment is to permit two single detached dwellings on an agricultural lot for a period not to exceed two years while a new residence is being constructed on the land. The existing residence would be removed upon the expiration of the two year period or the occupancy of the new single detached dwelling, whichever occurs first.

The Planner then reviewed the Planners Evaluation Report dated June 2, 2021.

The application was circulated to applicable agencies and landowners in accordance with the Planning Act.

Staff are of the opinion that the proposed temporary use is in conformity with the policy documents and do not have any concerns in regards to compatibility, servicing, access, parking or traffic impacts as a result of temporarily allowing two dwellings on the subject lands.

Agency Comments – ABCA no concerns with the approval as the proposed location of the new dwelling is not within the regulated area.

Public Comments – none

Public Oral Submissions – none

Mr. & Mrs. Tye had no additional comments to add.

The Clerk added that further to the Planners Recommendation for two readings until the agreement was executed, she advised that staff were consultation about this file and concurred that due to the fact that Mr. Tye has verbally given his assurance the agreement will be executed, that all three readings of the by-law can occur at this meeting to ensure the process moves in a timely fashion for the applicant. The temporary zoning approach is a new procedure the Municipality is putting into place for these types of scenario and all applicable documentation was not ready in time for this application. Therefore staff recommends all three readings.

MOTION #127/2021

NICHOL/KEOGH: That Application for Zoning By-law Amendment ZBA09-2021 be approved;

Further that the owners enter into a Temporary Use Agreement with the Municipality to ensure that the removal of the existing residence occurs;

And that the By-law proceed with all three readings.

CARRIED

A twenty day appeal period will apply from date of notice of decision.

The Public Meeting closed and regular meeting resumed

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Visual Presentation of New Website and Escribe Platform presented by Mike Barnier, Amber Tiller and Jackie Tiedeman

Staff provided Council with an overview of the new look for the municipal website. Due to the change in website provider, there was a need for a new platform for Council and Committee Agenda's being posted to the website which will be done through eScribe.

Staff anticipate the new website to go live prior to the next council meeting.

b. Salary Administration Policy – Executive Assistant/HR Co-ordinator

MOTION #128/2021

HEMMING/NICHOL: That Council adopt the "Salary Administration Policy" and repeal the Acting Pay Policy (CBL.01) and the Pay Equity Policy (CBL.09) which content is now covered by the proposed Salary Administration Policy.

CARRIED

c. Tender Results for Thomson Drain No. 2 – Drainage Superintendent

MOTION #129/2021

KEOGH/HEMMING: That Council receive this report and direct staff to award the construction of the Thomson No. 2 Extension 2020 Drain Tender to JLH Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$10,523.13 (including HST).

CARRIED

8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

MOTION #130/2021

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: Be it resolved that the following Bills and Accounts from May 14-27, 2021 in the amount of \$1,371,367.87 be approved for payment as follows:

General Cheques \$258,842.62

Direct Deposit \$1,000,566.30

On-line/PAP \$111,958.95

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) May 20 Agenda Package (R&F)

A meeting was held with applicable parties to discuss the concerns associated with Mystery Falls. At this time, there is still ongoing discussions for finding solutions.

c. BWRA (Cr. McLinchey) May 2021 Notes (R&F)

Councillor Keogh reported that he has been calling Bluewater Recycling weekly as his area (Petty Street) seems to get missed with collection. It was suggested that the appropriate course of action is for landowners to call directly if this occurs however the CAO will also inquire into this as well due to the frequency.

d. EDAC (Cr. Moir) None

e. LSAC – (Cr. Nichol) None

f. Recreation Committee (Cr. Hemming) The Committee has chosen a design that is within the proposal budget. It was suggested that Council be circulated this design as well for information.

g. Water/Wastewater Committee (Cr. Moir) None

h. Policies Review Committee (Cr. Nichol) Feb.25,2021 Minutes (R&F)

i. Fire Committee (Cr.Keogh) None

j. OCWA Client Advisory Board (Jonathon Graham) None

11.CORRESPONDENCE

a. Citizen Complaint – Use of former railway tracks by highway vehicles, ATV's and Street Bikes in Parkhill
(action: council consideration)

The Clerk advised that her office continues to receive complaints regarding off road vehicles using unauthorized municipal and private land. The recent complaint on the agenda reiterates some of the same concerns that are ongoing that she felt was important to provide to council. It was relayed that both OPP and By-law Enforcement see similar problems and it could be attributed to misinterpretation of the changes under the Highway Traffic Act. In consideration of the ongoing complaints she was seeking Council consideration of re-opening the discussion at the next meeting. The Clerk advised procedurally how this could occur and would have to be by council motion.

After some discussion regarding the procedural process the following motion was considered.

MOTION #131/2021

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: That due to the ongoing complaints and concerns expressed regarding Off Road Vehicles, Council agrees to re-open the discussion at the next Council Meeting June 16, 2021.

CARRIED

b. Public Submission regarding Water Rates in North Middlesex
(action: council consideration)

Mayor Ropp opened the discussion by acknowledging the work that Amanda and the community members have compiled through this submission and Council understands the reaction and concern from the community. He further suggested that Council formally respond to these questions on June 16, 2021 where more insight to the water and wastewater rates and most importantly the value of the North Middlesex programs can be discussed.

Council indicated concern with the turn around time in preparing the response and after careful consideration the following motion was brought forward:

MOTION #132/2021

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That Council prepare a detailed response to the public submission regarding the water and wastewater rates to be read at the opening of the Council Meeting July 14, 2021.

CARRIED

c. MMAH – Three step Roadmap to Safely Reopen the Province and Amendment to Orders under the *Reopening Ontario Act* (receive and file)

12. OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS

Update on Parkhill Construction and County Road Closure/Detour – CAO
The County is undertaking Bridge Work on Grand Bend Road and McGuffin Hills Drive and there will be a detour in place for a short amount of time.

Councillor McLinchey acknowledged the Retirement Drive by in Parkhill on May 31 for Dr. Thorpe was well received.

13.DEFERRED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- *Report on options for municipal regulations pertaining to certain Cannabis Operations (County Legal, Planning)*
- *Report from Treasurer on lifting temporary amendments to Municipal Fees and Charges By-law (waive penalty and interest) (Treasurer)*
- *Review of water budget after 2nd billing cycle (Treasurer)*
- *Review of Water Policy from Feb 3 (County Legal and Infrastructure Supervisor)*
- *Deferred from May 5 (at request of applicant)- Minor Variance Application-1079 Elm Tree Dr. (Applicant)*
- *Deferred from May 5 – Public Concerns Mystery Falls Report pending meeting with ABCA (CAO)*

14. COMMUNICATIONS (including County Council)

None

15. READING OF BY-LAWS

052 of 2021 – Appointment of Municipal Law Enforcement Officer (Ryan Easweld – Fire Prevention Officer) the purpose of the appointment would be to allow enforcement of certain By-laws such as the Open Air By-law

053 of 2021 – Authorize Encroachment agreement with Terry & Cheryl Hodgins to allow driveway at 262 Victoria Street Parkhill to encroach onto unopened road allowance (Clara Street)

054 of 2021 – Temp Use By-law – 9505 Argyle Street (if application approved by Council)

055 of 2021 – Confirming By-law

MOTION #133/2021

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That By-laws #052-055 of 2021 be read a first and second time

CARRIED

MOTION #134/2021

NICHOL/MOIR: That By-laws #052-055 of 2021 be read a third and final time

CARRIED

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

None

17. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

None

18.ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #135/2021

MCLINCHEY/KEOGH: That the meeting adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK