

**MINUTES**

The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex met on April 17, 2001 for their regular meeting.

Those present were: MAYOR CHUCK HALL

COUNCILLOR MARYSIA COUTTS-WARD 1

COUNCILLOR KEN JOHNSTON-WARD 2

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONLIN-WARD 3

COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE MCLACHLAN-WARD 4

COUNCILLOR LUCY HENDRIKX-WARD 5

ADMINISTRATOR CLERK-SHIRLEY SCOTT

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT-J.ADAMS

Absent:

DEPUTY MAYOR IAN BREBNER

Kate VanderVen from Middlesex Banner and Jim Hindmarsh was also present.

No pecuniary interest declared.

**MINUTES**

Councillor Hendrikx advised that the West Williams Recreation Committee will not need a float of \$500 as they have obtained a donation.

COUTTS-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council of North Middlesex dated March 19, March 26, March 29 and April 2, 2001, printed and delivered to each member be adopted as if read.

CARRIED

MCLACHLAN-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the West Williams Community Centre Board dated March 21, 2001 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS FROM MINUTES**

Councillor Johnston questioned the status of the John Street property. It was stated that it had been declared surplus and the offer for industrial development had been accepted. He suggested that there was an issue with the street in that it would have to be extended. The procedural by-law for sale of lands will be reviewed and followed. An appraisal will be required. It was suggested that the Planner be asked to review the status of the lands.

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor McLachlan made Council aware that there was heavy traffic on Coldstream Road. He reminded all that there was a Neighborhood Watch meeting this Thursday night.

Councillor Johnston reported that a resident, M. Barbe has concerns regarding the recent hail storm. There was significant damage. The resident checked, and it does not meet the criteria to declare as a disaster. Mr. Johnston suggested that the municipal buildings in the vicinity of the storm be checked.

Councillor Hendrikx announced that there will be a Recreation Meeting on Wednesday, April 25.

Councillor Coutts congratulated Councillor Johnston on his efforts in creating a successful Municipal Day. The Wellness Fair held last Friday was well attended in the morning. We are a well re-sourced area when all services are drawn together.

Those in the audience for various delegations were introduced.

#### **DELEGATION: PARKHILL COMMUNITY POLICING**

Those present were Charles Sharina-Middlesex Power, Jeannise Hodgins and Leslie Cook-Policing Committee, John Stephens and Paul McLean – OPP.

A copy of the presentation was handed out and read to Council. The presentation indicated a need for a facility closer to the core of the Town. Charles Sharina was present to provide support for the moving of the policing office to the former Parkhill PUC. He suggested that the facility could be rented for \$200-\$250 per month, plus 25% of the utilities (\$252.98 annually). They would also expect the taxes of approximately \$2,700 per year to be written off. John Stephens - Detachment Commander, again suggested that the mandate was to get "the best bang for a buck". He supported being in the center of Town, visible to those passing through. Being more available would lead to more "Ride Checks". Having the breathalyzer here, rather than Strathroy, would support the policing service. The paper work now has to be done in Strathroy. Mr. Stephens advised that when the updated computer arrives it can all be done in Parkhill, leaving more time for the officer to tend to community issues and park issue. He asked that the proposal be supported and be treated as a donation on behalf of the municipality.

Various questions were asked regarding cost per month, square footage of the facility, renovations required, incorporating, etc.

Mrs. Hodgins advised that the area of the PUC building was somewhat equivalent to the square footage of the area at the fire hall, but the PUC was closer to the core of the Town. There would be privacy at the PUC, whereas the area now used has to be shared with the Fire Department. She suggested possibly using a summer student for secretarial purposes. The only building requirements would be relocating some doors and providing bolt locks. The OPP would cover the cost of the phone and we would cover the line charge. Mrs. Hodgins compared the calls in Parkhill at 498 to Ailsa Craig at 117, credited to the Ailsa Craig facility being on Main Street.

The missing persons issue, due to the location of girls home, and boys home was discussed briefly.

Council were advised that the Policing meetings were usually the fourth Tuesday of each month, but the next meeting was May 1.

#### **DELEGATION : MIDDLESEX FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE**

Hugh Fletcher, from Middlesex Federation of Agriculture, then presented Council with a handout. He also presented a copy of Middlesex County Agriculture Sector Assessment Study, which gives a breakdown of agriculture commodities to Townships. He also advised of other events, such as a lobby group for effect on planning issues. The hope is to keep similarities on issues throughout area.

He also advised that efforts are being made to educate on Consumer Relations, through a booth at the Childrens Festival. This has been done for the past four years.

An Agricultural Hall of Fame has also been developed. Three people have been honoured, and three more were to be honoured in March. Those that have been inducted are Bill Greaves, Wallace Lavelaw, Ruth and Ken Hutton. Council were asked to advise if they have any other people that they wish to be inducted.

## **DELEGATION: EAST WILLIAMS REZONING**

Planner Barb Rosser was in attendance. Administrator Clerk Scott advised that notices of this Public Meeting were advertised. The draft by-law was then reviewed by Barb Rosser. She advised Council that the actual formula and criteria must be in the by-law, thus the reason for the amendment.

Deputy Mayor Brebner then entered the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Those present were advised that the criteria used was Provincial criteria. MDS 11 is required for agricultural buildings, as they relate to neighbouring buildings. The following motion was then made.

MCLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the By-law #35 of 2001, being a By-law to amend By-law No.24-1981, as amended, of the former Township of East Williams be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2001.

CARRIED

## **COUNCILLORS ITEMS - CONTINUED**

Deputy Mayor Brebner advised that he had attended a Nutrient Management seminar. There was discussion on enforcement.

ABCA meets next week and will be considering budget.

County Council have approved signs for Ailsa Craig, stating " Police Parking Only".

## **REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT**

Public Works Superintendent, Joe Adams then had the following report.

-Request information for road tour.

-A price for calcium and salt brine will be obtained. A cost per mile needs to be calculated. A decision will be deferred until the next meeting.

-Waterline tenders for Parkhill, East Williams will accepted. The Nairn Road water pressure test is being done. There is a small leak at Bornish. The Scout Road water line will be finished tomorrow. Townsend Line will be done next. The County has been contacted regarding asphalt. A meeting has been arranged with Ken Oak next week. Material for mosquito control is in at the end of this week.

The cost was questioned and Council were advised that there was no comparison from other years. Three companies have the stock that is required on the market. The local contact is Hensall Co-op at Ailsa Craig. More cannot be obtained to June. We are the only ones ordering. Some areas are using fogging along the lakes, or parks, but the expense is much higher. Weather is a critical factor. We are the only municipality in Middlesex with a mosquito program.

- Flyers for clean up day are being printed for May 12. The cost to print is 7-11 cents. 2,400-2,500 copies are needed. Mailing is 7 cents. It was questioned if these could be printed by the Ailsa Craig office at a lower cost. It is to be checked.

-Plans are in progress for getting the ball diamonds ready.

- Playground equipment has not been installed as it is still too wet.

- County has been contacted regarding garbage, and culverts, but no action taken, to date.

-Site meeting by the arena will be planned soon, for a decision before the budget is finalized. Should work be planned, it should be done in July or August.

### **RECREATION- BENCHES**

A recommendation from the Recreation Committee for benches was discussed. The anchors will be buried. The following motion was then made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the recommendation of the Recreation Committee to allow the North Middlesex Minor Soccer Association to install removable players benches in Parkhill, Ailsa Craig and Nairn soccer fields. They will take care of installation, maintenance and storage.

CARRIED

### **STAFF REPORTS**

The reports were reviewed, and the following motion made.

COUTTS-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept and file staff reports received April 2, 2001

CARRIED

While he was present, the Fire Chief was questioned about the overhead door that was invoiced in February. He advised that the overhead doors were approved in 2000. The invoice was for work the tender did not cover, but was required in order for the overhead doors to operate.

Fire Chief – overhead door – Invoice Feb 8 approved 2000

The Fire Chief was advised that Inspection service can be done through the County. He suggested that due to lack of staffing in the Fire Department, we were using the most experienced personnel for this job. They will be hiring soon. He was directed to make use of the County services.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS OF ROADS/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Council were asked to review the recommendation from Public Works Meeting and Finance Meeting held April 9. The following motion was made.

BREBNER-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendations from the Committee Meeting (Public Works/Finance) held on April 9, 2001 be accepted.

CARRIED

### **INSURANCE**

Councillor Johnston advised that he had reviewed the Jardine Insurance policy. The Administrator was directed to request an up-to-date copy of policy that reflect the Northwest Life coverage.

### **LIBRARY ACCESS**

A report from the Building Inspector, regarding handicap access to Parkhill Public Library was reviewed. Joe Adams advised that a ramp could be constructed for access from the outside, but once inside, one is faced with steps that lead to the library section of the building. There is no way to install a ramp or a lift device to go up or down without going into major reconstruction of the floor of the heritage

building, which would create great costs. Then there is no space between the book isles. Councillor Coutts again advised that staff will go to the door or street level to accommodate. Also, anyone can order books ahead. There is a library catalogue on the internet. Deputy Mayor Brebner stated that library renovations are done through community fundraising.

### **DRAFT EMERGENCY PLAN**

The plan had been circulated earlier. Council suggested that each member review and submit changes. Acceptance of the plan was deferred. All the numbers are to be checked. It was noted that the Ailsa Craig Satellite Office, Library and Police Sub Station are available as a facility when hydro out due to available generators. It was suggested that the generators be checked periodically. Eventually the Main Office facility should be equipped with a generator. Joe Adams commented that it is expensive to have a generator with the tolerance to operate the computer system.

### **GARDENING AT SATELLITE OFFICE**

There was a request from Paula Muxlow to do the gardening at the satellite office. Councillor Johnston suggested that the staff can manage that duty between recreation, etc. It was suggested that this is a municipal responsibility, or volunteer for maintenance.

### **BAG TAGS**

There was a request for free bag tags for all municipal facilities. After a thorough discussion, it was suggested that locked dumpsters be used at the recreation facilities. (West Williams, East Williams at Park and Garage). Other departments are responsible for their bag tags.

### **GRASS CUTTING TENDERS**

Two tenders were received. Council asked that the cost be kept confidential due to a change in the tendering. The new tender is to consider not mulching the grass, and the Sylvan Cemetery is to be added. Should the grass require cut before the opening, the road department will meet the need.

### **WATER PENALTY CHARGE RATE**

Council reviewed the past rates charged. Councillor Johnston requested that the bill show the late payment amount. Joe Adams advised that the 2% per month was the only legal method of charging. After careful consideration, the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council set a penalty rate of 2% a month on all late payments of water bills.  
CARRIED

### **REVIEW OF DOG BY-LAW**

Council reviewed the questions submitted by the By-law Enforcement Officer. They suggested that when possible the by-law be enforced by the by-law enforcement officer. When dogs at large, if the owner is known, they are to be notified. "Harbouring" does not mean kennels. It was previously determined that if a kennel is housing other peoples dogs for a short period, no tags are required. These dogs would bear the tag from their home municipality. In the future, the flat rate will be higher and no tags required for kenneled dogs. Lobo will be given a list of dogs when all tags are sold.

## **ACCOUNTS**

COUTTS-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts in the amount of \$295,237.42 be approved for payment.  
CARRIED

The Administrator was asked to prepare an analysis for the next meeting.

## **BY-LAW #31 – ANIMAL CARE CENTRE**

MCLACHLAN-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #31 of 2001 being a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Municipality of North Middlesex and Gertie Dieleman, C.O.B. as Animal Care Centre for the purpose of providing animal care services be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2001.  
CARRIED

## **BY-LAW # 33 – ABCA AGREEMENT**

BREBNER-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #33 of 2001 being a By-law to adopt the attached memorandum of agreement between Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and the Municipality of North Middlesex.  
CARRIED

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**The following correspondence was reviewed by Council and filed for future reference:**

- a. Township of Armour request to support their resolution requiring the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to review the "Appointment of Voting Proxy" process.
- b. City of Owen Sound request to support their resolution regarding transportation of prisoners.
- c. Town of Mono request to support their resolution regarding the spreading of biosolids – abandoned wells.
- d. Ailsa Craig and District Historical Society nomination form for Hall of Fame-honouring people who have made a significant contribution, both past and present.
- e. News Release from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the proposed legislation that promotes cleaner, healthier communities.
- f. Victim Services of Middlesex County requesting individuals to volunteer services to assist the police and fire personnel in rural Middlesex County.
- g. E. Dean & Associates advising of services available.
- h. Marilyn Smith and Klaus Keunecke regarding Lake Huron Watershed Cleanup in Southwestern Ontario

i. University of Guelph providing a complimentary copy of “Summary Finds” for participating in a recent survey for Local Economic Development in Rural Ontario.

j. Childrens Aid Society requesting membership renewal

k. Ministry of Solicitor General advising of National Emergency Preparedness Week.

l. Institute of Municipal Assessors advising of their services to municipalities.

m. Ontario Human Rights Commission providing press release of a settlement made with the City of Ottawa.

n. AMO-Alert Bulletin “Maintaining Municipal Competitiveness/Honouring the Commitment”

MCLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Correspondence of  
March 19, 2001 be accepted as received.  
CARRIED

**The Council then reviewed the correspondence package from April 2, 2001:**

a. Ontario Provincial Police – Karen Moffatt appointment to OPP Human Resources Bureau

b. Northway-Photomap Inc advising of their services and new product

c. Regional Municipality of Durham requesting support of resolution to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

d. Municipal Electric Association regarding an update of Class Proceeding Against Ontario Hydro.

e. Ministry of Municipal Affairs amendment to Ontario Regulation 26/96 (Fees and Charges By-laws)

f. OSUM –48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference May 2-5, 2001

g. AMO-Toward More Effective Rural Economic Development: An invitation to hear results of major study

h. Medical Students of Ontario, requesting support for accessibility to Ontario Medical Schools.

i. Corporation of the City of Cornwall requesting support to a resolution asking the Provincial and Federal Governments to help fund the cost of improving our municipal roads.

The following motion was endorsed:

WHEREAS municipal roads across the Province of Ontario are vital to their local communities; and

WHEREAS municipalities are continuously spending more money to improve fewer roads; and

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WHEREAS the cost of repairs continue to escalate; and

WHEREAS municipalities, and their associations, have advised the Provincial Government that the Infrastructure deficit cannot be remedied solely through the property tax revenue; and

WHEREAS municipalities have advised the Federal and Provincial Governments to allocate a portion of fuel tax revenues to municipalities for dedicated road infrastructure maintenance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT member municipalities of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario once more ask for the Provincial and Federal Governments to help fund cost of improving our municipal roads.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the motion of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall Re: the Provincial & Federal Governments help to fund the cost of improving our municipal roads.

CARRIED

MCLACHLAN-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Correspondence package A-I from April 2, 2001 be accepted with recommendations.

CARRIED

**The correspondence package of April 17, 2001 was reviewed by Council:**

a. Susan Dale, North Middlesex District High School – canvassing for donations to obtain a set of CPR mannequins.

Recommendation: More research is required.

b. Bernice & Dwayne Cadman, asking for support for the first annual “Curtis Cadman Memorial Walk a thon held on June 24, 2001.

Recommendation: Refer to Budget

c. Village of Merrickville-Wolford resolution endorsement requesting the Federal Government to grant the Farmers of Canada the one billion dollars promised prior to the last federal election.

The following resolution was endorsed:

WHEREAS the family farms are the backbone of Canada

AND WHEREAS the family farms feed all of Canada with pride and the safest food

AND WHEREAS the industry has not faced this much difficulty in decades from the high input costs and the subsidy war that has helped to drive world prices to all time lows

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does in the strongest terms urge the Federal Government to



grant the Farmers of Canada, in all commodities, the one billion dollars which was promised by our Government prior to the last federal election.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario and to the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville for their support.

MCLACHLAN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of North Middlesex support the Village of Merrickville-Wolford resolution endorsement requesting the Federal Government to grant the Farmers of Canada the one billion dollars promised prior to the last federal election.

CARRIED

d. Parkhill Agricultural Society requesting financial support for the annual Fall Fair

Recommendation: Refer to Budget

e. City of Welland resolution endorsement requesting the Provincial government to implement the financial strategies put forth by the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs in its 2001 Provincial Budget Recommendations.

f. Fred Dean, Barrister & Solicitor advising of his services.

g. Hydro One Networks Inc-Amended Distribution Rates Application to the Ontario Energy Board.

h. AMO – For your Information Bulletins

i) Deadline for submissions The Peter J Marshall Municipal Innovative Awards

ii) AMO says social housing funding announcement is a partial answer

i) MMA News Release – Province provides new funding for social housing

j. MFOA – standing committee on Municipal Finance Policy

k. Ministry of Citizenship announcing the Community Action Awards for 2001 and designating June as “Seniors Month”

l. Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation – The Syl Apps Awards of Excellence nominations extended to June 8<sup>th</sup>.

m. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada – National Aboriginal Day June 21<sup>st</sup>

n. Ener Connect Update

MCLACHLAN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence package a-n dated April 17, 2001 be accepted.

CARRIED

### **IN CAMERA**

MCLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does now go into In Camera Meeting at 10:20 p.m.

CARRIED

JOHNSTON-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council now returns  
to regular meeting at 11:10 p.m.  
CARRIED

Council returned to regular session, and the following recommendations were  
accepted.

**SWIMMING POOL ENCLOSURES**

COUTTS-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council follow recommendations  
1 and 4 on swimming pool enclosures as presented by  
Vic Stellingwerff.  
CARRIED

1. Let the newsletter be the only written notice
2. Over the next year, undertake an amalgamation of all of the pool By-laws,  
seek legal council pertaining to the inclusion of a clause that “all pools must  
comply, regardless of date erected/installed”

**UNION NEGOTIATOR**

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approach C.Micallef to  
attend a meeting with Council as soon as possible.  
CARRIED

A meeting is to be arranged as soon as possible.

**PROPERTY SALE**

CONLIN-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize McLean and  
Mitchell to handle a tax sale for \$200.00 plus advertising.  
CARRIED

**CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

JOHNSTON-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #34 of 2001 being  
a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council  
of the Municipality of North Middlesex at meeting  
held on April 17, 2001.  
CARRIED

MCLACHLAN-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of North Middlesex  
do now adjourn to meet again on May 7, 2001.  
CARRIED

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MAYOR

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ADMINISTRATOR