

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Tuesday April 2, 2013 in the Council Chambers with a quorum present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Don Shipway
Deputy Mayor Chuck Hall
Councillor Ward One – Doreen McLinchey
Councillor Ward Two – Brian Ropp
Councillor Ward Three – Gord Moir
Councillor Ward Four- Andrew Hemming
Councillor Ward Five – Adrian Cornelissen
CAO Linda Creaghe
Clerk – Jackie Tiedeman

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. MINUTES

MOIR/HEMMING: That the following minutes be hereby accepted as presented:
March 18, 2013 Regular
CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

None

6. DELEGATIONS

7:00 p.m. – Don Burgess, member representative from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture was present to speak with Council regarding the substantial increase of assessment for farmland and the possibility of approaching the County regarding reducing the 25% of residential tax rate that farmers currently pay on through their tax bills. Mr. Burgess indicated he is visiting all councils in Middlesex and Lambton County in hopes of gaining support locally before attending at the County Council level. He understands this will not change any tax rates for the current year but hopefully can be considered for 2014.

7:20 p.m. – Inspector Tony Cristilli and Police Services Board Chair Paul Hodgins attended council to provide an overview of activities in the past year as well as upcoming this year. Mr. Hodgins introduced the new community member that was appointed to the Board, Mrs. Jackie Wells, which replaced Marion Robinson. Mrs. Robinson was thanked for her time and input while on this committee. Inspector Cristilli advised that the 5 year contract will expire in December 2013. He understands the Mayors and CAO of the municipalities served by the Middlesex Police Services Group will be part of the negotiation team and he thought this was a good approach. He suggested that the service delivery document would be a good review for those participating in this process. He then provided statistical incident information for North Middlesex . A business

plan was produced by examining this statistical information which then would focus on areas of concern such as property crimes and collisions. Suggestion of ways to achieve goals of reducing these incidents are discussed with the individual municipalities as part of this business plan process. Inspector Cristilli also reported that a feedback survey was conducted throughout the area served and positive feedback of the policing services was reported. This will be done again in 2014. He also reported on the activities of the auxiliary unit which assists the OPP as well as attends community events. The re-opening of the community policing office in Parkhill seems to be well utilized.

7. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

- a. Report containing the compilation of bills and accounts to March 14/2013.

HALL/MCLINCHEY: That the following bills and accounts be approved for payment:
General \$ 355,506.71

CARRIED

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a) Treasurer – Report regarding an Amendment to CIBC Banking agreement

Recommendation: Council authorizes the Treasurer to proceed with this commercial and industrial tax rebate for 2012 for 39 54 042 010 163 00 0000.

ROPP/MOIR: That the report and recommendation be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Recreation Committee Minutes – March 21, 2013

Clarification on the recommendation to extend the seasonal part-time position was requested. The Recreation Manager indicated that extension of the part time position from 7 months to 12 months would be on a trial basis for 5 months. A review will be done in September time with a recommendation on how to proceed. Also, the revised municipal alcohol policy was provided. It was stressed that this is not a new policy but revisions made to an existing policy that has not been updated for a few years. Mayor Shipway requested clarification stating that by approving the new alcohol policy that the municipality is not approving a permanent liquor licence. Mr. Nickles replied that a report on a permanent liquor licence will come to council separately.

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That the minutes and recommendations contained within as well as the revised Alcohol Policy be hereby accepted.
CARRIED

- b) Economic Development Committee Meeting – March 21, 2013

Deputy Mayor Hall reported that due to the changeover in the Ministries that the SCOR information is slow to come in. He is still working on his presentation for both the County and this council.

Concerns were expressed by Councillor Cornelissen with respect to the role of the EDC Committee and in particular the school and medical discussions. He indicated that according to the strategic plan for the municipality that these two directives are not within that EDC committee mandate and separate committee's

should be established by council for pursuing these matters. Deputy Mayor Hall disagreed with Councillor Cornelissen's interpretation of the directives within the strategic plan and felt the school and medical are areas critical to economic development for North Middlesex. Councillor McLinchey then questioned the EDC committee discussing the electric vehicle and the potential purchase of the vehicle by the municipality. Deputy Mayor Hall clarified that there was two components to this discussion and that the minutes could have been worded differently to reflect both discussions. Suggestions were made that the minutes should be amended to reflect the clarification, however, this would have to be done by the Committee and not Council.

Upon further discussion a motion was then put on the table

CORNELISSEN: That Council decline to accept the minutes as presented.

The motion failed due to lack of a seconder on the motion.

MCLINCHEY/CORNELISSEN: That the minutes be tabled for further clarification at the visioning session of council.

CARRIED

The CAO and Clerk reminded Council that they cannot change a committee's minutes.

- c) ABCA Minutes Feb 21 and General Managers Report dated March 21, 2013.

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That the minutes be received and filed

CARRIED

- d) BWRA meeting highlights March 2013

ROPP/HEMMING: That the minutes be received and filed.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Middlesex Municipal Association Annual Meeting – April 25 (action: please advise Clerk of attendance by April 16)
- b) Invitation to Accessibility Advisory Committee Forum 2013 (action: receive and file – municipal co-ordinator hired through County)
- c) MPAC – 2014 Enumeration Activities and notice of new deadline change for Ward/Poll Changes prior to January 14 (action: file for future reference for 2014 election)
- d) Environment Canada – consultation on the proposed recovery strategy for the Eastern Flowering Dogwood in Canada and Recovery Strategy for the False Hop Sedge (action: receive and file)
- e) Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System –Briefing Note –Twinning Project

Mayor Shipway indicated that there would be low water in Carlisle in the next day or so due to the Twinning Pipeline project by Lake Huron Water and wondered about notification to the ratepayers in the area. There was indication that a letter was sent out from our water department about this matter.

- f) Notices regarding planning applications from neighbouring municipality: Huron County – proposed consent for surplus farm dwelling severance (action: no concerns noted from planner – receive and file)

- g) Citizen Concern on lagoon system information and development in Parkhill (action: receive and file)

A letter of response will be sent to Mr. Pollock

- h) Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency – livestock guardian dogs(action: receive and file for future reference when considering amending dog by-law)
- i) City of London – Community Archives Project Meeting (action: receive and file)
- j) Crest Centre Support Services – request for donation towards silent auction (action: receive and send municipal flag)

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: That the correspondence package a-j and actions as presented be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Bluewater Recycling Association: Direction to representative or Association on municipalities vote on enclosed motion to change provision 7 (d) of the previously amended Letters Patent pertaining to dissolution of the corporation.

MOIR/ROPP: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby directs our representative, Andrew Hemming, to vote in favour of the proposed change to provision 7 (d) of the Letters Patent as provided in motion dated March 22, 2013.

CARRIED

Council also asked Councillor Hemming to inquire into why two members of the Board voted against the motion.

- b) Request from 1st Hussars, Canadian Forces Primary Reserve regiment, to have the use of the West Williams facility (parking lot, one soccer field and the washrooms) Saturday April 20, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to April 21 at 2:00 p.m. at no charge.

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That the request from the Canadian Forces be approved.

CARRIED

Additional Items for consideration:

- c) New Guards Rails for drain on Main Street, Parkhill

Councillor McLinchey reported that the Parkhill Hydro Proceeds Committee are interested in funding new replacement guard rails for both sides of Main Street by the Cameron Gillies Drain in Parkhill. She would like consent from Council to proceed with obtaining Request for Proposals for this project.

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That Council approve in principle the drawing for the replacement guard rails in Parkhill and that this be funded through the Parkhill Hydro Proceeds Committee as suggested from Councillor McLinchey.

CARRIED

- d) New Multi-Service Administration Building

Several comments and questions were made by council on the new building plans. It was decided that Spriet Associate be invited to a meeting on April 8th at 5:00 p.m., so that Council could relay directly their suggestions.

- e) CAO, Linda Creaghe, provided clarification to council on the matter of the water and sewer rate implementation process. It has been determined that water rate is mandated and must be included in the financial plan. At the Public Open Houses it was revealed by the Consultant that the sewer rate was in fact not mandated and that was not how council and staff were led to believe. Now that it has been clarified that the sewer rates do not have to be implemented at the same time, it was suggested that we move forward with the water rates as provided by Hemson Consulting as the rate is correct. In the meantime staff, along with the municipal auditors who have agreed to provide a review, can properly assess the sewer expenditures and present their findings to council prior to scheduling another public meeting. Council agreed that this should occur in the very near future.

Mayor Shipway requested a date be set for the Vision Session as discussed earlier in the meeting. A tentative date of May 11, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. was set. CAO, Linda Creaghe, requested Council to send her their ideas for this meeting.

12. IN CAMERA

n/a

13. RISE AND REPORT

n/s

14. READING OF BY-LAWS

- a) By-Law #14 of 2013 – Confirming By-law

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That By-law #14 of 2013 be read a first and second time.
CARRIED

HALL/MOIR: That By-law #14 of 2013 be read a third and final time.
CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: that the meeting adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK