

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

A Special Meeting of Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Monday, April 8, 2013 in the Council Chambers with a quorum present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the new building plans with the engineer as well as presentation of the second draft of the 2013 municipal budget.

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

Also present: Treasurer Chuck Daigle, Finance Co-ordinator Martha Gawley, Public Works Manager Brad Davies, Water/Sewer/Drainage Manager Glen Bullock, Recreation Manager Scott Nickles, Fire Chiefs Talo Tamminga and Scott Jones

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None at this time

4. 5:00 p.m. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NEW BUILDING PLANS

Kevin from Spriet Associates was present to provide a 3D coloured version of the proposed new multi-service building. Several questions and suggestions were made. Based upon these suggestions, Spriets were asked to come back to the next regular meeting on April 15th at 7:00 p.m. to present some additional revised drawings.

5. 7:00 p.m. PRESENTATION OF SECOND DRAFT OF BUDGET

Treasurer Chuck Daigle provided an update to Council on changes that were made to the various departments, based upon direction from council, since the first draft presented in February. Each Department Manager then gave details of the adjustments.

Administration:

\$ 10,000 reduction in grants
\$ 10,000 reduction in insurance premiums
\$200,000 reduction in claims based on the settlement that was reached
\$ 5,000 reduction to capital transfer
\$225,000 total reduction in Administration

Fire Department:

\$8,493.00 addition to Transfers to other Boards (Lambton Shores Fire Board)
\$1,900.00 reduction of transfer to North Midd Firefighters Assoc.
\$1,900.00 reduction of transfer to Ailsa Craig Firefighters Assoc.

\$4,325.00 reduction to Equipment Purchase-non capital (Parkhill Station)
\$1,000 reduction to radio licences and repairs (Ailsa Craig Station)
\$1,724 reduction to Equipment purchases-non capital (Ailsa Craig Station)
\$2,356.00 total reduction to Fire Services

Mayor Shipway indicated that the OPP have approached the municipality regarding the possibility of having another community policing office in the Ailsa Craig area. More information will come back to council following an upcoming meeting on this matter. Treasurer Daigle indicated that if this was to occur that there is room in the working reserve to accommodate this additional expense.

Works Department:

\$20,000 reduction to Bridge Maintenance
\$10,000 reduction to Ditching
\$5,000 reduction to Hardtop Maint. Shouldering
\$35,000 overall reduction to Works Dept.

Councillor Cornelissen asked Mr. Davies about his intention with the proposed part time staff and how this position would affect his repair and maintenance budget. Mr. Davies replied that he is not looking for a licenced mechanic but someone with experience in maintaining large trucks and equipment. He felt over time this should have a positive effect on this portion of his budget. Mayor Shipway also requested clarification on the fuel tender process. Mr. Davies replied the he will be pursuing this shortly. Mayor Shipway also questioned the street light replacement program and Mr. Davies replied that this project was under the Capital Budget.

Waste, Recycling and Cemetery – no changes from 1st proposed budget

Recreation Department:

\$ 5,000 reduction to legal
\$10,000 reduction to engineering
\$15,000 overall reduction to Recreation Dept

Mr. Nickles reiterated that a review of the extension of his part-time seasonal position will be evaluated in five months with a report to follow. Also, Mr. Nickles advised that he had received a firmer estimate pertaining to the arena floor replacement capital project which is estimated to be \$420,000 as opposed to \$500,000.

Planning, Economic Development, Drainage Department:
No changes from first proposal

Councillor Cornelissen requested clarification that the EDC budget contained a provision for the sustainability study. Deputy Mayor Hall replied that it did.

Treasurer Daigle then reported that the proposed changes to the second draft budget resulted in a reduction of -29.91% to the 2012 tax rate. Council was then asked to review the Priority #1 Capital Projects as presented. If these projects proceeded this year, the impact to the 2012 tax rate would change to -7.76%. After careful consideration and taking into account the increase to the 2013 assessment from MPAC, the need for continuing the program of proceeding with several capital projects throughout the municipality, upcoming water rate increases and potentially sewer rate increases, council indicated that they would like to see an end result of -2% decrease to the 2012 tax rate. This would allow all priority #1 projects to be done and \$284,000 directed to reserves to help offset water/sewer issues or special projects that may arise during the year.

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That Council approve the 2013 Budget based on a 2% decrease on the 2012 Tax Rate.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the meeting adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK