

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday April 9, 2014 in the Council Chambers, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill with a quorum present.

Council gathered early for an informal meeting with The First Ailsa Craig Guides and Pathfinders to learn more about municipal government.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Don Shipway
Deputy Mayor Chuck Hall - ABSENT
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 OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ROPP/MOIR: That the Budget Meeting Minutes dated March 13, 2014 and Regular Meeting Minutes dated March 19, 2014 be hereby accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.. PUBLIC MEETING - 7:00 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That the regular meeting adjourn to COA at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Regular meeting resumed following the planning portion of the agenda

Planner Barbara Rosser then provided an overview of changes to the Provincial Policy Statement as follows:

- The Planning Act legislative context was reviewed in particular Section 2 which sets out matters of provincial interest and Section 3 which deals with policy statements. All decisions of provincial ministries and agencies, upper tier and lower tier municipalities are to be consistent with provincial policy statements. No provincial plans apply to North Middlesex at the current time;
- The chronology of provincial policy statements was reviewed starting in the 1980s when there were individual policy statements through the 1996, 2005 and 2014 Provincial Policy Statements;
- Concerning the PPS 2014, there are five main themes: 1. Bolstering the economy and employment; 2. Responding to northern and rural communities; 3. Protecting the environment and managing resources; 4. Promoting healthy and active communities; 5. Promoting coordination and integration and supporting implementation.
- To assist in implementation, northern and rural primers are to be developed with the rural primer now available in draft form;
- Aspects of the new PPS relevant to NM were highlighted including the new section of rural policies and clarification of the types of uses that may occur on rural lands. In addition, the new PPS allows for less complex studies for a comprehensive review to support small settlement area expansions and employment area conversions. Infill and minor rounding out in settlement areas on partial or private services is allowed and the five lot limit for development on private servicing is removed. Under Agriculture, more on-farm diversified uses are permitted with more flexibility for larger agriculture-related uses to service the broader farming community.
- It was noted that there is now an Aboriginal policy area.
- A map from the rural primer illustrating the Rural Area vs Rural Lands concept. Rural Lands are areas found outside of rural settlement areas and prime agricultural areas. Natural heritage features may also apply as an overlay. Under the new PPS, some additional uses (management or use of resources, resource-based recreational uses including dwellings, limited residential development, home occupations and home industries, cemeteries and other rural land uses) are permitted. A map showing soil classes in North Middlesex was illustrated indicating that the majority of soils are Classes 1 – 3 and, therefore, prime agricultural areas.
- The effective date of the new PPS is April 30, 2014 and there is no grandfathering under the PPS 2005 of planning applications in process.

6. DELEGATIONS - 7:30 p.m. Gary Eagleson- Presentation of Sustainability Plan

Mr. Eagleson and Mr. Rich were present to provide an overview of the Draft Sustainability Plan they were hired to prepare. The preparation of the plan by the Municipality was necessary as the Federal Government and Province of Ontario entered into an agreement where funds equivalent to a portion of the federal excise tax on municipalities would be transferred to municipalities to help fund capital projects related to sustainability. One condition of the Gas Tax Agreement is that each municipality prepares an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP). An Integrated Community Sustainability Plan is a long term plan, developed in consultation with staff and community members, which provides direction for the community to realize agreeable sustainability objectives it has for the cultural, economic, environmental and social pillars.

Council concurred that it would be beneficial to refer this document to the EDC Committee for an in depth review. All of Council are encouraged to attend this special meeting. The process would then be that the EDC Committee bring back a Report to Council with a recommendation on acceptance or required changes to the document for council consideration.

7. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

- a) Report on the compilation of the bills and accounts for the period of March 13, 2014 until April 2, 2014

MOIR/CORNELISSEN: That the following bills and accounts be approved for payment:

General	\$518,599.47
Hydro One	\$ 1,291.32

CARRIED

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a) Report from Clerk Jackie Tiedeman – Request for membership Tourism Middlesex

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That Council authorize the request for membership in the amount of \$750.00 for 2014/2015

CARRIED

Report from Clerk Jackie Tiedeman – Establish Compliance Audit Committee

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the report be accepted and that Council consider passage of By-law #16 of 2014, to appoint a Compliance Audit Committee.

CARRIED

b) Report from Treasurer Chuck Daigle – Application for Funding for Municipal Website

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That staff be directed to apply for funding and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into the necessary agreement if funding is approved.

CARRIED

Report from Treasurer Chuck Daigle – OPP Year End Reconciliation of Costs

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: That Council accept the report and that staff be directed to place the year end credit of approximately \$40,000 into the policing reserve.

CARRIED

Report from Treasurer Chuck Daigle – Tax Arrears – Dec.31,2013 and Tax Registrations for 2014.

ROPP/MOIR: That Council accept the report and direct staff to proceed with the registration of the five properties

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2014

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: That the minutes be received and filed

CARRIED

b) Fire Committee Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2014

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: That the minutes be received and filed

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Nextera Energy – Adelaide Wind Energy Centre – Notice of Change (receive and file)
- b. Thank you Card from Scott MacKichan (receive and file)
- c. ABCA Board of Directors Meeting past minutes February 20, 2014 and General Managers Report (receive and file)
- d. ABCA recognition of Mayor Shipway's six years on the ABCA Board of Directors –tree planting (receive and file)
- e. Service Ontario – Service Provider Bulletin regarding the mandatory conversions of Red & White health cards to photo health cards (receive and file)
- f. MPAC News – March 31, 2014 Launch of Voter Lookup.ca (receive and file)
- g. AMO Breaking News – New Accountability and Transparency Act for Broader Public Sector with proposed new requirements to be imposed on municipal governments (receive and ongoing monitor)
- h. Copy of a letter received from the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services in response to a meeting with Mayor John Lessif regarding the same concerns expressed by SCOR on the OPP New billing model in 2015 (receive and file)
- i. News release from SCOR Food Hub (receive and post to EDC link on website)

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That correspondence (a-i) be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

- j. AMO Conference Registration now open (on hold until full conference agenda is released)
- k. Middlesex County Invitation to Municipal Day – Councillor McLinchey, Councillor Ropp, Councillor Cornelissen and Mayor Shipway advised they would be attending.
- l. Invitation to Symposium on Integrated Service Delivery for realigning and repurposing school space – Mayor Shipway and Deputy Mayor Hall have requested to be registered for the workshop.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Request for Council support from the Regional Municipality of Niagara regarding the recently released Provincial Long Term Energy Plan

MOIR/CORNELISSEN: The council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the following motion:

“WHEREAS the province’s recently released Long Term Energy Plan anticipates that consumers will face hydro rates that will rise by 42% over the next five (5) years;

WHEREAS the Minister of Energy recently announced that past FIT prices are driving electricity prices higher and that changes to domestic content requirements for construction of future renewable energy projects are necessary to lower future electricity rates;

WHEREAS the recent auditor-general’s report advised of extreme amounts of waste in the energy sector, particularly at Ontario Power Generation and Hydro One, due to high labour costs and generous public sector pension plans;

WHEREAS decisions including but not limited to the cancellation of gas plants in Ontario could cost taxpayers close to \$1.1 billion;

WHEREAS it is essential for the residents and businesses of Niagara to have access to affordable hydro to thrive and prosper;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara CALL ON Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to prevent these and any other rate increases from being implemented; and

That this motion BE CIRCULATED to all Ontario municipalities for support”
CARRIED

- b. Request for Council support from the Township of Carlow/Mayo regarding the OPP New Billing Model in 2015.

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the motion from the Township of Carlow/Mayo as follows:

“ WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police are proposing a new billing model for charging municipalities for policing services in 2015;

AND WHEREAS the current billing model is a deployment model in which cost recovery is based on percentage of detachment workload, actual detachment staffing levels, wages and benefits and a cost recovery component for other expenditures, which model has been in place for over 15 years;

AND WHEREAS the new methodology would charge each municipality a flat \$260.00 per household fee for the base costs related to providing police services, plus a variable charge for each call for service in that municipality. The rationale

for this is that there is a based fixed cost for providing police services that must be borne by all participating municipalities, regardless of the number of calls for service that the OPP responds to in each municipality. The OPP have advised that 73% of their costs are fixed (i.e. base costs) and 27% are variable;

AND WHEREAS the actual specifics of the cost for the calls for service have not be released or calculated, the OPP has estimated that the average cost per household in Ontario for policing services , including both the base cost and the calls for service, would be approximately \$369.00;

AND WHEREAS, this model would see the OPP costs for Carlow/Mayo Township from \$97,654.00 (per 2012 FIR) to \$244,647.00, an increase of \$146,993.00 for 150.5%;

AND WHEREAS this model is fundamentally flawed, unfair and inequitable and further that the Province of Ontario and Premier Wynne be advised that one billing model does not fit all municipalities.

AND WHEREAS the Township of Carlow/Mayo is populated with 80% seniors with fixed incomes and 50% crown land therefore calls for OPP service are at a minimum.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario and Premier Wynne cannot allow this type of unfair treatment towards rural Ontario and all municipalities with large senior populations and that this funding model be scrapped immediately and replaced with a proposal that deals directly with lowering the high cost of policing in Ontario.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services, The Honourable John Gerretsen, Attorney General of Ontario, Todd Smith, MPP, Prince Edward-Hastings, County of Hastings, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all rural Ontario municipalities with a permanent population of 10,000 or less, Canadian Association of Retired Person (CARP)."

CARRIED

CAO, Linda Creaghe, advised Council that the Treasurer is still looking into the matter of being able to charge back calls to the OPP to high users of their service as opposed to all tax payers paying for it through the general levy.

Clerk Jackie Tiedeman advised Council that Service Ontario has officially provided their approval of the amended hours which will be effective April 28th. She also advised Council that a request for 175 municipal pins was received from Jeff McGee, Tournament Director for Silver Stick. Council approved the request for pins.

Mayor Shipway advised that he had attended a recent site meeting with the Ailsa Craig Foodbank and the County of Middlesex. Clerk Jackie Tiedeman replied that an application for minor variance was applied for by the Foodbank and based up agency comments requested that their hearing on the application be deferred until they had an opportunity to meet with the County about their concerns. The application will be coming back to the COA in the near future for consideration.

12. IN CAMERA

MOIR/HEMMING: That regular meeting adjourn to In Camera at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing and approving past minutes.

CARRIED

13. RISE AND REPORT

Council rose with no report at 9:00 p.m.

14. READING OF BY-LAWS

- a. By-law #16 of 2014 – Appoint Compliance Audit Committee
- b. By-law #17 of 2014 – Confirming

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That By-law #16 & 17 of 2014 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: That By-law #16 & 17 of 2014 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

ROPP/MOIR: That the meeting adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK