

MINUTES

The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex met in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. on August 13, 2001 for their regular committee meeting.

Those present were: MAYOR CHUCK HALL
DEPUTY MAYOR IAN BREBNER
COUNCILLOR WARD 1 – MARYSIA COUTTS
COUNCILLOR WARD 2 – KEN JOHNSTON
COUNCILLOR WARD 4 – LAWRENCE McLACHLAN
COUNCILLOR WARD 5 – LUCY HENDRIKX
ADMINISTRATOR – SHIRLEY SCOTT
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINT. – JOE ADAMS

Absent – COUNCILLOR WARD 3 – MICHAEL CONLIN

No pecuniary interest was declared.

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

1. The new township truck was present for Council to see.
2. Parkhill Cornfest is being celebrated this coming weekend, and the following duties will be performed in preparation: garbage pick up from Municipal property; sweeping of streets; pulling of weeds from Municipal property; and general clean up. It was suggested that extra garbage barrels be set up in the activity areas.
3. McLean Road – drainage work and tree trimming is being conducted, as well as catch basin installations and culvert extensions. A waterline was not hit during this process. Fifteen to eighteen inches below the ground in the work area, a water line burst and created a problem. The bell line was hit due to the locate from Bell being marked improperly. There are complaints of dust on McLean and McGuffin Roads. The roads also have ripples in various areas that will be addressed when we get some moisture.
4. The cost of replacement of two-inch line in McGillivray, as discussed previously, has been priced, and the estimate given previously, stands. Robinson Farm Drainage is able to act soon; Brohn was not available until the end of September; and Hayter was not available until the end of September, unless they delayed construction on the Glavin Van Hie Drain. This is not acceptable; therefore Robinson will be doing the work. In the meantime, water is being rerouted, causing murky water, but samples have been taken, and the water is safe.

North Middlesex is now producing their own quarterly reports to MOE. We have our own number.

5. Tar and Chip tender is being prepared for a small job in Parkhill, and Sylvan Road. Carlisle will not be addressed until the Fernhill improvement with culverts has been resolved. Other streets were discussed, but no direction given, at this time.
6. Construction of sidewalks was discussed. It was determined that the money planned to be used in sidewalk repair in Parkhill last year, was used in other areas by year end, therefore the job was not done, nor is the money available to do at this time. Mr. Adams advised that the cost for sidewalks is approximately \$1.37 per square foot.

7. Queen Street – Plans are to do the engineering this fall. When the costs are determined, the work will be phased in as this street is a main link for other streets.
8. A list of Municipal Road Equipment, verifying type, age, mileage and hours was reviewed. The Huron County equipment auction is scheduled for the second week in October. The value of the equipment planned for sale has been reviewed. There was a discussion, measuring pros and cons on future replacement, items to sell, joint ventures, etc. It was stated that the best efficiency, long term, would be to have a central shop. The risks involved with sharing of facilities were reviewed.

Councillor Hendrikx questioned the lack of water pressure in West Williams. Mr. Adams advised that the area in question was monitored for two days. The valves have been opened to remove the pressure restriction and provide more volume. It was stated that eventually a tower would be required to solve such problems. The volume in certain areas of East Williams and McGillivray are also being questioned.

RESERVE/RESERVE FUND ANALYSIS

A summary of the reserve and reserve funds, taken from the FIR information, was reviewed. Various figures are to be checked. In reviewing the water balances, various options were discussed in an effort to equalize all systems for balanced rates. Future rates were discussed in comparison to common rural rate. Further information is to be gathered for the August 27th meeting.

SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CHERYL AND VALERIE NORMAN

A written report regarding a meeting with Valerie and Cheryl Norman, Mayor Hall, Engineer Wm. Boussey, Joe Adams, and Shirley Scott to discuss an agreement regarding capital costs for a water and sewer line, which Valerie and Cheryl Norman paid for, was reviewed. After a thorough discussion, the following recommendation was made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT a legal agreement be drawn up with Valerie and Cheryl Norman, according to stats discussed.
CARRIED.

EAST WILLIAMS ROAD CLOSING

Administrator Scott advised that a concerned ratepayer from East Williams advised that the transaction of a registration of a closed road allowance had not been completed. Some research was done and indications were that all was complete except the by-law and finalization by the lawyer. The following recommendation was made.

BREBNER-McLACHLAN: BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT upon consultation with Ms. Cormier, that the by-law and advertising be done to complete process on Springbank Road.

CARRIED.

WEST WILLIAMS OFFICE FACILITY

Mayor Hall and Administrator Scott reported that they had discussed the lease of the West Williams facility with an interested party. An estimate of utility costs in year 2000 was discussed, and the following recommendation made.

HENDRIKX-BREBNER: BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT the West Williams facility be leased at a rate of \$600 per month, and \$150 per month for utilities.
CARRIED.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Administrator Scott advised that prices were obtained from two companies on various promotional items. These were compared, and the following recommendation made.

BREBNER-JOHNSTON: BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT 500 metal lapel pins and 500 pens be ordered for the new municipality from Holiday, and also that 50 flags be ordered from the appropriate company after proper pricing is determined.

CARRIED.

SIGNING

Council discussed the municipal signs erected throughout the rural area. It was suggested that they be left, but that "Municipality of North Middlesex" be added to the existing signs. Joe Adams is to discuss this with professionals.

Administrator Scott advised that the Lions Club is dealing with the logo signs at the edge of Parkhill.

AILSA CRAIG FIRE BOARD

Councillor Johnston reported that the Fire Committee met to discuss the reduction of the budget; accepting various auxiliary members; SCBA training service; equipment problems; and the co-operation of the London Fire Department during recent equipment failure. The following recommendation was made.

JOHNSTON-McLACHLAN: BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT Council accept fire committee recommendations to move four men from the department auxiliary to probationary fire fighters: from Ailsa Craig District, - Jason Jones and Barry Cavanaugh, and from Parkhill District, - Ivan Tamminga and Allan Dixon.

CARRIED.

LUCAN COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD

Administrator Scott presented information of the costs for the last few years. She advised that committee member Wes Hodgson would be present at the September meeting.

ABCA INFORMATION SESSION ON BATS

Council reviewed the offer for ABCA, North Middlesex and the Health Unit to co-host an information session regarding bats. They agreed that this would be useful, and arrangements are to be made for late August or early September.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR