

MINUTES

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

Those present were: MAYOR CHUCK HALL
DEPUTY MAYOR IAN BREBNER
COUNCILLOR WARD 1 – MARYSIA COUTTS
COUNCILLOR WARD 2 – KEN JOHNSTON
COUNCILLOR WARD 3 – MICHAEL CONLIN
COUNCILLOR WARD 4 – LAWRENCE McLACHLAN
COUNCILLOR WARD 5 – LUCY HENDRIKX
ADMINISTRATOR – SHIRLEY SCOTT
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT– JOE ADAMS

Kate Vandeven with Middlesex Banner was also present.

No pecuniary interest was declared.

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed, and the following motion made.

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting minutes dated July 16, 2001, budget meeting and minutes dated July 30, 2001, be approved, and the June 6, 2001 West Williams Community Centre Meeting minutes and June 25th Lucan Community Centre Meeting minutes be received and filed.

CARRIED

Councillor Hendrikx advised that the West Williams History Club was covering some of the costs for Canada Day. It was requested that North Middlesex cover the cost of the fireworks. This was considered, and the following motion made.

HENDRIKX-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council pay the bill for fireworks at West Williams July 1 celebration and when the grant comes in, it will stay in the Municipal account.

CARRIED.

The Lucan Community Centre minutes were received, as a report. There were questions asked, and it was suggested that the board member be requested to attend a meeting in the near future. Council discussed their manner of deficit budgeting. It was suggested that an offer for buy out be made, when the FIR for 2000 is received.

ACCOUNTS

The accounts were reviewed, and the following motion made.

JOHNSTON-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment of accounts in the amount of \$647,393.31 be approved, with the payment to Ramona Nordemann being held.

CARRIED.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT ACT

Deputy Mayor Brebner, Planner Barb Rosser and Administrator Shirley Scott attended an information session on the proposed Nutrient Management Act, on July 26, 2001. The information collected was considered, and Council concerns are to be submitted by August 14th to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs by Barb Rosser and Shirley Scott. Council concerns included implication of residential use of chemicals as well as rural use; importance of both MOE and OMAFRA authorities being involved if both septic and nutrient control is being considered; and impact of chemical use on road system.

POLICIES

Due to a survey that we took part in with Thames Centre, a report regarding the results of a survey on proclamations and financial requests was reviewed. Council agreed that the recommendation on financial requests be adopted, being that:

- all financial donations and grant requests should be considered having regard for current budget.
 - no contributions will be considered unless specifically authorized by policy:
- a) organizations and/or charities that are in a position to issue tax receipts shall not be considered for a donation or grant. Examples of these types of organizations are Muscular Dystrophy, Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the Salvation Army
 - b) organizations that may be outside the municipality but are more County of Middlesex organizations and that represent or service a special interest group shall not be considered for a donation or grant. Examples of this type of organization is the Middlesex Plowmen's Association.
 - c) One time special requests for assistance will be dealt with on an individual basis. Examples of these types of requests would be flood and ice storm disaster relief requests either locally or on a broader scope.
 - d) Local requests are divided into the following areas:
 - i) school awards – council will provide elementary and secondary school awards
 - ii) there will be no financial consideration for requests for local recreation groups.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting adjourn to Committee of Adjustment.

CARRIED.

Council re-convened following the committee of adjustment meeting.

Later in the meeting, Council reviewed their policy on gifts and memorial donations. It is to be added that committee members receive a card when hospitalized.

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

- A written report from the Fire Chief was reviewed, advising that:
- A firefighter suffered an injury while responding to a fire call recently.
 - Equipment repairs have been conducted. Due to the shortage of equipment, equipment was on loan from London Fire Department for approximately three days.
 - uniform radio programming has been completed.
 - both stations have selected auxiliary fire fighters to probationary fire fighters.

JOHNSTON-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report by Fire Chief Steve Clemens be accepted.
CARRIED.

A written report from the Chief Building Inspector, indicating that twenty eight building permits were issued for a construction value of \$836,077 was reviewed. The following motion was made.

McLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report by Chief Building Inspector, Vic Stellingwerf, be accepted.
CARRIED.

2000 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Those financial reports that have been submitted to date were reviewed, and the following motion made.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial report for 2000 for the former Township of McGillivray, former Village of Ailsa Craig, and former Township of East Williams and Ailsa Craig Fire Board, be accepted.
CARRIED.

GOODING BUILDING ENCROACHMENT

Correspondence was received from Walden & Walden, regarding the estate of Leona Irene Gooding and the encroachment of the metal clad building located into the northern portion of Front Street, was discussed. Mr. Walden requested options from Council of:

- a) have the entire portion of Front Street closed and convey to the property to the north, or
- b) enter into an encroachment agreement for the portion of the building into the Front Street road allowance, or
- c) sell sufficient lands to permit the encroachment portion of the building to be located on its own lands conveyed by the municipality, in order to comply with the setback regulations

The Planner and Public Road Superintendent were consulted, and the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of North Middlesex does not wish to close Front Street and therefore the metal clad shed should be removed from municipal property by the estate of Mrs. Gooding at their earliest convenience, certainly no more than six months. We are definitely not in agreement with any encroachment agreement.
CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORK MANAGERS REPORT

Public Work Manager, Joe Adams reported that a property owner abutting CNR lands has requested a weed clean up. An estimate of costs conducting the clean up by means of manpower, or by rotary equipment was reviewed, and the following motion made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Roads Department be asked to clean up the weeds along CNR right of way, owned by the municipality, in Parkhill, and that in the future weed control be looked into.
CARRIED.

Future weed issues are to be directed to the County Weed Inspector.

Joe Adams then reported that water volume and pressure problems were being reported, and should be addressed. Presently there is 2" pipe in the water feeder system, which should be replaced with 4" to keep up with capability of supply, in an area in McGillivray. The repair was discussed, and the following motion made.

CONLIN-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the water department do a repair to water lines from a 2" to a 4" line in McGillivray, for a total distance of 8,833 feet; and that quotes be obtained to receive a fair price.

CARRIED

The other project is awaiting Certificate of Approval. The tender is written and will be circulated subject to Toronto approval. Council made the following motion.

HENDRIKX-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council call for tenders for a new waterline extension along Denfield Road and a Centre Road connection pending certificate of approval from MOE on each.

CARRIED

Councillor Johnston asked for a report at the next meeting on excess funds in the water department.

Mr. Adams continued to report that culvert work was started on McLean Road; drainage work is continuing on Poplar Hill Road; there are twelve culverts on hand to be put in; and a municipal drain issue is being addressed in West Williams.

LUCAN COMMUNITY CENTRE 2001 BUDGET

A letter requesting approval of year end deficit budget, North Middlesex portion being \$4,430, was discussed. Council did not approve of a deficit budget program. It was suggested that committee member Wes Hodgson be invited to the next meeting. Councillor Conlin suggested that we move forward for the buy out. Figures are to be brought forth for discussion. The following motion was then made.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of North Middlesex receives the budget of the Lucan Community Centre for 2001 with the share for North Middlesex being \$4,430, and requests further clarification from its representative on the Board.
Carried.

LIBRARY DEFICIENCIES

A memo from Librarian Karen Waters was reviewed, suggesting that as a result of a tour of the Library, they noted that the carpet was discoloured and needs cleaning. It was also mentioned that paint on the west wall was cracked, caused by a water leak. Joe Adams reported that an earlier inspection, brought forth a recommendation that the chimney be eliminated and eavestrough be replaced to correct the leak. Deputy Mayor Brebner advised that the Board were meeting to discuss library matters in the near future. A report would be brought forth at that time.

LIFE SCIENCE INVENTORY – NATURAL HERITAGE STUDY

A letter from ABCA, requesting consent to access property owned by the municipality, was reviewed. The property contains natural forest and wetland features. Staff are required to make site visits throughout the summer. After Council consideration, the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex grant the request for access to property for Life Science Inventory for the upper Thames River Conservation Authority.

CARRIED.

JOHN STREET EXTENSION

Shirley Scott reported that a title search conducted by Archibald Gray & McKay revealed that a reference plan was on title since 1995. Part 9 of the reference plan appeared to be appropriate for the requirements of street opening. Further procedures are to be carried out.

ARTIFACTS FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A request was made by the Ailsa Craig and District Historical Society requesting articles from the former municipalities of West Williams and Parkhill. They are particularly interested in the corporate seal, but anything would be acceptable. Other municipalities have already contributed. The following motion was then made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the artifacts from former municipalities be on loan to the Ailsa Craig and District Historical Society but the municipality will retain ownership.

CARRIED.

OMERS

The by-law regarding OMERS coverage is to be written for full time employees only.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Council reviewed a letter from Dunlop Sales and Service, regarding the recent purchase of an industrial lawn mower. Public Works Superintendent Joe Adams reported that he had purchased the used lawn mower, quickly because of the availability and the need. The particular unit was chosen due to timing, quality and money. A new unit would have been \$9,500, and this unit was purchased for \$5,700, including taxes, with 90 days warranty and an extra set of blades. The machine has had one year of use and has only 126 hours on it. Council agreed that it was a good deal.

GRANNY FLAT

A report from Vic Stellingwerff, Building Inspector, after a site visit, indicated that the installation of a travel trailer at the rear of a property, to be used as a granny flat, pointed out several problems. The property is within ABCA floodplain fill line; zoning only allows for single unit detached dwellings – outside storage of travel trailers is not permitted other than in the driveway; building code designates travel trailers as seasonal units, not year round; and there is not enough land area for the required septic systems. The applicant has been given this report.

TREASURER SIGNING AUTHORITY

JOHNSTON-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Treasurer, Chuck Daigle be given signing authority for cheques.
CARRIED.

ASSESSMENT 442 POWER

McLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of North Middlesex agrees to pass a by-law delegating to the ARB the powers of Council under Section 442 and 444 of the Municipal Act.
CARRIED.

Councillor McLachlan then declared a pecuniary interest.

SITE PLAN APPROVAL

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #58 of 2001 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between Jacob Arie Lagerwerf and Bessie May Lagerwerf and the Municipality of North Middlesex be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 7th day of August 2001.
CARRIED.

2001 TAX RATES

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #59 of 2001 being a by-law for the adoption of the 2001 levy and to further provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2001 be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 7th day of August 2001 with the changes in rates on 2(b) and changes to 7(b) as discussed.
CARRIED.

TILE DRAIN LOAN APPLICATION

BREBNER-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT a tile drain loan application for Concession 19 Lot 4 former West Williams, be adopted.
CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and filed

1. Susan Cook – Four Seasons Accessories & Gifts – Thank you.
2. MMA & AMO – 2001 Southwestern Regional Conference November 16, in London
3. Thames Valley District Health Council – results April 25, 2001 Operating and Service Plan Consultation Session
4. Northwest Middlesex Multi-Service Centre – thank you for donation towards counseling services.
5. Municipality of Chatham Kent – Media release regarding the passing of Mayor William Erickson
6. Pincombe Family – thank you for floral tribute
7. MMA – advising of the Innovative Service Delivery Links
8. Albert Bannister – thank you for the presentation at the Golf Day
9. Strathroy Sno Blizzards Snowmobile Club – 16th annual Free Pig Roast, Sat. Aug. 11

10. Bell Canada – advising of long distance calls being intercepted from Sept 24 with a message reminding to add “1” or “0” plus area code
11. Toronto Environmental Alliance - regarding Bill 90
12. OSTAR bulletin
13. Marcel Beaubien, MPP, acknowledging receipt of Council's letter re: Privatization of Ontario's Correctional Services
14. Mike Harris, Premier of Ontario , acknowledging receipt of Council's letter re: Privatization of Ontario's Correctional Services
15. Bert Johnson, MPP- acknowledging receipt of Council's letter re: Privatization of Ontario's Correctional Services
16. Insight – Seminar Sept. 17th, Toronto, re: Reducing the Risks of Provincial and Municipal Liability
17. Banner – suggesting participation in Middlesex Plus and 2001-2002 Phone Book

CONLIN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence package dated August 7, 2001 be accepted.
CARRIED.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Ian Brebner advised that the ABCA are willing to provide an information session on bats. Shirley Scott advised that we would be co-hosting with the Health Unit. We would be expected to provide the Community Centre as well as juice, coffee and donuts. He also requested that each member of Council bring forth the names for the strategic plan focus group.

Councillor Johnston advised that there was a problem with the door at the Ailsa Craig Community Centre, in that the switches do not work. He then handed in an estimate on the repair from Pedden's. He also reported that there is a street light that stays on all night. Public Works Superintendent, Joe Adams advised that there are three in Ailsa Craig, and they will be repaired.

Councillor Hendrikx advised that she told Mr. Peters that this Council will not be closing any roads. She also advised that there will be a Community Centre Board meeting next week.

COUTTS-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #60 of 2001 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 7th day of August, 2001

McLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting adjourn at 10:55 p.m.

CARRIED.

A committee meeting was scheduled for August 13, 2001, and the next regular meeting was scheduled for August 27, 2001

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR