

MINUTES

The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex met on December 17, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers for their regular meeting.

COUTTS-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ian Brebner assume the Chair until Mayor Hall enters the meeting.

CARRIED

Those present were :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 SUPT. – JOE ADAMS

Also present was John Kennedy, a representative from Marshall Macklin Monaghan which is a firm interested in submitting a quote on the rewriting of our Official Plan and Zoning By-law.

No pecuniary interest was declared.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Public Works Superintendent, Joe Adams submitted the following verbal report.

1. Backhoe tender to meet the specifications were received from CAT 420 DIT and John Deere 410G, costs including taxes being \$135,182.50 and \$134,896.44, respectively. It is recommended to Council that the tender from CAT for 420 DIT be accepted, due to the operators ease of accessibility to the controls and the bucket rotation in degrees being greater for easier loading of trucks. Two tenders that did not meet the specifications of the tender were also received. After careful consideration, the following motion was made.

CONLIN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the purchase of a CAT 420 DIT Backhoe Tractor for the total cost of \$135,182.50 including taxes and financing, 25% of which is to be paid by December 31, 2001, along with the GST in full.

CARRIED

2. A list of the landfill operations hours, with a review of the material that were acceptable, was circulated. Council accepted the recommendation and agreed that the matter was to be reviewed approximately May 2002.
3. Tree cutting is not finished. Interruption in hydro service Friday was due to a branch falling on wires, causing power interruption.
4. Handicap parking – Upon reviewing the request from the Multi Service Centre, it is recommended that two wheelchair parking locations be designated on Main Street at the former railway crossing on either side of Main Street. This recommended due to the shortest and safest route to King Street. Alternative parking recommendations could be considered in the future, when King Street is improved. Considering this recommendation, the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT appropriate steps be taken to try to obtain wheelchair access on Main Street at the former railway tracks – assuming users can then have access onto King Street at the corner of Main and King.
CARRIED

5. KMK Consulting – information is being gathered to complete the grant information required for OSTAR approval.

Mr. Johnston questioned correspondence from AMO regarding new legislation mandating move to full cost recovery for Water and Sewer. It was clarified that some areas obviously use tax dollars to operate their system. This is not applicable to North Middlesex.

CONLIN-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from KMK Consulting Limited be accepted.

CARRIED

6. Excess office furniture is being stored at the former West Williams facility. A list of this is to be compiled, reviewed, and then it will be determined whether to sell by advertising or to enter into an auction.
7. When asked about the bridge at Carlisle, it was reported that plans are to meet with Middlesex Centre this week; and then make a proposal to the County. There will be a further report at the January meeting.

PEDERSON FOLLENS DRAIN

Drainage Superintendent, Joe Adams advised that tenders closed at 3:00 p.m. on December 17, 2001. The following tenders were received:

A. G. Hayter Contracting Ltd.	19,474.00
Van Bree Drainage	17,210.35
C. Robert Robinson Contracting	16,209.43
McKenzie Henderson Ltd	13,027.25
Robinson Farm Drainage	9,844.06
Brohn Development	13,883.25
R. & S Graham Contracting Ltd.	18,677.00

Construction is not to commence until 2002. The following recommendation was accepted.

McLACHLAN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender from Robinson Farm Drainage for \$9,844.06 on Pederson Follens Drain be accepted, subject to no appeal on said drain and subject to Engineers approval.

CARRIED

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed, minor adjustments made, and the following motion made.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting minutes dated December 3, 2001 and Committee Meeting minutes dated December 10, 2001 printed and delivered to each member be accepted with a minor adjustment.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS

The accounts were reviewed and explained. The following motion was made.

COUTTS-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the attached list of accounts be approved as amended:

General	\$1,166,366.95	
Water	\$ 125,864.16	
		CARRIED

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Council reviewed the following items reported in writing and verbally.

- 1. JEPP APPLICATION: Transition Board had applied for various equipment pieces in order to equip an emergency operations center. Part of the purchases are already on hand. A decision as to whether to purchase or not is required.

Council suggested that the parts of the application that are required be purchased only. After considerable discussion, the following motion was made.

JOHNSTON-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council reconcile JEPP grant to allow for converting to generator during emergencies and purchasing new 6500 watt generator only.

CARRIED

- 2. O/S AUDITS: Entries that concern Council on the Parkhill audit are being reviewed. Treasurer Daigle is meeting with the Auditor. A letter from Gordon Hardcastle is to be obtained justifying some of the transactions made by Parkhill auditor.
- 3. Roll # 39-54-044-00203-0000 is requesting a tax break, stating that they are a charitable organization. Treasurer Daigle reviewed this matter with the Assessment Department and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. There is a possibility that they should be charged Commercial rate rather than Residential rate, which would increase their taxes, not lower
- 4. The rugs at the main office require cleaning. It was recommended that this be done at the beginning of the year.
- 5. Council were advised that the Bluewater Recycling Association will be conducting their regular pick up on Boxing Day. They will not be out on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.
- 6. County of Elgin is hosting a seminar on Employment Standards Act. It is requested that Department Heads (full time staff) and the Treasurer or Payroll Clerk be permitted to attend. Permission was granted.
- 7. Jardine Insurance called and advised that the insurance premium would be increasing 67-70%, due to events of September 11, 2001. Council considered this, and the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council call for insurance tenders as soon as possible due to an extreme rate hike, for consideration on January 21, 2002 – if possible.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence from the City of London advised that a 0% water rate increase is being maintained, the rate being \$0.251860.

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Administrators Report be accepted.

CARRIED

MTO REPORT

MTO Operator, Kathleen O'Connell submitted a written report, which indicated that the municipality's share of revenue generated for the month of November was \$1,054.92. Council accepted the report.

CBO REPORT

Chief Building Official Vic Stellingwerff submitted a written report, which indicated that estimated building costs for November were \$245,000. The following motion was then made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Building Report for the period November 1-30, 2001 be accepted.

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEETING

McLACHLAN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendations from the Committee Meeting held on December 10, 2001, be accepted, as follows:

- that Christmas trees be left at the end of the lane, staff will pick up and deposit at the Parkhill Compost Site, the Ailsa Craig flats, the Nairn intersection of Cassidy and Queen, then Bluewater will enact their chipping program.
- that \$500 loan be paid to Minor Ball Association, with clarification to be made regarding pay back
- that budget concerns of the Community Police Committees of Ailsa Craig and Parkhill be addressed in 2002 when they will be invited to address Council
- that the first draft of Strategic Plan be circulated to Department Heads and Council for review; that Fred Galloway be invited to a meeting in January to collect this input, then create second draft; which is to be presented to the public in late January early February, comments collected, and the final draft produced in February
- that the Fire Board move actively with negotiations between North Middlesex and Lambton Shores, regarding the Arkona Fire Board protection coverage in former West Williams.
- that the Satellite Office be open regular hours (8:30 – 4:30) when manned by the Main Office Staff; that the office be closed at noon on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve; and that all overtime be used up by March 31, 2002.

CARRIED.

MINOR VARIANCE FEES FOR 2002

The report from Deputy Clerk Jackie Tiedeman, regarding the minor variance application fee reduction, was reviewed. Due to the nature of the applications, and the amount of average return during the year 2001, the following motion was made.

CONLIN-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Minor Variance applications be accepted and the fee charged be set at \$750.00.

CARRIED

2002 ABCA REPRESENTATIVE

Correspondence from ABCA, requesting that the Municipal Representative on the ABCA Board be appointed, was considered, and the following motion made.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ian Brebner be appointed as representative to the ABCA Board for the 2002.

CARRIED

Later in the meeting, Mr. Brebner reported that early in 2001, the Board requested a 19% budget increase. Resistance lead to a back off, resulting in 10% increase. The Board is now requesting a 10% increase for 2002, plus \$25,000 increase to replenish reserves, which were used to operate last year. Council will be invited to a session in January to explain the budget needs.

SIGNAGE FOR OFFICES

Councillor Johnston then presented a quotation regarding signage needed for the Satellite Office. The quotation included costs for lettering at the Library site as well. He also requested copies of the logo from Pete's signs for the door. It was suggested that there were needs for the MTO Office, as well as the Main Office. Prices will be obtained, and a decision made in the New Year.

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #102 of 2001, being a By-law for the Appointment of Chief Fire Official and staff for North Middlesex, be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 17th day of December, 2001.

CARRIED.

FIRE DEPT ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING BY-LAW

CONLIN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #103 of 2001 being a By-law for the establishment and regulating the Fire Department for North Middlesex be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 17th day of December, 2001.

CARRIED.

AGREEMENT WITH KMK CONSULTING RE: WATER AND SEWER PROJECT

McLACHLAN-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #104 of 2001 being a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Municipality of North Middlesex and KMK Consultants Limited be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 17th December, 2001.

CARRIED.

FINAL READ PARKHILL STOP SIGN BY-LAW

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #97 of 2001, being a by-law respecting the erection of stop signs at the intersections, be read a second and third time and finally passed this 17th of December 2001.

CARRIED

DEBENTURE

McLACHLAN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law#106 of 2001, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of \$21,200 upon debentures towards the cost of the construction of certain drainage works be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 17th day of December, 2001.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received, considered and appropriately filed:

- a) AMO Alert – New legislation Mandating move to full cost recovery for water and sewer
- b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Ontario passes Municipal Act for the 21st Century
- c) AMO strikes task force to review building regulatory reform legislation
- d) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – reporting measures for fiscal year 2001
- e) OCWA – relocation of office
- f) Canadian Nation Institute for the Blind advising of province wide raffle commencing January 2002
- g) The Kidney Foundation advising of door to door canvas in March 2002.
- h) Ontario Electrical League – Membership Renewal
- i) Corporation of the County of Grey requesting endorsement of resolution requesting the Province of Ontario to reconsider its proposal and invite further consultation from the municipal sector (AMO) prior to reintroducing any similar Smart Growth proposals.

JOHNSTON-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex supports the following resolution endorsement from the Corporation of the County of Grey:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has announced the creation of Smart Growth Management Councils;

AND WHEREAS these Councils appear to be arbitrarily imposed upon the Municipal Sector;

AND WHEREAS the imposition of a non-elected body assuming the authority of the Provincial government over duly elected Municipal Councils is not considered a beneficial addition to an already complex local government sector;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario reconsider its proposal and invite further consultation from the Municipal sector and more particular, the Association for Municipalities of Ontario prior to reintroducing any similar Smart Growth proposals so they truly can support and assist Municipal and inter municipal decision making rather than further eroding the democratic process of Municipal government;

CARRIED

j) Rose-Marie Ur, M.P. explanation of the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program

k) AMO-For your Information Provincial deadline for funding commitments

l) Ontario Fur Managers Federation

m) Jesse's Journey thanking the municipality for its support

n) Rose-Marie Ur, M.P. and Bert Johnson, M.P.P. acknowledging receipt of the municipalities support of a resolution endorsement regarding the formula for COIP and Superbuild funding projects.

o) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – New vacancy rebate program

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence package (a-o) dated December 17, 2001 be accepted.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS ITEMS

Councillor Conlin reported that he attended a Water Meeting. The committee supports the decision recommended by staff regarding the firm hired to operate several months ago. Public Works Superintendent reported that Ausrix would take over the water service as of January 2002.

Councillor Hendrixx thanked everyone for their help last Friday, especially Deputy Mayor Brebner and Councillor McLachlan for cleanup. Everyone agreed that an excellent meal was provided.

Deputy Mayor Brebner reported that the County of Middlesex has received Provincial Offences monies for two years, which is to be passed onto the municipality. This can be expected early in 2002.

He also thanked those that attended at County Council to support him in his efforts to become Warden of the County.

Deputy Mayor Brebner also asked that an OMAFRA letter he received, be posted.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #105 of 2001 being a by-law to confirm proceedings be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 17th day of December 2001.

CARRIED

CONLIN-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

CARRIED.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR