

MINUTES

The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex met on February 12, 2001 to deal with matters from the February 5, 2001 regular meeting.

Those present were: MAYOR CHUCK HALL

DEPUTY MAYOR IAN BREBNER

COUNCILLOR MARYSIA COUTTS-WARD 1

COUNCILLOR KEN JOHNSTON-WARD 2

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONLIN-WARD 3

COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE MCLACHLAN-WARD 4

COUNCILLOR LUCY HENDRIKX-WARD 5

ADMINISTRATOR CLERK-SHIRLEY SCOTT

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT-JOE ADAMS

No pecuniary interest was declared.

TREASURER REQUESTS CONSIDERED

The reports submitted by the Treasurer on February 5th was reviewed and various items discussed.

1. In order to get the interim taxes billed on time, various jobs have to be done. Time required for input were considered, and after a thorough discussion, the following motion was made:

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: That Council authorize the treasurer to use a calculation of 45% of the 2000 tax rates x the 2001 assessment amount, to calculate the March and June Interim payments.

CARRIED

2. When East Williams waterline was extended from Carlisle to Petty Street, residents along the route were given the opportunity to hook up and had a choice of paying the full amount, making payments or debenture for five years. A ratepayer has now come forth requesting to debenture. Consideration was made, and the following motion made:

MCLACHLAN-BREBNER: That By-law # of 2001 for North Middlesex Debenture of \$6,900.00 for owner of 12157 Fernhill Drive for waterline hookup be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

3. Auditing service for North Middlesex will be considered in April or May.
4. A cost to install ventilation in the photocopy room will be available in the near future.
5. A door slot, for drop off, cannot be installed due to the fact that the building has been designated as "heritage", and therefore the outside structure cannot be hampered in any way. Various methods of payment were discussed.
6. The issuance of credit cards was discussed and permission was given for the Treasurer to apply for a card.

7. Request to purchase the second laptop for the Administrative Office was denied. The one in the system is to be shared within.
8. The request to purchase a larger input tray and output tray for the printer was denied.
9. Support contract with CompuPower was discussed. It was noted that a bill had been approved, for support, in the last voucher. It was questioned if this was an indication of the support required in a month. The matter will be reconsidered after the information is brought forth.
10. Permission to bank two weeks of overtime instead of one was denied. It was suggested that this could possibly be negotiated within the next contract.

RECREATION MANAGER REQUESTS CONSIDERED

The report submitted by the Recreation Manager was reviewed at the February 5 meeting. Permission was given to tender for replacement of one furnace, and for replacing of one section of seating area heating. Chairman of the Recreation Committee, Lucy Hendriks, brought forth the tender quotations for consideration, and the following motion was made:

HENDRIKS-COUTTS: That Council authorize Scott Nickles to purchase a heater for the seating area from M&S Plumbing and Heating, our staff will help install for a cost of \$1,385.92 plus GST. That Scott also be authorized to purchase a new furnace through Larmer Plumbing and Heating at a price of \$2,260.00 plus GST.

CARRIED

The order is to be placed.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chairman of the Fire Board, Ken Johnston, advised that the issue of facial hair has not been resolved.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT/BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

The value of construction for building permits that were issued in January totaled \$33,198. A request for a cell phone and the use of the van was considered, and the following motions made.

MCLACHLAN-CONLIN: That Council authorize the purchase of a cell phone for our building/by-law officer to use while he is out in the field.

CARRIED

HENDRIKS-JOHNSTON: That Council authorize the By-law/Building Officer be allowed to take the Department van home in order to respond to any after hours/emergency by-law matters in a reasonable time frame.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR/ CLERK REPORT

A verbal report was given by the Administrator advising of the following matters:

1. West Williams Neighbourhood Watch group, requested permission to hang their signs on the History Club sign. The following motion was made.

BREBNER-HENDRIKX: That Council grant permission for the West Williams Neighbourhood Watch to erect their signs on the History Book Signs.

CARRIED

2. Newsletter was discussed. It was determined that they could go out quarterly, information can be gathered various ways – reviewing the minutes, word of mouth, etc. The next issue could be considered to be distributed with the tax notices.
3. The Municipal Association Day is set for April 5th in Ailsa Craig. Mr. Johnston then asked for input into his video.
4. The deadline for Heritage Fund is past. Parkhill already has approximately four buildings designated. The Ailsa Craig History Club were contacted, and elected to not apply this year.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. The water and sewer rates will proceed in the previous manner – readings and billing. As more information is available it will be forwarded to Council by the Clerk. The ownership of the computer system and the property has to be clarified. Later on in the meeting, the following motion was made.

CONLIN-MCLACHLAN: That Council authorize staff to maintain all water and sewer charges at previous rates until such time as a new by-law can be put in place.

CARRIED

2. In order to make a decision on the Adelaide Metcalfe motion opposing development charges, more information is required.
3. It is recommended that the motion from Township of Perth East, regarding Drinking Water Protection, be supported. The following motion was made:

HENDRIKX-MCLACHLAN: That the Council of North Middlesex support the motion from Perth East, as follows:

That whereas the Government of Ontario has recently implemented new water regulations entitled “Drinking Water Protection, O. Reg. 459/00,

And whereas it appears these new regulations are a direct result of the Walkerton E-Coli water tragedy,

And whereas prior water testing requirements, when enforced and followed as intended, provided safe drinking water to the residents of Ontario,

And whereas recent testimony at the Walkerton inquiry would seem to indicate that the prior requirements were ignored or falsified by the operators of the Walkerton Town water supply,

And whereas this extreme reaction by the Ministry of Environment is a contradiction to the Provincial Government’s “common sense” mandate,

Be it therefore resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perth East request Bert Johnston, M.P.P., Perth-Middlesex to petition his colleagues at the Ministry of the Environment to reconsider the Drinking Water Protection, O. Reg.459/00, as the new testing requirements will place severe financial hardships on small rural water systems that now depend on small well systems (6 to 30 users) for their water supply,

And further that a letter be submitted to AMO requesting that they assist in petitioning the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the implications of the new regulations on Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

4. Mosquito program – The public should be aware that mosquitos travel in wind. The kind and cost of bait varies. Creeks are a breeding area and will be baited to help control the situation.
5. The ABCA has no means to provide financial support for this program. The will allow us to bate on their lands. The removal of beaver dams can be done through the municipal drain program but there is no MNR support, and the price of pelts is down.
6. There are three entrance repairs that will be taken care of as soon as possible. Due to the thawing conditions, various roads are experiencing wash outs. On Friday these conditions caused a shortage of barricades. All in the system were used as there were nineteen roads closed. There is now only five. The public is urged to beware of the road conditions, and use caution and common sense.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Brebner suggested that the first steps be taken to have a strategic plan developed for North Middlesex. Shirley Scott was asked to contact Barb Rosser to arrange initial discussions. A copy of the Middlesex Center Plan is to be distributed to all.

Councillor Johnston then discussed his ideas regarding Middlesex Municipal Association Day. He is requesting a colour logo from each municipality. Also he wants pictures of a business from each area that is to be featured in the film production.

Councillor Conlin advised that the initial meeting to discuss buyout from the Lucan Community Centre Board was held and we will now be waiting for a response from them.

Councillor McLachlan requested a table be put at the East Williams Chambers for meeting purposes. Councillor Johnston suggested that one from the Ailsa Craig Committee room could be used. Councillor Hendrikx suggested that the chairs from West Williams be moved as soon as possible.

HYDRO ONE AGREEMENT

Shirley Scott advised that the agreement was required in order that cheques made out to Village of Ailsa Craig can be deposited to the Hydro One account. The following motion was made.

JOHNSTON-MCLACHLAN: That the Hydro One Agreement, to allow cheques made out to Ailsa Craig to be deposited be signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

CARRIED

MUNICIPAL MEMBERSHIP

The municipal membership for the Town of Parkhill to Municipal Finance Officers Association was discussed, and the following motion made:

COUTTS-BREBNER: That Council approve buying a membership in the Municipal Finance Officer's Association of Ontario for 2001 at a cost of \$208.25

CARRIED

SECURITY SYSTEM FOR SATELLITE OFFICE

An opportunity from Middlesex County Library System to take advantage of pricing for a security system for the satellite office was considered. Council suggested that the cost be obtained for consideration at that time.

FENCEVIEWERS AND LIVESTOCK EVALUATORS

Council reviewed those that previously served in the capacity of fenceviewers and livestock evaluators. Council considered, and the following motion was made:

BREBNER-HENDRIKX: That the following be appointed as fenceviewers subject to their approval:

Keith McCallum
Lawrence McLachlan – East Williams
Ralph Vanderwal
William Hall
Barry Heaman
Bob Hodgins
William Woodburn
James Thompson
Jacob Lagerwerf – McGillivray
Harvey McLellan
Don McLeish – West Williams

And the following be appointed as livestock evaluators subject to their approval

Bruce Richter
Mark Schepers
William Wasnidge
Debbie Heinmarsh

And that they paid \$50.00 per call plus mileage.

CARRIED

WEBSITE

Yvonne F. Houle had visited the office to advise that she had worked on the website for Parkhill in 2000. Mayor Hall advised that the County had a grant and would be distributing funding to each municipality for website purposes. It was suggested that Yvonne be asked to prepare a quote and /or presentation on what could be developed for \$1000. It was suggested by Council that eventually it may be feasible to post the minutes on the website, as they are approved.

ADVERTISING POLICY

Shirley Scott advised Council that she had asked for pricing on advertising from four local firms. Each were asked to price four various sizes of ads. The following prices were received and the following motion made:

CONLIN-MCLACHLAN: That the Parkhill Gazette be used for general advertising purposes.

CARRIED

GROUP INSURANCE

The Transition Board circulated information to receive pricing for group insurance from four firms. Three of the four indicated no interest. Prices were reviewed as received from M. E. Donohue Financial Ins. Recommendations were reviewed as follows:

The following motion was then made by Council.

JOHNSTON-COUTTS: That Donohue be used as agents for Clarica Group Ins. benefit plan as per quote.

CARRIED

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX – SIGNS IN AILSA CRAIG

Council received a notice of decision regarding signs in Ailsa Craig. Deputy Mayor Brebner volunteered to discuss this matter further with the County.

SURPLUS LANDS

Council were given a list of surplus lands and buildings, as prepared by the Transition Board, as well as a number of offers for use of various buildings. Regarding a letter from a party to rent the Ailsa Craig Library, it was determined that Council was in no position to rent the facility at this time. Later in the meeting Council made the following motion:

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: That By-law # of 2001, being a by-law to establish procedures regarding the sale of real property, be read a first time.

CARRIED

Council suggested that Public Works Manager review the lands and buildings and recommend what is required by his department.

CLEANING SERVICE

Correspondence from Michael's Serva-Pro was reviewed, requesting an increase in remuneration for cleaning service of the municipal building in Parkhill. Council suggested that the matter be deferred until such time as the service agreement has been reviewed.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY LIBRARY INSPECTION REPORTS

Correspondence from Middlesex County Library regarding Health and Safety Committee Workplace Inspection Reports for Ailsa Craig and Parkhill Libraries were reviewed. Council suggested that these be sent on to the appropriate department for the requirements to be fulfilled.

AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Various matters with the ABCA were discussed, as follows:

1. The memorandum of agreement for planning and private sewage services was reviewed. Shirley Scott advised that the rates had not increased from last year. The two by-laws had been incorporated into one. The following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: That Council authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign memorandum of agreement with ABCA re: Planning and Private Sewage Services.

CARRIED

2. Municipal representation at the Board was discussed. Council considered the matter and the following motion was made.

BREBNER-MCLACHLAN: That Council authorize Ian to recommend on our behalf to ABCA that all recorded votes be weighted votes and that the Province be notified of our wishes.

CARRIED

3. The budget was discussed and representative, Ian Brebner, advised that the budget had been voted down at the meeting.

PROCEDURAL BY-LAW

Council reviewed the by-law and changes were recommended. It was suggested that provisions for “in camera” be added. The following motion was made:

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: That By-law # of 2001 being a Procedural By-law for North Middlesex, be read a first time.

CARRIED

LOTTERY LICENSING AND FEES

A draft by-law was considered. The fees were reviewed and the following motion was made.

MCLACHLAN-CONLIN: That By-law #14 of 2001 to Appoint Lottery Licencing Officers for Municipality of North Middlesex be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 12th day of February, 2001 and apply the fees being 3% of the value of the prizes.

CARRIED

WORLD ECOLOGY

Council reviewed a letter regarding world ecology and the following motion was made:

MCLACHLAN-BREBNER: That the Council of North Middlesex support the motion from Town of Caledon as follows:

Whereas environmental awareness and protection are becoming increasingly essential to the future sustainability of world ecology;

And whereas sustainable food production must incorporate principals that recognize the impact of production on the environment;

And whereas the Environmental Farm Plan has been and continues to be an impressive example of a self evaluation process that addresses environmental protection at the primary production level;

And whereas funding for this program has been made available from the Government of Canada through Canadian Adaptation and Rural Development Fund of Agriculture and AgriFood Canada programming;

And whereas those funds will be exhausted at the end of the first quarter of 2001;

And whereas the Government of Canada has indicated it is not prepared to extend funding of this program;

And whereas the Province of Ontario must participate fully in this initiative with financial support;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Caledon endorse the Environmental Farm Plan as its own;

AND THAT the Provincial Government through the Ministry of Food and Rural Affairs be lobbied to become more fully involved by providing funding;

AND THAT the Town of Caledon, through the appropriate medium, lobby the Canadian Adaption and Rural Development Fund of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Federal Agriculture Minister to extend funding for the program;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Caledon forward this resolution to municipalities province wide for endorsement and the purpose of lobbying the Federal Government to extend funding to this demonstrated successful program.

CARRIED

PROVINCIAL FUNDING FORMULA

Council reviewed a letter regarding provincial funding formula and the following motion was made:

COUTTS-BREBNER: That the Council of North Middlesex support the motion from the City of Cornwall as follows:

Whereas all Ontario residents are entitled for the same level of medical service without additional financial burden; and

Whereas the restructuring of the hospitals in Cornwall is underway and soon the community will be facing to raise significant amount of dollars for the hospitals; and

Whereas the province provides funding of between 50 and 75% of eligible costs to help defray the costs. The balance of 25 to 50% of eligible costs and 100% of the non-eligible costs have to be raised/funded locally; and

Whereas the Provincial funding formula does not take into account of the population, per capita income and the tax base of the municipalities and this imposes an additional financial burden on the residents and the taxpayers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council request the Minister of Health to modify the funding formula so that

- a) It is fair to all Ontario residents
- b) Similar costs are borne by all Ontario residents for hospital facilities/services.
- c) It takes into account the population served by the hospitals, per capita income of the residents in the area and the tax base for the municipalities served.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this motion be sent to other municipalities in Ontario, AMO, local MPP and MP for their support.

CARRIED

LICENSING CONTROL AND REGULATION FOR DOGS

A draft by-law regarding the licencing, control and regulation of dogs was reviewed, and revisions considered. After careful consideration the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: That By-law # of 2001 being a by-law to licence, control and regulate dogs, be read a first time.

CARRIED

The dog tag sales was discussed. Council reviewed fees paid in 2000, revisions were made, and the following motion made.

CONLIN-HENDRIKX: That dog tags be sold through the main office and the satellite office, and that Deb Heinmarsh for East Williams, Laurence Craven for McGillivray and Ruth Hughston for West Williams be appointed to sell tags at a rate of \$5.00 per tag sold rural and \$3.00 per tag sold urban.

CARRIED

Due to the time, the balance of the agenda was deferred to the next meeting. The following motion was made.

MCLACHLAN-BREBNER: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby adjourn at 11:20 p.m.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR-CLERK