



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday February 15, 2017 in the Council Chambers, Shared Services Centre, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill with a quorum present.

1.CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Ropp opened and called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. due to the presentation from the County of Middlesex by Warden Don Shipway and CAO Bill Rayburn.

Deputy Mayor Ropp advised that there was one additional item added to the agenda and it was By-law #13 of 2017

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Don Shipway

Deputy Mayor Brian Ropp

Councillor Ward One Doreen McLinchey

Councillor Ward Two Joan Nichol - Absent

Councillor Ward Three Gord Moir -Absent

Councillor Ward Four Andrew Hemming -Absent

Councillor Ward Five Adrian Cornelissen

CAO, Marsha Paley

Clerk, Jackie Tiedeman

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – none

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a. January 11, 2017 Court of Revision Minutes

- b. January 25, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. February 1, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION #060/2017

MCLINCHEY/CORNELISSEN: That the above noted minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS-none

6. DELEGATION

- a. Warden Don Shipway and CAO Bill Rayburn – County of Middlesex updates

The presentation provided an overview on the following matters under the County of Middlesex: Quarterly Updates, Child Care, Natural Gas Expansion, Comprehensive Library Update, SWIFT, Local Services, Planning Implementation, EDCO Award, Agriculture Forum, Bridge Study, 50 King Street Update, Ontario Works, 2017 Budget, Homelessness, Strathmere Lodge Lands, Healthy Kids Community Challenge, Local Food Guides, New Visitor Maps, Tourism Symposium, SCOR, Business Profile Videos, Business Appreciation Dinner, Agricultural Tour (W. Middlesex), We are Middlesex, Affordable Housing and TVDSB Meeting.

Some questions were asked on specific topics and responded to from the Warden and CAO.

Mayor Shipway then returned to the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

- b. Ryan Chin, Co-op Student from Fanshawe College, presented an overview of work completed during his placement with the municipality during the past 8 months as well as work he is continuing to do in conjunction with the Geographical Information System or GIS project.

Several questions were asked by Council regarding the specific information and responded to by Mr. Chin. Mr. Chin was thanked for his very informative presentation.

- c. North Middlesex Community Medical Centre, represented by Alice Bruce, Bob Scrimgeour and accountant Rick Hamilton, attended the meeting at the request of Council to provide financial information for this charitable organization as it is in the processing of closing. This was as a result of their request to write off the 2016 Tax Account for this entity at the last regular council meeting on February 1st.

The representatives provided council with the draft Balance and Profit & Loss Sheet at December 31, 2016 which indicates a minimal balance not sufficient to pay the required taxes. They also indicated that there are other closing out costs that will be payable.

Discussion ensued as to why the taxes were left unpaid. Municipal staff was asked to look into the credits that occurred in 2015 along with the status of \$3,800.00 that was approved during the Grants Program that the Medical Centre indicated they never received. CAO, Marsha Paley, advised Council that the reason it may not have been paid out could have been due to requirements to receive paid invoices for expenses that occurred prior to releasing funds. She will have staff look into this further.

Due to some council members being absent, it was suggested that a decision could wait until the next council meeting. The delegation was thanked for attending the meeting.

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Report from Infrastructure and Operations – 2016 Water Annual and Summary Report

MOTION# 061/2017

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That Council receives and accepts the 2016 Water Annual Report and Summary Report as prepared by OCWA as required by Ontario Reg. 170/03 Section 11 of the *Safe Drinking Water Act*, 2002;

And further that both reports be made available for review by the public on the municipal website and upon request at the municipal office counter.

CARRIED

b. Report from Infrastructure and Operations (Public Works and Drainage) – Reapportionment Agreements 2016-2017

MOTION #062/2017

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That the Reapportionment Agreements on the Godts Drain, the Walker Drain 2011, the Big Swamp Drainage Works 1998, Carey Municipal Drain, Thompson-Mawson Drain 1979, Clark Hodgins 1980 and the Dixon County Drainage Work 1964 be approved and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

CARRIED

c. Report from Administration/Infrastructure and Operations – 2017 Larvicide Application Program

Councillor Cornelissen inquired about the treatment of catch basins. He also inquired if the GIS project will ensure that all catch basins are documented.

Mr. Graham replied that the Health Unit treats the catch basins with pellets which is part of their program, however, he will also follow up on the documentation of the catch basins in the GIS program.

MOTION #063/2017

MCLINCHEY/CORNELISSEN: That Council receive this report entitled 2017 Larvicide Application Program;

And that Council finalize the 2017 budget amount of \$40,250.00 allocated by Municipal staff for the purposes of a 2017 Larvicide Application Program;

And that Council directs staff to retain Pestalto Environmental Health Services Inc. immediately to begin North Middlesex program, starting with the facilitation of a ground treatment program (as referenced earlier in this report as “Mod-High Level” mosquito larva.)

CARRIED

d. Report from Emergency and Safety Services – Alternate EOC location

Councillor Cornelissen questioned the estimate for the proposed electrical work, the generator being considered and the priority of proceeding with this work on the basis of its limited use. Deputy Mayor Ropp provided some background on why this site was being chosen for the alternate Emergency Operations Centre. He also pointed out that certain equipment is required to be on site in order for it to be considered an alternate EOC.

Mr. Graham advised that he will have staff revisit the cost and report back to council

MOTION #064/2017

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That the report and recommendation be deferred until the next meeting.

CARRIED

e. Report from Administration –Severance Agreement for 35320 Maguire Road

MOTION #065/2017

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That the report entitled Severance Agreement for 35320 Maguire Road be received;

And further that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the required severance agreement.

CARRIED

8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

a. Compilation of Accounts to February 9, 2017

Deputy Mayor Ropp asked if staff could review the Hydro One invoices pertaining to 4381 Elginfield Road to see if there is a way to reveal cost savings due to the work that was undertaken there to become more energy efficient.

Councillor Cornelissen inquired about the status of the implementation of a purchase order system in the finance department.

CAO, Marsha Paley, responded that once the new Director of Finance is in place this is one of the items on her list to do.

MOTION #066/2017

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

General Cheques	\$232,516.15
General Direct Deposit	\$ 77,300.23
General On Line/PAP	\$ 88,811.12

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. North Middlesex Community Policing Committee minutes –December 6, 2016 (action: receive and file)

Councillor Cornelissen and McLinchey both attended and reported that the statistics indicate that there has been a reduction in break-ins.

b. Local Schools Advisory Committee draft minutes – January 26, 2017 (action: receive and file)

MOTION #067/2017

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the minutes be received and filed

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Bill and Marilyn Heaman – Concern with increases on farm property taxes (action: receive and staff to provide a response regarding costs associated with maintenance and upkeep on rural roads)

b. Monte McNaughton, MPP – thank you to Marsha Paley for participation on his round table meeting on rural poverty.

(action: receive and file)

c. Concern from members of the Minor Soccer Association on fee increase affecting registration

(action: receive and staff to provide response on efforts to be made to notify affected organizations on potential increases in the future)

d. Peter VanLoan, MP – Private Members bill to support Bill C-323 Heritage Site

(action: receive and file)

e. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – announcement of RED program

(action: receive and file – EDC working on applying for funds pertaining to Arts and Culture)

f. Prince Edward County – support motion to request Minister of Education to initiate Immediate Stay on Execution on the Accommodation Review Process

MOTION #068/2017

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the motion of the Prince Edward County as follows:

“Whereas the current Accommodation Review Process is not reflective of the reality of rural school and community life;

And Whereas school closures impact single school small rural communities in all educational, social and economic aspects to a far greater degree than those impacts in multi-school urban communities;

And whereas the Board of Education has initiated an unachievable timeline for the proposed transition plan and will have a negative impact on the health and safety of the students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Prince Edward County requests the Minister of Education initiate an immediate Stay of Execution on the Accommodation Review Process until such time as a review of the above mentioned impacts on small rural communities can be studied, completed and the results and recommendations be considered; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, OMAFRA Minister Jeff Leal, MPP Todd Smith, Hastings and Prince Edward School Board, Community School Alliance, and all municipalities in Ontario”

CARRIED

g. Municipality of Neebing – support motion regarding Carbon Tax Credits for Municipalities

MOTION #069/2017

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the motion of the Municipality of Neebing as follows:

“Whereas there are Provincial programs, including the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program, and Provincial legislation which exempts some privately owned land parcels from all or some of the otherwise applicable municipal property taxes;

And whereas Ontario’s municipalities bear the costs of these programs by having to provide services to these lands without receiving any revenue to defray the costs of those services;

And whereas Ontario is in the process of implementing a system of carbon taxes and carbon tax credits;

And whereas certain lands, such as vacant forested or cleared lands, may be eligible for carbon tax credits;

And whereas the benefit of a carbon tax credit may, at no expense to the Province, defray some or all of the costs to Ontario’s municipalities for servicing tax exempt land;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing respectfully requests the Premier, the Minister of Finance and the Legislature, when considering the policies associated with carbon taxes and carbon tax credits, to accrue any carbon tax credits applicable to tax-exempt private properties with Ontario municipalities, to the Municipality in which the land is situated, rather than to the property owner;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Finance, AMO, NOMA, the Thunder Bay District Municipal League; and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support

CARRIED

h. Drinking Water Source Protection – Proposed Size reduction to Committee
(action: receive and file)

MOTION #070/2017

MCLINCHEY/CORNELISSEN: That correspondence package a-h, with actions as noted be accepted.

CARRIED

11. OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS

- a. Town Hall Meeting Date – Council agreed to staff arranging for a Tuesday evening in June subject to availability of the majority of council.
- b. Development Charges Projects
 - i. Amend Motion for Simplified Report to Current By-law

MOTION #071/2017

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: Whereas the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex deems it appropriate to amend Motion #435/2016 dated December 21, 2016 with regard to the upset limit to be amended to \$5,800.00 (exclusive of applicable taxes) for the preparation of the DC Background Study and By-law Update to amend the current By-law to be in accordance with the Request for Proposal dated February 6, 2017 from Watson and Associates.

CARRIED

- ii. Motion to accept RFP for Full DC Background Report required under the Development Charges Act in preparation of the expiry of the current by-law in February 2018.

MOTION #072/2017

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That consideration of this proposal be deferred to the next meeting.

CARRIED

12. COMMUNICATIONS (including County Council Meeting Report)

Deputy Mayor Ropp provided a further update that indicated there is still ongoing concerns with Land Ambulances being delayed at hospitals.

Mayor Shipway advised that attendance at the ROMA conference included approximately 1100 members.

Councillor Cornelissen and CAO Marsha Paley provided more insight into the meeting with Monte McNaughton on the Poverty Issue.

13. CLOSED MEETING (UNDER SECTION 239 OF THE *MUNICIPAL ACT*)

MOTION #073/2017

MCLINCHEY/CORNELISSEN: That the regular meeting adjourn to Closed Meeting at 9:20 p.m. for the following purpose:

- a. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – property matter
- b. Past minutes from 2016 and January 18 and 25, 2017

CARRIED

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

MOTION #074/2017

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: The Closed Meeting adjourn at 9:45 p.m. with no report

CARRIED

15. READING OF BY-LAWS

- a. By-law #10 of 2017 – Appointment of Treasurer
- b. By-law #11 of 2017 – Authorize the execution of a severance agreement for 35320 Maguire Road
- c. By-law #12 of 2017 – Confirming
- d. By-law #13 of 2017 – EDAC By-law and Terms of Reference

Prior to the readings of the By-law, Councillor Cornelissen wished to ensure that by the passage of By-law #13 of 2017 that the wording pertaining to the public appointments does not restrict individuals to having to be an owner of a business.

CAO, Marsha Paley, advised that this does not cause any restriction. The committee will make recommendations to Council of their public appointments.

MOTION #075/2017

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That By-laws 10,11,12 and 13 of 2017 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOTION #076/2017

CORNELISSEN/ROPP: That By-laws 10,11,12 and 13 of 2017 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #077/2017

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the Regular Meeting adjourn at 9:46 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK