

February 19, 2001 MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex met on February 19, 2001 for a Council 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.

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed and the following motion made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: Be it resolved that Council minutes dated February 5, 2001 and February 12, 2001, printed and delivered to each member be adopted as read.

CARRIED

Treasurer Linda Groke was present to ask questions regarding a personnel matter.

McLACHLAN-HENDRIKX: Be it resolved that Council move in camera at 7:10 p.m. on a personnel issue.

CARRIED

BREBNER – COUTTS: Be it resolved that Council move into open session at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED

After her presentation, Mrs. Groke left the meeting.

The following motions came forth from the in camera session.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: Be it resolved that Council authorize the administrator to purchase the gold support package from CompuPower Systems for our computer system.

CARRIED

DELEGATION: BOB RHINO

Council met with Mr. & Mrs. Rhino to discuss a problem with water on 2471 Elginfield Road. They advised that the water came from Hwy 81 west, across two fields through a wooded lot to their yard. They agreed that the house design should be higher. There was a municipal drain at the back of the property, and an open ditch to the right, known as the Cameron Gillies Drain. This is 400 meters from their land.

Joe Adams advised Council that he reviewed the condition two weeks ago. The grade of the land suggests that the natural flow would be to the

Cameron Gilles Drain. There is no sub drain. It is not the municipal responsibility to get rid of the water. He suggested the following options:

- enter into a mutual drain agreement and have it registered on title to make future owners aware of the agreement,
- petition according to Section 78 or Section 4 of the Municipal Drainage Act, for outlet,
- or act according to Council decision.

Mr. & Mrs. Rhino suggested that the agreement could not be entered into, as the neighbours would not agree. Mr. Adams advised that if an engineer got involved, the onus would be on the petitioner to pay if the matter fall through. This will be a long, slow process (6 months) Should it go to tribunal, it would be 9-12 months. No grant would be available to the Rhinos because the grant is on farmland only.

2000 CO-COLLECTION REPORT FROM BLUEWATER RECYCLING

Council were given the report for review.

ANIMAL CARE CENTRE REPORT

Council reviewed a report submitted by Gertie Dielman. Those who acted as dog catchers in previous years, are to be approached regarding continuing with the service. Enforcement of by-laws and issuing of ticket can be done by Vic Stellingwerff or Joe Adams. After careful consideration, the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: Be it resolved that Council appoint Gertie Dieleman of the Animal Care Centre as pound keeper for the municipality. CARRIED.

COLLECTION OF OUTSTANDING WATER BILL

Council reviewed information regarding a water bill in arrears. Members from the ward of West Williams reviewed the stand taken in the past, and the following motion was made.

BREBNER-HENDRIKX: Be it resolved that Council bill the owner of water account #5463700 of former West Williams in full, for the arrears on the account. CARRIED.

REPLACEMENT OF STOLEN BAG TAGS

Council were advised that bag tags were stolen from a supplier. He requested that the tags be replaced. Other items from the robbery were recovered. Council suggested that the store owner should review his insurance for recovery.

JOHNSTON-McLACHLAN: Be it resolved that the bag tags at Ailsa Craig not be replaced due to theft of the tags. CARRIED.

ABCA – PARKHILL MAPPING

Council requested that ABCA be contacted for more information regarding what stage the Parkhill mapping project is at.

Ian Brebner then requested direction from Council regarding acceptable increase for ABCA budget. Council suggested an increase of 10% or less could be considered. They requested that ABCA advise what could be provided for these dollars. Mr. Brebner assured Council he would advise.

CLEANING SERVICE

Correspondence from Michael Dymock requesting that an increase for cleaning service be considered. Council determined that although more time may be required at the Parkhill office, less was required at West Williams Hall, therefore, no increase would be considered at this time. As present contracts are only extended to March 31, 2001, the following motion was made.

McLACHLAN-HENDRIKX: Be it resolved that Council authorize the Administrator to advertise for a custodial service at the municipal offices for commencing April 1, 2001; and that Council authorize the recreation committee to advertise for custodial personnel for certain community center facilities in the municipality.
CARRIED.

Interviews for the position as custodian at the offices is to be conducted by the Administrator and a recommendation made to Council.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Correspondence was received from Santa Claus Parade Committee, requesting direction that the committee is to take for 2001. It was suggested that this be referred to budget for donation consideration.

SUMMER CAREER PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Information on The Summer Career Placement Programme for 2001 was received. Those participating in the past were Recreation Department, Village of Ailsa Craig and Town of Parkhill. Workers for these areas are to be applied for.

POSTAL SERVICE

The Administrator reported that mail is still coming from all municipalities. Council considered and the following motion was made.

McLACHLAN-BREBNER: Be it resolved that Council authorize the Administrator to close down the previous six postal addresses at a cost of \$130. each.
CARRIED.

COUNTY – PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT

Correspondence from the County of Middlesex, regarding Provincial Offences Act was considered. A review of information from 1998 to the present time, followed by recommendations, as follows:

1. That the local municipalities not enter into a POA transfer agreement until such time as a comprehensive review of current and projected expenditures as well as an assessment vs population analysis is completed by the CAO of the County of Middlesex.
2. That the Corporate Services committee review the distribution of County POA revenue options and provide direction to the CAO.

The following motion was then made.

JOHNSTON-BREBNER: Be it resolved that Council support the recommendations made by Bill Rayburn CAO for the County of Middlesex in his letter dated February 2, 2001.
CARRIED.

PARKHILL LOOKOUT POINT

The County of Middlesex requested to mark the Parkhill Lookout Point on a tourism map they are creating. Council agreed.

TENDER/PURCHASING POLICY

Public Works Superintendent, Joe Adams, presented a draft of the tendering purchasing policy. He asked that it be reviewed and comments forwarded to the next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Joe Adams submitted information on the option to purchase the leased trackless tractor unit being used during repair of existing unit. The unit is being considered due to costs of repair for existing unit. Further consideration is to be made at a later date.

Council were also advised that one single axel unit required repair.

Councillor Johnston questioned the employee status. The status of the union was reviewed.

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Council addressed questions regarding circulation of the quarterly newsletter, of which the next issue is to be produced by distribution with the tax notice. Opinions based on print, content, etc were given.

ACCOUNTS

The accounts list was reviewed and the following motion made.

McLACHLAN-BREBNER: Be it resolved that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Township of West Williams	\$ 6,347.19
Township of McGillivray	\$ 17,220.11
Township of East Williams	\$ 28,636.75
Town of Parkhill	\$ 49,344.92
Village of Ailsa Craig	\$ 8,378.88
North Middlesex	\$280,901.55

Total	\$390,829.40
	CARRIED.

TILE DRAIN LOAN APPLICATION

McLACHLAN – BREBNER: Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex approves the application for Tile Drain Loan Lot 4 Concession 19, former Township of West Williams in the amount of \$17,000.

CARRIED.

INTERIM TAXES

JOHNSTON-BREBNER: Be it resolved that By-law # of 2001 being a by-law to provide for Interim Tax Levies for the year 2001, for the Municipality of North Middlesex be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 19th day of February 2001.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

McLACHLAN-BREBNER: Be it resolved that the correspondence package dated February 5, 2001, and February 19, 2001 be accepted.

CARRIED.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman, Lucy Hendriks, reported that the following people had been recommended for the recreation committee:

Ward 1	-	Bev Timmers
Ward 2	-	Glenn Baillie
Ward 4	-	Jim Anderson
Ward 5	-	Lynn VanderVloet

BREBNER-COUTTS: Be it resolved that the Council adjourn from the regular meeting to discuss items in closed session.

CARRIED.

McLACHLAN-HENDRIKS: Be it resolved that the committee adjourn from the in camera session.

CARRIED.

Following the closed session, the following recommendations were made and accepted.

HENDRIKS – COUTTS: Be it resolved that Council authorize the Administrator to get legal advice re: an unopened road allowance in former West Williams.

CARRIED.

The Administrator was directed to advise that there are no provisions to refund planning application fees.

The policy for retraining and outplacement assistance was reviewed, and upon reporting, can be upheld.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

BREBNER-HENDRIKS: Be it resolved that Council accept the confirming by-law and that it be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

CARRIED.

McLACHLAN-JOHNSTON: Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby adjourn at 11:20 p.m.

CARRIED.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR