

**7:00 p.m. MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX**

**February 5, 2001**

**MINUTES**

The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex met on February 5, 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 WKS SUPERINTENDENT – JOE ADAMS

No pecuniary interest was declared.

**DELEGATION: HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

William Norris was present to review “A Needs Assessment for North Middlesex”. Also present were Janet Johnstone, Abe Suderman and John Tyler. Mr. Norris made those present familiar with the document, and thanked several who worked on the document. He advised that the study was divided into five sections: Population Profile & Demographics, Service Provider Profile, Major areas of Identified Need, Implications and Recommendations for the future. Issues to be addressed are accessibility, transportation, importance of local services and education/information. The committee concluded by offering the following recommendations:

The primary recommendations are reflective of the needs of the North Middlesex community. Initial action steps should focus on the primary recommendations.

1. That transportation issues be addressed through the development of a community transportation network.
2. To ensure that health information is more available and accessible to the public through a variety of local mechanisms.
3. To develop a linkage system between existing service providers that not only brings the client to the service but also brings the service to the client.
4. To recognize existing health services as valuable resources, and to develop a recruitment and retention plan for health professionals.
5. That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex formally establish a “Health Advocacy Committee” with a Transportation sub-committee, and Health Human Resources sub-committee organized under the Economic Development Committee of Council. And that, the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex provide continuing staff support to the initiative.

The secondary recommendations will be focused on once action regarding the primary recommendations has been initiated.

1. That the availability of mental health support systems be expanded.
2. That the development of local counseling and public education programs specific to addictions and treatments be pursued.
3. That the need to increase existing services locally such as child care, employment opportunities and other development projects be promoted.

Mr. Norris concluded by stating that the community developed a working relationship through this process. He advised all that would be there for Health Fair on April 6, 2001.

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Norris for his presentation.

**DELEGATION: TREASURER LINDA GROKE**

Treasurer Linda Groke then approached Council to present her report, and question the policy regarding memberships. Council concluded that there would remain to be one membership per person or two per department. Joe Adams suggested that there may be occasion for legal reasons, that more would be required.

The taxation expectations for 2001 were then discussed. Mrs. Groke showed those present the size of the assessment roll that had to be entered into the computer. She stated that if they agreed the interim bills could be billed at 45%, which would help keep on schedule as the input was already accessible.

The computer maintenance plan was then discussed. She explained what was available and suggested that either the silver or gold plan be considered. Other matters within her report were pointed out, for decisions to be made later.

**DELEGATION: ART BATES**

Realtor, Art Bates approached Council to discuss two lots in Ailsa Craig that he had listed earlier. He had received an offer, subject to conditions, for the building of a small machine shop. Council thanked him for attending and advised that they would consider the offer later in the meeting.

Later in the meeting, Council concluded that they had no by-law in place to sell surplus lands. The matter will have to be deferred until such time as a by-law is considered.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were reviewed and the following motion made.

HENDRIKX-JOHNSTON: That the minutes from the meetings of the Council of North Middlesex dated January 15 and January 24, 2001 be hereby accepted as per amendments.

CARRIED

**DELEGATION: JOE VAN BREE**

Municipal Planner, Barb Rosser and By-law Enforcement Officer Vic Stellingwerff entered the meeting. Joe VanBree requested that the zoning fee be reduced, due to misinterpretation of earlier zoning. Planner, B. Rosser advised that her understanding was that a rezoning had been done by West Williams in 1995, zoning the property for home occupation. The plan reads that they would be allowed to operate for one year. Due to application for a building permit recently, it was realized that this zoning was not appropriate. The applicant feels that this was not fitting, even in 1995, but did not realize it read this way. She suggested that the new rezoning process utilize the powers of site plan control under section 41 of the Planning Act. There were no complaints on file, and no Official Plan amendment would be required.

Deputy Mayor Brebner recalled the rezoning, and suggested that the amendment was done to allow a contractors shop. Other zoning had been suggested, but it was more applicable to other circumstances.

The appropriate rezoning would be to zone for Farm Industry, with only a portion of the lands being used for the business. After careful consideration, the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: That the rezoning fee for Joe VanBree – Middlesex Concrete be reduced by 50%.

CARRIED

### **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

1. Drinking Water Protection Regulation: Clarification is required as to a sub-systems owned, as we are primary owners of all but one sub-owner system. We are operating properly under the new regulations and have time to research the other items. We have our nine digit numbers for all but Parkhill System.
2. A mapping cabinet would be useful, and a used unit is available at Lovers for \$1,200. Council considered, and the following motion was made:

CONLIN-BREBER: That Council authorize Joe Adams to purchase a used map cabinet for an approximate cost of \$1,200.00.

CARRIED

3. Early thawing has caused early road shifting problems. There will be some signs placed on certain roads reading "Caution – Uneven Road Ahead" This does not mean that the road is impassable but warn people to slow down due to uneven road surfaces.
4. Tree planting Program – information from ABCA is available. Council suggested that the tree planting be deferred until this fall, for this year. Ailsa Craig has a tree dedication at the Lions Park which they would prefer to have continue.
5. Swabbing / Disinfection of Waterlines – photos were shown regarding the condition of the lines and to explain the benefits of swabbing.
6. A service waterline repair was done on Saturday.
7. In the near future, the purchasing policy must be reviewed. The rural area used the tender process, with deposit cheques to protect for drainage construction, in the past. The policy set out by the Transition Board uses the bond protection method. Consideration is to be made in order to keep a variety of contractors eligible for tender process.
8. The Flynn Drain report is to be considered on February 19, with Court of Revisions scheduled for March 19.
9. Bert Johnson's office has offered to set up a meeting at the Good Roads Convention, with appropriate people. This is an opportunity for us to present our case regarding need for grant programs. Mr. Adams also suggests that the agenda for the convention be reviewed, and that Council attend different sessions so that total advantage of the convention be taken.

MCLACHLAN-COUTTS: That the regular meeting be adjourned to consider an application submitted to the Land Division Committee.

CARRIED

The regular meeting then continued and the motion from the meeting was accepted, as follows.

CONLIN-MCLACHLAN: That Application No.S-1-2001 for Consent to Sever Land Part of Lot 4, Concession 19 former Township of McGillivray – Municipality of North Middlesex (David and Carol Lindsay) be hereby denied.  
CARRIED

**DELEGATION: AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

Tom Prout, Manager of ABCA, and Ray Campbell, Director , then approached Council to discuss various matters.

The matter of representation was discussed and it was previously suggested that we have two representatives, based on our large watershed. It is now based on one representative for 10,000 people. Should Council wish to pursue this matter, it was suggested that a letter be directed from Council. The process to implicate this change will take six months. There are now 9 members on the Board.

The budget for 2001 was then discussed. Total operating budget using CVA is \$409,072, with \$51,712 being North Middlesex's share. The share for 2000 for the five municipalities was \$43,529. After the delegation left, Council directed Ian Brebner to vote according to the following motion.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: That Council authorize Ian to vote against the budget as proposed.

CARRIED

Allocation of 2001 proposed capital projects – general levy, are as follows: Parkhill Flood Plain Mapping, Aerial Photos-Phase 111, DFO Initiatives, Watershed Planning, Water Monitoring, Grand Bend Beach-erosion Control, Hobbs-McKenzie Sub-watershed Study, and Port Franks Ice Management; totaling \$16,670. Mr. Prout advised that it was a general feeling that a couple of the big projects would not be subsidized, and therefore would not be considered this year.

Another project involving North Middlesex only, is the Parkhill Flood Plain Mapping update, for \$5,400.

Councillor Conlin then brought forth a copy of a letter regarding “cattle fencing project”, which was sent to Ontario Cattlemen's Association from ABCA. Within the letter incorrect facts were stated. Mr. Prout apologized for this and advised that that particular format had only gone to the cattlemen. The intent was to enhance the funding received from McGillivray paid in conjunction with the fine for earlier Dombine spill.

Deputy Mayor Brebner asked if the ABCA were participating in the Healthy Futures Program. Mr. Prout advised that they would not be participating.

Shirley Scott asked for a comparison in fees in order to have the memorandum of agreement approved.

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Prout for attending.

**IN CAMERA**

While Planner B. Rosser was present, the following motion was made.

COUTTS-BREBNER: That this Committee proceed in camera in order to address a matter pertaining to security of the property of the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

BREBNER-MCLACHLAN: That Council come out of in camera session.  
CARRIED

As a result of the in-camera session, the following motion was approved.

CONLIN-MCLACHLAN: That an amendment to Zoning By-law No.24/1981 of the former Township of East Williams, as amended, be prepared to incorporate within the by-law the formulae and criteria of the Minimum Distance Separation 1 (MDS 1)(1995) and the Minimum Distance Separation II (MDS II)(1995) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.  
CARRIED

**RECREATION MANAGERS REPORT**

As Chairman of the Recreation Committee, Lucy Hendriks asked that two items on the report from Recreation Manager Scott Nickles, be considered. These items are regarding repair or replacement of one of the furnaces at the arena, and repair or replacement of one of the heaters in the seating areas at the arena. After careful consideration, the following motions were made.

HENDRIKS-COUTTS: That Council authorize Scott Nickles to obtain 3 tenders to replace one of 4 furnaces at the North Middlesex Arena as soon as possible.

CARRIED

HENDRIKS-COUTTS: That Council authorize Scott Nickles to obtain 3 tenders to replace one of the heaters for the seating areas at North Middlesex Arena. That Scott also be authorized to look into funding donations towards this venture.

CARRIED

Another item on the report regarding caretakers was referred to the Recreation Committee for consideration.

Lucy Hendriks informed Council that the next Recreation Meeting would be February 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is hopeful that the area appointees would be available at that time. The question of committee payment was discussed, and the decision deferred until a future meeting. There was a discussion on other committees that would have to be considered.

**ACCOUNTS**

HENDRIKS-BREBNER: That the payment of the following accounts

be approved:	North Middlesex	169,790.07
	Parkhill	7,999.81
	Ailsa Craig	57,255.70
	McGillivray	10,765.61
	East Williams	15,302.94
	West Williams	4552.96
	Payroll	60,503.75
	TOTAL	\$326,170.84

CARRIED

**IN CAMERA**

CONLIN-COUTTS: That Council proceed in camera to discuss issue of property and personnel.

CARRIED

BREBNER-COUTTS: That Council come out of camera session and resume meeting at 11:36 p.m.

CARRIED

No recommendations were brought forth from the in camera session.

Council suggested that they meet on February 12, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. to attend to deferred business.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: That Council adjourn at 11:37 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CLERK