

MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Brian Ropp
Deputy Mayor Paul Hodgins
Councillor Ward 1 Sara Nirta
Councillor Ward 2 Bill Irwin
Councillor Ward 3 Charles Daigle
Councillor Ward 4 John Keogh
Councillor Ward 5 Adrian Cornelissen

Staff Present: Clerk Richard Beachey
Manager of Public Works Vance Czerwinski
Manager of Recreation and Facilities Brandon Drew
Interim CAO/Treasurer Estelle Chayer
Manager of Infrastructure and Operations Jaden Hodgins
Fire Chief Greg Vandenheuvel

Staff Absent: Economic Development and Communications Coordinator
Natalie Core
Deputy Clerk Ashley Kwarciak
Drainage Superintendent Joanne Sadler
Executive Assistant/HR Coordinator Donna Vanhooydonk

The Special Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held under the provisions contained within the North Middlesex Procedural By-law and may be held in whole or in part without physically being present at 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill.

- 1. NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**
- 2. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ropp called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. with a quorum present by way of livestream on the North Middlesex You Tube Channel.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

(Municipal Conflict of Interest Act – Section 5 requires any member of Council to declare a pecuniary interest and general nature thereof, prior to any consideration on that matter. Where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the Act. The disclosures become part of a Public Registry as required under the Act.

4. PRESENTATION AND REVIEW OF DRAFT 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Interim CAO/Treasurer will present and review the draft 2023 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget.

(Presentation not available at time of posting)

The Interim CAO/Treasurer began the presentation of the draft 2023 Municipal Operation Budget by providing answers to questions that had been asked by Council Members up to this meeting. There was a request that some functions such as By-law Enforcement and Building Inspection, which are now contracted out, be considered for in house provision. The Interim CAO indicated that with respect to Building Inspection this has been contracted out due to necessity and failure of a prior sharing service with other municipalities. Council asked that a scenario be brought back to Council with a proposed water rate increase which is less than the 5% now proposed. The Interim CAO/Treasurer reported that she would bring an alternate water rate scenario back to Council.

The Interim CAO/Treasurer reviewed the draft 2023 Municipal Operation Budget by proceeding through the tabs as listed in the draft budget.

Due to a prior commitment of the Manager of Infrastructure and Operations the Water/Sewer Operations section of the budget was reviewed first. The Manager of Infrastructure and Operations provided clarifications and responded to questions that were asked by Council Members.

Council broke at 6:38 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 6:43 p.m.

The Interim CAO/Treasurer reviewed the Administration and Finance section of the budget. Members of Council posed questions that the Interim CAO/Treasurer responded to and provided clarification on other items.

The Interim CAO/Treasurer reviewed the Protective Services section of the budget. The Fire Chief responded to questions as they related to the area of Fire.

The Interim CAO/Treasurer responded to questions related to the Policing and Building areas of the budget. The Clerk responded to a question on the By-law Enforcement area of the budget.

The Interim CAO/Treasurer reviewed the Operations, Drains and Waste section of the budget. The Public Works Manager provided clarifications and responded to questions that were asked by Council Members. The Interim CAO/Treasurer provided clarifications and responses on certain areas of the budget.

The Interim CAO/Treasurer reviewed the Community Services section of the budget. The Manager of Recreation and Facilities provided clarifications and responded to questions that were asked by Council Members. The Interim CAO/Treasurer provided clarifications and responses on areas of the budget.

The Interim CAO/Treasurer reviewed the Economic Development and Planning section of the budget. The Interim CAO/Treasurer provided clarifications and responded to questions that were asked by Council Members. It was explained that planning service costs from the County of Middlesex are included in the County levy which is paid whether or not those services are used.

Following completion of the review of all sections of the Operation Budget, it was agreed to review the Capital Budget at the meeting scheduled for tomorrow night, Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

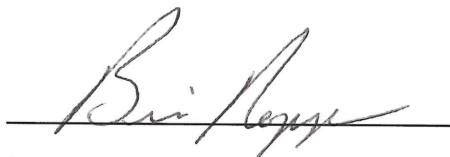
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Moved By: C. Daigle

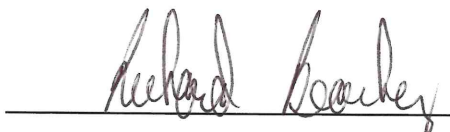
Seconded By: J. Keogh

That the Meeting adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

CARRIED



MAYOR



CLERK