

**JANUARY 15, 2014    MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX    7:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday January 15, 2014 in the Council Chambers, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill with a quorum present.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Don Shipway  
Deputy Mayor Chuck Hall  
Councillor Ward One – Doreen McLinchey  
Councillor Ward Two – Brian Ropp  
Councillor Ward Three – Gord Moir  
Councillor Ward Four – Andrew Hemming  
Councillor Ward Five – Adrian Cornelissen  
CAO Linda Creaghe  
Clerk Jackie Tiedeman

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That the December 16, 2013 Regular Meeting and December 16, 2013 Court of Revisions be hereby accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**5. PUBLIC MEETING – 7:00 p.m.**

HALL/HEMMING: That the meeting adjourn from Regular to Committee of Adjustment at 7:02 p.m.

CARRIED

See separate committee of adjustment minutes

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

## **6. DELEGATIONS**

8:00 p.m. – OCWA Representatives, Jackie Mueller and Marcel Misuraca attended Council with a proposal for maintaining, operating and servicing the water distribution system in North Middlesex. This would complement the partnership we already have for the wastewater system. OCWA will work with Municipality to ensure there is a smooth transition for the three operating staff that will be joining OCWA's team but also to the users of the system. The representatives highlighted several key components that will be addressed through this process: Operations and Maintenance, Communications and Reporting, QEMS and DWQMS, Asset Management, Innovation/Recommendations. Several questions were asked by Council regarding this proposal. Treasurer Daigle advised that the 2013 Water Department Operating Costs was approximately \$325,000. The OCWA proposal estimates Operating Costs for water distribution of \$327,795.00. After careful consideration the following motion was then presented:

HEMMING/MOIR: The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex is desirous of employing the use of an outside agency to maintain, operate and service the water distribution system;

And as a result, Council has considered the proposal from the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) for the provision of services pertaining to the maintenance of the water distribution system within North Middlesex;

And further, due to the fact that the Municipality currently has a contract with OCWA for service, operation and maintenance of the wastewater system, that they also have the level of expertise and knowledge of the North Middlesex water distribution system that Council considers it appropriate that this service can be considered as Single Sourcing as provided for in By-law 74 of 2013 (A By-law to provide for the purchase of goods, services and facilities of the Municipality of North Middlesex) Part 5 Purchasing Methods;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby directs staff to enter into the required agreement (s) with the Ontario Clean Water Agency for both Water Distribution and Wastewater Treatment at an estimated total cost of \$595,204.00 per year subject to an annual review based on previous year's cost and anticipated expense and scope of work for the following year.

CARRIED

## 8:30 p.m.- Ron Walker – Proposal for Parkhill Library

Mr. Walker requested to attend Council to find out if any decisions had been made on the future use of the Parkhill Library once it has been transferred to the new building. Councillor Moir stated that the Economic Development Committee invited a realtor to view the library to obtain an opinion of marketable uses for this building. Mr. Walker stated that he has been approached by a private group that may be interested in the building for an Art Gallery Guild. He advised Council that this Carnegie Building is one of very few left. Council replied that they had no intention of tearing the building down and that individual council members have also been approached by organizations as to their interest in the building.

CAO, Linda Creaghe, advised that if Council deemed this building to be surplus to their needs that there is a specific process that needs to be followed before anything can proceed. Council then mentioned that the Service Ontario building also needs to be considered. Council thanked Mr. Walker for attending and advised that council will discuss this in more detail later in the meeting if time permits.

### **7. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

HALL/MOIR: That the following bills and accounts be approved for payment:

General	\$817,633.14
Visa	\$ 14,905.93
Hydro One	\$ 13,378.75
Hydro One	\$ 1,056.53

CARRIED

### **8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. Report from Drainage Superintendent – Kennes Drain

CORNELISSEN/ROPP: That Council read a third time and pass the Provisional By-law #70 of 2013 for the Kennes Drain. To authorize the construction of the drainage works after ten days of passing this final by-law.

CARRIED

### **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) Parkhill Hydro Proceeds Committee Minutes December 4, 2013

Councillor McLinchey explained the recommendations that require Council approval and the following motion was then brought forth:

HALL/MCLINCHEY: That the recommendations contained within the December 4, 2013 minutes be hereby approved.

CARRIED

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Government of Canada –news release of proposed changes to support agricultural sector growth through modernization.  
(Action: receive and file)
- b) Municipality of East Ferris – letter to Premier expressing disappointment and concern regarding distribution of funds for the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund  
(Action: receive and file)
- c) Invitation for Retirement Celebration in honour of Tom Prout, General Manager of ABCA  
(Action: RSVP required by January 20, 2014 if planning to attend)
- d) Municipality of South Huron – Notice of adoption of an Official Plan Amendment  
(Action: receive and file)
- e) ABCA – News Release-ABCA announces new General Manager  
(Action: receive and file)
- f) United Counties of Prescott and Russell –amendment to the Aggregate Resources Act for peat moss extraction.  
(Action: receive and file)
- g) ABCA – Invitation to Nominate for Conservationist of the Year and invitation to attend conservation awards.  
(Action: receive and file)
- h) Notice of Preliminary hearing and Hearing –Environmental Review Tribunal Suncor Energy Products Inc.  
(Action: Receive and File)
- i) Ministry of Energy – Release of long term renewable energy project.  
(Action: Full report available in office – Receive and File)

- j) OPP – Amended use of Force for conducted energy weapon authorization to further classes of police officers.

Councillor Cornelissen put forth a motion that the Municipality express their concern with the amended use of force and emphasize the need to ensure proper training for this weapon.

The motion failed for the lack of a seconder  
(Action: receive and file)

- k) Ombudsman-Annual Report on Investigations of Closed Municipal Meetings  
(Action: receive and file – The Clerk encouraged Council to review the report)

ROPP/HEMMING: That correspondence a-k be accepted with the noted actions.  
CARRIED

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) ABCA – Proposed 2014 Budget and Municipal Levies

MOIR/ROPP: That Council request the ABCA be invited to the next meeting to explain the proposed budget and levies.

CARRIED

A discussion then ensued regarding the earlier delegation (Ron Walker) inquiring about the plans for the Parkhill Library and Service Ontario Buildings once transferred over to the new building. CAO, Linda Creaghe, gave an overview of how surplus lands have to be dealt with as outlined in a by-law. It was noted that the EDC Committee is reviewing some other municipal lands and that a report will be coming to council at some point in the future with a recommendation. After careful consideration, it was agreed that a separate staff report be prepared outlining procedures for disposing of these two properties for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

Deputy Mayor Hall reported to Council that he has been appointed to a Food Hub Committee through SCOR Region and is looking forward to bringing back information from this Committee.

## **12. IN CAMERA**

HALL/MOIR: That regular meeting adjourn to In Camera at 9:30 p.m. due to the following: Litigation or Potential Litigation

CARRIED

## **13. RISE AND REPORT**

Council rose from In Camera at 10:00 p.m. with no report

## **14. READING OF BY-LAWS**

- a) By-law #2 of 2014 – to provide for interim tax levies for 2014
- b) By-law #3 of 2014 – authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures
- c) By-law #4 of 2014 – authorize telephone and internet voting as an alternative
- d) By-law #5 of 2014 – a by-law to amend the Official Plan (Stewart)
- e) By-law#6 of 2014 – a by-law to amend the zoning of two parcels of land (Root)
- f) By-law #70 of 2013 – Kennes Drain (3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading only)
- g) By-law #8 of 2014 – Confirming By-law for January 15, 2014

HALL/MOIR: That By-laws #2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That By-laws #2,3,4,5,6,7, 8 of 2014 and By-law #70 of 2013 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the meeting adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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CLERK