



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday January 20, 2016 in the Council Chambers, Shared Services Centre, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill with a quorum present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Don Shipway

Deputy Mayor Brian Ropp

Councillor Ward One Doreen McLinchey

Councillor Ward Two Joan Nichol

Councillor Ward Three Gord Moir - Absent

Councillor Ward Four Andrew Hemming

Councillor Ward Five Adrian Cornelissen

CAO, Marsha Paley

Clerk, Jackie Tiedeman

Acting Treasurer, Debbie Jonah

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST.

None

4. MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

a. Special Budget Meeting – December 10, 2015

b. Regular Meeting – December 16, 2015

MOTION #005/2016

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETING – COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT – 7:00 P.M.

See separate Committee of Adjustment minutes

6. DELEGATION

None

7. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

- a. Report on the compilation of bills and accounts to January 13, 2016

MOTION #007/2016

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

General	\$1,753,031.13
Ont Hydro	\$ 10,670.01
OCWA	\$ 52,523.70

CARRIED

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Report from Acting Treasurer – 2015 Year End Transfers

Several questions were asked by Council regarding the proposed transfers.

Councillor Cornelissen inquired if the \$80,000 for 218 Parkhill Main Street renovations was approved in the 2015 budget. Ms. Jonah verified that it was included in 2015.

The \$22,000 for electronic equipment was described as the AV equipment and to obtain a wireless microphone for the podium in the council chambers.

Mr. Nickles advised there is \$82,000 left over from the Ailsa Craig Park Project. The shade structure and some landscaping will need to be completed in the spring however he does not anticipate requiring the entire amount. It was suggested that \$30,000 – 40,000 may be needed.

A couple of projects have been carried over again as time has not permitted the completion of the projects. This includes \$25,000 for Bornish Road widening and \$70,000 for the River Road culvert.

MOTION #008/2016

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That Council give its consideration to direct staff to transfer the unused funds in the amount of \$715,680 to the Contingency Reserve for 2015.

CARRIED

b. Report from Acting Treasurer – Tax Arrears and Registrations

Ms. Jonah advised that since the preparation of this report, the number of properties eligible for tax registration is three.

MOTION #009/2016

HEMMING/NICHOL: That Council give its consideration and accept this report as it deals with tax arrears and furthermore to direct staff to proceed with the tax registration of the three (3) properties.

CARRIED

c. Report from Acting Treasurer – Borrowing By-law

MOTION #010/2016

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That Council give its consideration to passing a By-law to authorize the borrowing of funds, if necessary, to finance municipal operations until the 2016 budget and final tax levy.

CARRIED

d. Report from Facilities Manager – Electronic Sign

Councillor Nichol inquired as to why the lower tender was not recommended. Mr. Nickles replied that due to the small difference, Davies Signs was recommended as this company has done other work for the municipality and we have been very satisfied with the quality of work.

MOTION #011/2016

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That Council accepts the quote from Brad Davies Signs in the amount of \$28,200 for the supply and installation of an illuminated LED Pylon Sign at the corner of McLeod Street and Elginfield Road;

And further that an additional report will be provided for Council's consideration on the cost of supplying electricity to the sign as additional budget may be required.

CARRIED

- e. Report from Public Works Manager – Request to reopen road allowance on Elm Tree Drive

MOTION #012/2016

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: That Council receive the staff report regarding the maintenance of the road allowance east of Elm Tree Drive for trail purposes;

And further that if staff finds the trail is not on road allowance staff is to proceed with work to ensure the trail is located on the road allowance.

CARRIED

- f. Report from Drainage Superintendent – Petition for Drainage

MOTION #013/2016

NICHOL/MCLINCHEY: That Council accept the petition for drainage works for improvement to the Ross Leslie Drain.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Economic Development Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2015

MOTION #014/2016

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the minutes be received as presented.

CARRIED

- b. Economic Development Meeting minutes January 11, 2016 and recommendation

MOTION #015/2016

MCLINCHEY/NICHOL: That the minutes be received from January 11, 2016;

And that Council considers the need for a staff position in Economic Development through the budgetary process.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. ABCA Cost Sharing for Maintenance of water and erosion control structures.
(Action: receive and refer to budget)

- b. ABCA – Nominate a Conservationist of the Year (deadline Jan.29)
(Action: receive and file)

- c. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Summary of Changes – The Smart Growth for our Communities

CAO Marsha Paley advised that the Planner B. Rosser and herself were both interviewed by the Press as to whether any of these changes affected North Middlesex. Ms. Paley advised that she would forward the article and provided comment.

- d. Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley – Resolution endorsement regarding recruiting family physicians

MOTION #016/2016

NICHOL/MCLINCHEY: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex supports the following motion from the Township of Madawaska Valley:

“Whereas Ontario's growing and aging population is putting an increasing strain on our publicly funded health care system;

And Whereas since February 2015, the Ontario government has made an almost 7 per cent unilateral cut to physician services expenditures which cover all the care doctors provide to patients-including cuts to programs which are specifically designed to act as incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas;

And whereas the decisions Ontario makes today will impact patients access to quality care in the years to come and these cuts will threaten access to the quality, patient-focused care Ontarians need and expect;

And whereas Ontario is experiencing a growing rural population as retirees move to the countryside;

And whereas many rural municipalities in Ontario have formed physician recruitment and retention committees and strategies to deal with the reality of physician retirements and shortages;

And whereas rural areas in Ontario are already at a distinct disadvantage in recruiting family physicians due to a number of factors;

Now therefore be it resolved that, in an effort to retain and attract family physicians to our rural Ontario municipality, the Township of Madawaska Valley hereby requests that; the Minister of Health and Long Term Care reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario; and that the Minister return to the table with Ontario's doctors and work together through mediation-arbitration to reach a fair deal that protects the quality, patient-focused care Ontario's families deserve,

And that copies of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the County of Renfrew and all Renfrew County lower-tier municipalities, MPP John Yakabuski, Federal Minister of Health, Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons and all municipalities in Ontario.”

CARRIED

- e. City of Kingston – Resolution endorsement regarding the development of a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians.

MOTION #017/2016

HEMMING/MCLINCHEY: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex supports the following motion from the City of Kingston:

“Whereas the 2011 National Household survey confirmed that 14.9% of the population live in low income circumstances, a percentage exceeded in the City of Kingston where the percentage of the population living in poverty has been documented at 15.4%; and Whereas income insecurity and inequality continue to increase as a result of precarious employment; and

Whereas existing income security programs have not proved sufficient to ensure adequate, secure income for all; and

Whereas insufficient income, income insecurity and inequality have well-established, strong relationships to a range of adverse public health outcomes, and are root causes of many social ills such as illiteracy and short-fall of educational attainment, chronic stress, alienations, and criminal activity, all of which undermine the social fabric; and

Whereas basic income guarantee would reduce income insufficiency, inequality and ensure everyone an income sufficient to meet basic needs and live in dignity regardless of work status; and

Whereas a basic income guarantee would provide an income floor for those doing socially essential but unpaid work, supporting the choices of those who engage in it; and

Whereas a basic income guarantee would provide additional direct personal income which would be spent locally, thereby revitalizing local economies; and

Whereas a basic income guarantee would enable individuals to pursue educational, occupational, social and wellness opportunities relevant to them and their families; and

Whereas a basic income guarantee would support entrepreneurship and job transition for those trying to establish a new productive role for themselves in response to a persistently changing economy; and

Whereas a basic income guarantee would resemble income guarantees already provided in Canada for seniors guarantees which have contributed to health and quality of life improvements in this age group; and

Whereas basis income has been studied in Canada for approximately forty years and has demonstrated improved physical and mental health and educational outcomes; and

Whereas a basic income guarantee program would involve the redistribution of the administration functions of existing income support programs to the nation as a whole and to senior government partners in the same manner as Medicare and the existing seniors and children’s programs;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Kingston endorse a national discussion of a basic income guarantee for all Canadians; and

That the City of Kingston encourage the provincial and federal governments through their respective responsible Ministers, including the Ontario Minister of Health and the

Ontario Deputy Minister in charge of poverty reduction, to work together to consider, investigate, and develop a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians; and
That this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario with the request that they consider indicating their support for this most important initiative; and
That this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, including the Big City Mayor's Caucus, with the request that they include proposing a Basic Income Guarantee in their respective engagements with the provincial and federal governments; and
That copies of this resolution be shared with the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, and all opposition leaders at both levels of government."

CARRIED

- f. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – 2015 Rural Roadmap: The Path Forward for Ontario.
(action: receive and file)
- g. Municipality of Neebing – Resolution endorsement regarding public consultation relating to the Police Services Act.

MOTION #018/2016

HEMMING/ROPP: Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex supports the resolution from the Municipality of Neebing as follows:

"Whereas the Province has begun a process of public consultation relating to the Police Services Act;

And whereas the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing continues to have significant concerns and objections to the amount of money that the Provincial Government expects Municipalities to pay for either having its own police service, for contracting with the Ontario Provincial Police, or for employing the Ontario Provincial Police through the "default" provisions of the Police Services Act;

And whereas the consultation statement issued by the Province indicates that the Province is seeking input on (among other matters) how to "clarify policies duties, modernize training programs and deliver services using a range of public safety personnel";

And whereas Ontario's provincial and municipal police forces are among the highest paid polices in Canada;

And whereas the residents of Canada deserve appropriate and affordable police protection;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing is urging all municipalities in Ontario, whether or not they have municipal police forces, to participate in the consultation process;

And further that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing believes that effective community policing can be undertaken without the use of uniformed police officers through the use of a two tiered system that would allow municipalities to recruit non-uniformed safety personnel for day to day policing, relying on uniformed officers only for significant high-level criminal investigations and/or matters requiring particular expertise or specialized equipment;

And further that such a system would be delivering “services using a range of public safety personnel”,

And further that such a system should allow Ontario's municipalities to utilize uniformed police services on a fee for service basis at the times when the services are required;

And further that this would allow highly trained and specialized police officers to utilize their skills and abilities where required, focusing on high-order criminal activity;

And further that this would save significant taxpayer dollars at both the municipal and provincial orders of government without causing an deterioration in public safety and protection;

And further that the Police Services Act should be amended to allow such a system to operate in Ontario;

And further that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing seeks support for this position from other Ontario municipalities.”

CARRIED

h. Thank you to Council and staff from Councillor McLinchey
(action: receive and file)

MOTION #019/2016

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

CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Consideration of motion to declare West Williams Hall (32217 Kerwood Road) as surplus property.

MOTION #020/2016

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: Be it resolved that after careful consideration the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby declares the following real property surplus:

32217 Kerwood Road (Con.16 Pt Lot 9)

And further that staff be directed to proceed with obtaining one appraisal to determine the fair market value of the property, prepared by a professional appraiser;

And that staff be authorized a pre-budget expense of approximately \$6,000.00 in order to obtain the required appraisal.

CARRIED

12. CLOSED MEETING (under Section 239 of the Municipal Act)

MOTION #021/2016

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That regular meeting adjourn to Closed Meeting at 8:45 p.m. for the following purpose:

Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Municipality – North Middlesex Medical Centre Lease Agreement; *Addition of Mill Street lots, Parkhill

Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations- Fire Wage Survey *Addition of Staffing Needs – Recreation Dept.

CARRIED

13. RISE AND REPORT

Council rose from the Closed Meeting at 9:30 p.m. with the following recommendations:

MOTION #022/2016

CORNELISSEN/NICHOL: That Council approve the following recommendations from the Closed Meeting:

1. One full time, short term position for the Rec Dept
2. Staff be directed to adjust the 2016 Salaries for Officer Positions in the North Middlesex Fire Dept
3. Accept the donation of land from owner (Mill Street lots, Parkhill)

CARRIED

14. READING OF BY-LAWS

- a. By-law #1 of 2016 – A by-law to set Interim Tax Levy for 2016
- b. By-law #2 of 2016 – Borrowing By-law
- c. By-law #3 of 2016 – Zoning Amendment for 11910 Fernhill Drive
- d. By-law #4 of 2016 – A By-law to authorize the execution of an extension agreement
- e. By-law #5 of 2016 – Confirming By-law

MOTION #023/2016

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That By-laws #1,2,3,4,5 of 2016 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOTION #024/2016

CORNELISSEN/NICHOLS: That By-laws #1,2,3,4,5 of 2016 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #025/2016

ROPP/HEMMING: That the meeting adjourn at 9:36 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK