

**JANUARY 29, 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 29, 2014 in the Council Chambers, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill with a quorum present.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Deputy Mayor Chuck Hall  
Councillor Ward One – Doreen McLinchey  
Councillor Ward Two – Brian Ropp  
Councillor Ward Three – Gord Moir  
Councillor Ward Five – Adrian Cornelissen  
Clerk Jackie Tiedeman

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

a. January 8, 2014 Special Meeting for Grants

Clerk Jackie Tiedeman pointed out to Council that the acceptance of these minutes was also accepting the revised spreadsheet attached dated January 9 which summarized decisions made at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That the January 8 special meeting minutes and spreadsheet be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

b. January 15, 2014 Regular Meeting

Councillor Cornelissen announced that he wished to repeal a statement he made at the January 15, 2014 concerning a potential conflict of interest with Councillor Ropp. After some review of the circumstances and definition of the term he was content there was no conflict of interest.

MOIR/CORNELISSEN: That the January 15 regular meeting minutes be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **5. PUBLIC MEETING – 7:00 p.m. Court of Revisions**

ROPP/MOIR: That the regular meeting adjourn to Court of Revisions at 7:05 p.m.  
CARRIED

See minutes under separate cover

Regular meeting resumed following Court of Revisions

## **7:15 p.m. – Meeting to Consider – Kustermans Drain**

Armin Kruspel, Engineer from Spriets, was present to review the revised Kustermans Engineers Report, along with Drainage Superintendent Glen Bullock to present his report. This report pertains solely to work required due to the Bornish Wind Tower Project.

CORNELISSEN/ROPP: That Council adopt the revised report dated January 2, 2014 prepared by Spriet Associates on the Kusterman Drain for the Bornish Wind Tower Project.  
CARRIED

Another report was then reviewed by the Drainage Superintendent which is under Section 78 of the Drainage Act regarding the Kustermans Drain.

MCLINCHEY/CORNELISSEN: That Council appoints Spriet Associates as Engineer to the project under Section 78 of the Drainage Act.

CARRIED

## **6. DELEGATIONS**

7:30 p.m. – Brian Horner, General Manager of the ABCA was present to answer questions pertaining to the Proposed 2014 Budget and municipal levies.

Several questions were asked regarding the continual increases in the budget and levy to the Municipality. Mr. Horner replied that part of the increases are due to requirements from the MNR and also the special benefits needed by the particular municipality, the general budget of the ABCA is a 2% increase. The overall increase was higher last year due to the additional work that was required at the dam and Cameron Gillies Drain. Mr. Horner advised that he would provide the supporting documentation from the MNR. The budget is anticipated to be voted on by the Board of Directors at the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Council expressed concern with the budget increases however thanked Mr. Horner for attending. Direction will be given to the Mayor at the next council meeting on the wishes of council for voting on the budget.

8:00 p.m. – Becky Tannahill, newly appointed Tourism Manager of Tourism Middlesex attended Council to provide an overview of the work done in 2013 and upcoming next steps for this year. Tourism Middlesex is the County's recognized Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) and represents Middlesex on a regional level regarding tourism development initiatives. She advised that the Information centre is located to Amy's Restaurant just south of HWY 402 in Strathroy. She advised that this presentation is being made to all the lower tier municipalities and the County of Middlesex over the next 5 weeks. They are finalizing strategies for the Tourism Middlesex Association and community enterprise for "Made in Middlesex" products, following through on committed investments by participating with SWOTC in the Ultimate Travel Show, completing the Ontario Barn Quilt Project, participating in Cruise the Coast promotions and organizing Doors Open Middlesex 2014 volunteers. The next steps are to launch a pay to play strategy for tourism partners, Tourism Middlesex will introduce the Tourism Middlesex Association and regional advertising opportunities will also be explored. Several questions were asked by Council about this initiative. Becky was thanked for her very exciting and informative presentation and look forward to learning more about the partnering aspect of the project.

## **7. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

- a. Report on the compilation of the bills and accounts for the period to January 22, 2014.

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

General	\$897,301.80
Visa	\$ 4,878.00
OCWA	\$ 16,634.54

CARRIED

## **8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a) Report from Clerk – Animal Control Services Contract

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That staff be directed to enter into a three year renewal with the Animal Care Centre.

CARRIED

- b) Report from Recreation Manager – Progress Report

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That the report presented by Scott Nickles, Recreation/Facilities Manager be received and filed.

CARRIED

- c) Report from Recreation Manager – Endorsement of the Toronto Charter for Physical Activity.

Mr. Nickles commented on the recent workshop attended by himself along with some staff and council members regarding Healthy Communities. It was a very informative workshop that he felt would likely become an annual event.

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That Council endorse the international Toronto Charter for Physical Activity, and  
That the endorsement be registered on the Global Advocacy for Physical Activity website.

CARRIED

- d) Report from Water Manager – 2013 Management Review

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That Council accept the Management Review minutes and endorse the revisions made to ensure the continued suitability, adequacy and effectiveness of the QMS.

CARRIED

- e) Report from Water Manager – 2013 Annual Report

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That Council accept the 2013 Annual Drinking Water Systems Regulation O.Reg 170/03 report as printed and presented.

CARRIED

- f) Report from Treasurer – Contingency Reserve 2013

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That Council approve the contingency reserve report as presented.

CARRIED

- g) Report from Finance –Documentation Changes for Water Department

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That Council hereby direct the Mayor or Deputy Mayor and Clerk or CAO to sign the appropriate documentation that is required to meet regulations with the Ministry of the Environment and other government agencies with the recent change in Operating Authority of the Municipality of North Middlesex Water System.

CARRIED

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Fire Committee Minutes from December 18, 2013 – no recommendations to consider

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That the minutes be received and filed

CARRIED

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth –Wellington requesting support for his private members resolution which is suggesting a reform to the joint and several liability insurance for Municipalities as stated on the letter dated January 13, 2014.

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex endorse the following private members resolution from Randy Pettapiece, MPP in the Ontario legislature:

“ That, in the opinion of this House, the government should protect taxpayers from high property taxes by implementing a comprehensive, long term solution to reform joint and several liability insurance for municipalities by no later than June 2014, addressing the alarming rise in insurance premiums due to rising litigation and claim costs”

CARRIED

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

Deputy Mayor Hall provided an update that County Council raised the issue of the PED virus outbreak in Middlesex County and it was being recommended that it may be appropriate for the Health Unit to make a statement regarding any impact relating to human health on this matter. Also, a brief update was provided on the Economic Development Review currently underway at the County.

Council expressed their appreciation of being updated on the County activities.

## **12. IN CAMERA- None**

## **13. RISE AND REPORT - None**

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

- a) By-Law #9 of 2014 – Kustermans Drain (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading only)
- b) By-law #10 of 2014 – Confirming By-law

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That By-laws #9 of 2014 and #10 of 2014 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That By-law #10 of 2014 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

#### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the meeting adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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CLERK