

MINUTES

The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex met on July 3, 2001 for their regular meeting.

Those present were: 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 WORKS SUPERINTENDENT-J. ADAMS

At 9:05 p.m. Mayor Chuck Hall entered the meeting.

Kate VandeVen from Middlesex Banner was also present.

Lawrence McLachlan declared a pecuniary interest regarding an in camera issue.

CONLIN-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Deputy Mayor Ian Brebner assume the chair pending the arrival of Mayor Chuck Hall.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Brebner suggested that the Public Works Superintendent check the catch basin by the property of John Denys.

Small amendments were made to the minutes, and the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council minutes of June 5, 2001 and June 18, 2001; the Planning and Development Committee minutes of June 7, 2001 and the Committee Meeting of June 11, 2001 be accepted as printed.

CARRIED.

RECREATION DRAFT MINUTES

Councillor Hendrikx reviewed the rental rates, as proposed, and the following motion was made.

CONLIN-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes and the resolutions within for the June 19, 2001 Recreation Meeting and the draft Health and Safety Committee meeting of May 17, 2001 be accepted as printed.

CARRIED.

The recommendations considered, were as follows:

-That all new rates presented by the manager be implemented as soon as possible, and that a 15% surcharge be added to all non residential rates as per policies.

ACCOUNTS

The accounts were reviewed as submitted, and the following motion made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment of accounts in the amount of \$1,342,153.45.

CARRIED.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Water: Councillor McLachlan reported that someone took water off an East Williams line. Public Works Superintendent advised that he attended the sight, and has the equipment used, but the robber did not return to the location.

Golf Day: Councillor Johnston advised that he has the bills for the golf tournament.

Concessions Ball Tournament: Councillor Conlin reminded all that the Concessions Ball Tournament is scheduled for July 6, 7 and 8.

Canada Day Celebrations: Councillor Hendrikx advised that Canada Day Celebrations had a poor turn out (375) due to the weather. The grant allocation was cut in half for the year. Therefore, support may be required.

Nairn Secondary Plan: Deputy Mayor Brebner advised that the Open House was held for the Secondary Plan, and there was a poor turn out.

Smart Growth: Deputy Mayor Brebner advised that he and Administrator Shirley Scott attended a session on Smart Growth, which is the government's strategy for promoting and managing growth in various ways. Smart Growth is a long-term strategy that requires new ways of thinking on everyone's part – including sectors of the public, private and non-profit, as well as individuals.

Septic Regulations: Deputy Mayor Brebner advised that the septic pump out regulations are changing, and there will be an impact on homeowners.

CLERKS REPORT

The written report of the Clerk was then reviewed, advising that

- Chuck Daigle had accepted the position of Treasurer
- The letter to the Minister of Finance, from the Treasurer, regarding input of 2000 taxes, was sent. MFOA is also putting forth an effort to have this streamlined.
- The Quebec Student Exchange Program is in place, and the student is being shared with the Municipal Office in Ailsa Craig, and the Library in Ailsa Craig.
- Lapel pins, flags and pens are to be priced for the municipality
- Chuck Daigle, and another staff member requested to attend a Municipal Finance -Officers Association seminar on Tax Capping and Phase in for 2001, to be held in London on July 11. Council agreed that it should be attended.
- A Smart Growth session, held at the County was attended – see report above.
- A social services appointee from Council is to be designated for the Emergency Plan. Councillor Hendrikx volunteered.

McLACHLAN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Shirley Scott, Administrator Clerk be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

The written report from Fire Chief Steve Clemens, was reviewed advising that:

- Scott Leitch as resigned from the Parkhill Detachment.
- Jim Scott is on temporary medical leave. Deputy District Fire Chief Talo Tamminga is acting as District Fire Chief, and Training Officer Mike Heaman is acting as Deputy District Fire Chief.
- First aid and CPR training is 95% complete
- Fire extinguisher training has been conducted at Chateau Gardens
- There are problems with Parkhill's pumper one
- Uniform radio programming has been completed
- Steve Guay has completed two fire safety inspections

CONLIN-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Fire Chief Steve Clemens be accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

Councillor Johnston advised that two sessions are being scheduled for training on how to use the breathing apparatus equipment. The same company will be doing the testing. The sessions are being arranged for a Wednesday and a Saturday, at \$1,000 per session.

2000 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR TRANSITION BOARD

The report was reviewed, indicating expenses of \$555,070. Also, a letter, which is being sent to the other auditors, regarding the accounting treatment of Transition Board expenses, was discussed. The following motion was then made.

CONLIN-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial report for the Transition Board, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Public Works Superintendent. Joe Adams reported that both he and Shirley Scott have spoken to the Ministry of Environment, regarding the delay on approval of a Certificate of Approval, for the waterline on Denfield Road. The process for appeal has been started.

GRANNY FLATS

A request from a West Williams ratepayer, for a mobile home to be moved onto their residence, to act as a granny flat for their aging step father. At a later date, a son would like to live in the area. Upon speaking to the planner about "granny flats", she has advised that there are no provisions for granny flats in West Williams. In order to address, at this time, a temporary use by-law would have to be put in place, and an Official Plan amendment is required. The other alternative is to make provisions for temporary use by-laws, when the new Official Plan for North Middlesex is created.

Council suggested that the ratepayer be invited to a meeting to discuss details.

WATER RUNOFF AT 296 MAIN STREET

A letter indicating water runoff problems was discussed. CBO Vic Stellingwerff was made aware of the matter, and is addressing the matter with the landowner.

2001/2002 TILE LOAN PROGRAM

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs outlined the details of the TDL Program for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. Council reviewed, and the following motion was made.

McLACHLAN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tile drain loan program for 2001/2002 making loans available to the farmers be accepted as follows:

- 8% interest rate
- 10 year term
- Maximum loan available in one year is \$20,000 (amount applied for by the farmer; or 75% of the value of the tile drainage work performed, or \$20,000, whichever is the lesser amount)

CARRIED.

REZONING IN MIDDLESEX CENTRE

An application for rezoning in Middlesex Centre was considered, and the following motion made.

COUTTS-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipality of North Middlesex has no objections to the rezoning of lands in the Township of Middlesex Centre, from General Agriculture to a site specific Agricultural use to permit the construction of a new structure to be used as an agricultural service dwelling for seasonal farm laborers.

CARRIED.

BY-LAW 48 OF 2001 – RECREATION POLICIES

BREBNER-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #48 of 2001, being a by-law to authorize the acceptance of the recreation policies for the municipality of North Middlesex be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

CARRIED.

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Correspondence was received from Leonard Mason of Ontario Public Service Employees Union, regarding privatization of Ontario's Correctional Services. Council reviewed and the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the motion of the Town of Penetanguishene which opposes private ownership and operation of provincial correctional facilities including jails, correctional centers, detention centers and strict discipline facilities.

CARRIED.

BY-LAW #49 OF 2001 – TWILIGHT ACRES REZONING

The recommendation to Council from the Planner was that the zoning of this parcel could proceed without further notice pursuant tot Section 34(17) of the Planning Act. This allows Council to make a determination as to a requirement for further notice where changes are made to by-laws under Section 34, which relates to zoning by-laws. Therefore, the following motion was made.

BREBNER-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #49, being a by-law to amend the zoning by-law of former East Williams, on part of Lot 26 Concession 18(application #Z-3-2001) be read a first, second and third time and finally passed, proceeding without further notice under the Planning Act pursuant to Section 34 (17) thereof. The provisions of the Act allows Councils to make a determination as to a requirement for further notice where changes are made to by-laws under Section 34 which relates to zoning by-laws.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed:

- a) MFOA advising that the requested to postpone the education remittance
- b) News release from MMA advising of the new initiatives putting Ontario on road to Smart Growth
- c) Middlesex Federation Agriculture notice of barbecue
- d) VanBree Drainage golf tournament
- e) Paula Muxlow re: maintenance of garden

It was suggested that the French student being used in Ailsa Craig would now be watering the plants. Mr. John McCallum is to be thanked for his watering efforts.

- f) Ontario Statute Citator – Bill 13 and Bill 20
- g) AMO – province introduce nutrient management legislation
 - Background info on Nutrient Management Act
 - New Ontario Legislation will protect water and set clear standards for farms

Councillor Hendrikx is responding to the manure issue, in that town and city uses fertilizer at a higher rate per square inch than the farmer.

- h) Flags Unlimited flyer
- i) Green Scheels Pidgeon Planning Consultants – draft for OP for Township of Adelaide Metcalfe

COUTTS-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence package a-l dated July 3, 2001, be accepted.

CARRIED.

IN CAMERA

CONLIN-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into an in Camera session at 9:33 p.m.

CARRIED.

McLACHLAN-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the in-camera session adjourn at 10:56 p.m.

CARRIED.

As a result of the In Camera session, the following motions were made.

550 TRANSFORMER ON KING STREET

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipality have a 550 transformer erected at the west end of King Street and Union Street for industrial purposes. As this transformer will serve four industrial properties, one quarter of the cost shall be paid back to the municipality at the time of the set up of each new industry.

CARRIED.

ROAD CLOSURE

BREBNER-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipality is not prepared to close any roads at this time.

CARRIED.

JAKE'S PLACE

BREBNER-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT no deposit of \$1,000 be required on Jake's Place, and the plan be signed and registered.

CARRIED.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #50 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex at a meeting held on July 3, 2001 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 3rd day of July, 2001.

CARRIED.

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular session adjourn at 11:04 p.m.

CARRIED.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR