



## **MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday June 17, 2015 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 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of having a Closed Meeting Session prior to the start of the regular meeting.

### **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

Councillor Ward Four Andrew Hemming

Councillor Ward Five Adrian Cornelissen

CAO, Marsha Paley

Clerk, Jackie Tiedeman

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None at this time

### **4. CLOSED MEETING (Under Section 239 of the Municipal Act)**

#### **MOTION #188/2015**

**MCLINCHEY/HEMMING:** That the regular meeting adjourn to the Closed Meeting at 6:45 p.m. for the following purposes:

Acquisition or disposition of land – Medical Building

**CARRIED**

## **5. RISE AND REPORT**

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:14 p.m. with no report

## **6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Minutes from Regular Meeting – June 3, 2015

### **MOTION #189/2015**

**ROPP/NICHOL:** That the regular meeting minutes dated June 3, 2015 be hereby accepted as presented.

CARRIED

### **MOTION #190/2015**

**CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY:** That the regular meeting adjourn to Public Meetings at 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED

## **7. PUBLIC MEETINGS:**

### **7:15 P.M. – DRAIN MEETING**

A meeting to consider the Engineers Report regarding the Kennes Drain then proceeded with Mike Devos from Spriet Associates.

### **MOTION #191/2015**

**ROPP/HEMMING:** That Council accept the Kennes Drain 2015 report from Spriet Associates and give first and second reading of the by-law.

CARRIED

### **MOTION #192/2015**

**CORNELISSEN/HEMMING:** That the Drain Meeting adjourn to Committee of Adjustment at 7:20 p.m.

CARRIED

The regular meeting then reconvened following the public meeting portion of the agenda.

## **8. DELEGATIONS**

Maureen Flynn attended Council to request that municipal staff enforce or request OPP to enforce By-law #66 of 2004 (Prohibit Discharge of Firearms within Residential Areas); formation of an Animal Care Advisory Committee and to make a presentation with regard to coyotes in the Municipality. Ms. Flynn then presented Council with an additional presentation focusing on the establishment of an Animal Welfare Advisory Committee. Several questions were asked by Council regarding the composition and purpose of such a committee and that more information needs to be gathered and presented to council before further consideration can be given. Council also relayed that this type of committee would have to take into account the rural area needs as well as urban. Ms. Flynn agreed to gather more information and to seek out other individuals who may be interested in sitting on such a committee.

## **9. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

a) Report on compilation of accounts to June 11, 2015

### **MOTION #193/2015**

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

General	\$ 1,696,443.34
Cemetery	\$ 92.21
Ont Hydro	\$ 1,016.40
OCWA	\$ 52,523.71

CARRIED

## **10. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a) Report from Clerk – Draft Consolidation of Fees and Charges By-law

### **MOTION #194/2015**

**ROPP/MCLINCHEY:** That Council received the proposed consolidated Fees and Charges By-law Report from the Administration Department;

And further that Council direct staff to release the report and draft by-law for a 60 day public review and comment period;

And further that during the public review period a Public Meeting be held during the regular meeting of Council on July 15<sup>th</sup> for presentation of the draft fees and charges;

And further that following the 60 day public review and comment period, a report containing any comments received along with a revised by-law, if necessary, be brought forward for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

b) Report from Clerk – Second Quarter Progress Report

**MOTION #195/2015**

**CORNELISSEN/MOIR:** That the Administration Quarterly update report be received and filed by Council.

CARRIED

c) Report from By-law Enforcement Officer – Tidy Yard By-law Compliance Update

**MOTION #196/2015**

**CORNELISSEN/HEMMING:** That Council receives the June 2015 Tidy Yard By-law Compliance Report for 26821 Nairn Road regarding partial compliance of the by-law;

And further that By-law Enforcement staff undertake a final inspection on July 1, 2015;

And further that should the subject property not be in compliance with the Tidy Yard By-law on July 1, 2015, Council directs staff to undertake the necessary actions for its cleanup and the related costs be applied to the subject property and property owner.

CARRIED

d) Report from Public Works Superintendent – Response to request for Parking Area

**MOTION #197/2015**

**CORNELISSEN/ROPP:** That should Lambton Shores Nature Trails acquire permission from the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (“ABCA”) to create the parking lot on ABCA property at Mystery Falls, Council directs North Middlesex staff to provide an entrance to the ABCA property though no funding for the parking lot.

CARRIED

e) Report from Acting Treasurer – 2014 Year End Surplus Allocation

**MOTION #198/2015**

**MCLINCHEY/HEMMING:** That Council direct staff to allocate the remaining 1,635,369.01 to reserves, the breakdown to be determined at the July 15, 2015 Council meeting following a discussion with the auditors.

CARRIED

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Thank you letters from Muscular Dystrophy Canada for donations from North Middlesex Fire Associations being a total of \$9,862.59 April 2014-March 2015 (action: Receive and File)

b) Spirits Canada – request for resolution endorsement

### **MOTION #199/2015**

**MOIR/NICHOL:** Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the efforts of the Association of Canadian Distillers by endorsing the following motion:

WHEREAS the farming of corn and cereal grains is a foundation of our municipality and rural Ontario;

WHEREAS North Middlesex is committed to policy decisions that promote the health and viability of its local farm community;

WHEREAS Ontario Distillers are the fourth largest buyer of corn from local farmers, provide employment for 6,000 families and contribute \$1.5 billion to the economy;

WHEREAS Canadian Whiskey and Canadian Rye Whiskey have been made in Ontario for over 150 years and is exported to over 200 countries;

WHEREAS a standard drink of beer, wine and spirits each contain precisely the same amount of alcohol;

WHEREAS the LCBO already authorizes the sale of beer, wine and spirits in over 200 grocery and convenience agency stores across the Province;

WHEREAS the Ontario Premier's Advisory Council on government assets has recommended that local and imported beer be sold in up to 450 new grocery stores;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. We call on the Ontario provincial government to provide fair and equal retain access to the market for Ontario made spirits and allow the up to 450 new LCBO authorized grocery stores to also sell distilled spirits products.

And that this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario and the local MPP for support.

**CARRIED**

c) Request for Refund of Hall Rental from North Middlesex Historical Society  
Deputy Mayor B. Ropp declared a pecuniary interest due to involvement on the Board and left the meeting.

After consideration of the content of the letter and verbal input from Facilities Staff the following motion was introduced:

**MOTION #200/2015**

**CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY:** That the request for refund from the Historical Society be denied.

As a result of a tie vote – the motion was lost.

A discussion ensued regarding the outcome of the request based upon the result of the tie vote. The following motion was introduced:

**MOTION #201/2015**

**CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY:** That the CAO and Clerk look into the procedural by-law for advice to council on this matter.

CARRIED

**MOTION #202/2015**

**MOIR/NICHOL:** To accept the correspondence package a-c with actions as attached.

CARRIED

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

a) Ailsa Craig Library Garden

Councillor Nichol brought forth a proposed drawing for the flower garden in the area of the new Library Sign on Main Street in Ailsa Craig. It was her understanding that a garden was in process of being planted when recreation staff were approached by citizens about alternative plans for this area. The Lions Club of Ailsa Craig maintained the flower beds in the past and are willing to in the future however are not able to initially install the new garden. An estimate was obtained from a local landscaping and the Recreation Manager was asked if this could be accommodated in his budget. A verbal response from the Manager indicated that he could likely find the required funds within his budget although this amount was not originally budgeted. CAO, Marsha Paley suggested that there is funds available (up to 50% funding of a project to a maximum of \$2,500) through The Business Help Centre for Main Streets in Parkhill and Ailsa Craig. It was suggested that perhaps a volunteer organization could apply for funds and in the meantime a more accurate drawing and cost estimate could be provided to the Council for consideration at the next meeting. As well, it was indicated that some of the materials in the proposal may be available through the municipality or other avenues at a lesser amount.

b) Council Chamber Upgrades

Staff requested some input from Council on upgrades to the Council Chambers relating to equipment for viewing presentations by projector and screen as well as larger TV monitors while repurposing the existing ones in other areas of the building.

**MOTION #203/2015**

**CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY:** That the request for funding this garden be tabled until a complete proposal is prepared, including a cost estimate, that can be considered by council, at another meeting.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Ropp provided a verbal update from the County regarding the new regulations for not smoking near municipal parks and facilities through the London Middlesex Health Unit.

Deputy Mayor Ropp also commented on his attendance at the Thames Valley District School Board meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. He was very impressed with the submissions by the students of NMDHS as well as from the Home and School Council parent representatives. No decision was made that night on funding. Mr. Ropp relayed that he found it interesting that our high school library is only allocated open for 75 minutes a day considering that 40% of students have on line courses that need the resource of the computers within the library. Deputy Mayor Ropp then made a suggestion that since the council per diems will become a flat rate commencing in July and that he felt it was important for council representatives to attend and support the Home and School Council Meetings starting in September. Council concurred that this was a good strategy on behalf of the municipality.

**14. READING OF BY-LAWS**

- a) By-law #39 of 2015 – Kennes Drain (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading only)
- b) By-law #40 of 2015 – 2015 Tax Rates By-law
- c) By-law #41 of 2015 – Confirming By-law

**MOTION #204/2015**

**MCLINCHEY/HEMMING:** That By-laws #39, 40 and 41 of 2015 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

**MOTION #205/2015**

**MOIR/ROPP:** That By-laws #40 and 41 of 2015 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

**15. ADJOURNMENT****MOTION #205/2015**

**MCLINCHEY/ROPP:** That the meeting adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CLERK