



**MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

June 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Brian Ropp
Deputy Mayor Paul Hodgins
Councillor Ward 2 Bill Irwin
Councillor Ward 3 Charles Daigle
Councillor Ward 5 Adrian Cornelissen

Members Absent: Councillor Ward 1 Sara Nirta
Councillor Ward 4 John Keogh

Staff Present: Director of Finance Estelle Chayer
Economic Development and Communications Coordinator
Natalie Core
Director of Recreation and Facilities Brandon Drew
Director of Infrastructure and Operations Jaden Hodgins
Drainage Superintendent Joanne Sadler
Fire Chief Greg Vandenheuvel
Clerk Alan Bushell

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held under the provisions contained within the North Middlesex Procedural By-law and may be held in whole or in part without physically being present at 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ropp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present by way of livestream on the North Middlesex You Tube Channel.

2. COURT OF REVISION – DRAINAGE

2.1 6:00 p.m. for Lockhart Drain "A" and "D"

2.1.1 Appointment of Members – Mayor Ropp (Chair), Deputy Mayor Hodgins and Councillor Daigle

2.1.2 Drainage Overview Report – Drainage Superintendent

from R. Dobbin Engineering provided additional information to the Superintendent's presentation.

2.1.3 Consideration of Appeal (if any)

2.1.4 Decision - Engineers Report

Moved By: C. Daigle

Seconded By: P. Hodgins

THAT the Court of Revision confirm the assessment schedule (s) as detailed in the R. Dobbin Engineering Report dated April 26, 2024

AND THAT the assessments be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Moved By: C. Daigle

Seconded By: P. Hodgins

THAT the Court of Revision adjourn at 6:03 p.m.

CARRIED

Moved By: C. Daigle

Seconded By: P. Hodgins

THAT Council resume it's regular meeting at 6:03 p.m.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

(Municipal Conflict of Interest Act – Section 5 requires any member of Council to declare a pecuniary interest and general nature thereof, prior to any consideration on that matter. Where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the Act. The disclosures become part of a Public Registry as required under the Act.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2024

Moved By: C. Daigle

Seconded By: B. Irwin

THAT the attached minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 Conservation and Demand Management Plan - 2024

A report and slideshow presentation was added to the agenda on June 17, 2024.

Presenters:

OCWA - Rodney Dupuis in person.

OCWA - Vladimir Marenich virtual attendance.

Moved By: C. Daigle

Seconded By: B. Irwin

THAT presentation be accepted as information;

AND THAT the 2024 Conservation and Demand Management plan for the Municipality of North Middlesex be approved.

CARRIED

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

6.1 Report from the Director of Fire and Emergency Services, Greg Vandenheuvel

6.1.1 Fire Protection Agreement

Report was amended on June 17, 2024 to add information.

Moved By: P. Hodgins

Seconded By: C. Daigle

THAT Council accept this report and endorse the Fire Protection Agreement with Lambton Shores.

CARRIED

6.2 Report from the Director of Community Services, Brandon Drew

6.2.1 Youth Advisory Committee

Moved By: B. Irwin

Seconded By: A. Cornelissen

THAT Council adopts a Youth Advisory Committee as an official Committee of Council;

AND THAT Council accepts the attached terms of reference for the Youth Advisory Committee;

AND THAT staff are directed to bring a By-law to Council to enact the Committee.

CARRIED

6.2.2 Renewal of Agreements - Rugby Club, and Lion's Club Maintenance

The Director will be in attendance to provide information.

Moved By: C. Daigle

Seconded By: P. Hodgins

THAT Council approves the renewal of the Lion's Club Maintenance, and the Rugby Club agreements.

CARRIED

6.3 Report from Economic Development and Communications, Natalie Core

6.3.1 Economic Development Strategy Update

Moved By: A. Cornelissen

Seconded By: B. Irwin

THAT Council receive this report;

AND THAT Mellor Murray Consulting Inc be awarded the contract to update the North Middlesex Economic Development strategy.

CARRIED

6.4 Report from CAO, Carolyn Tripp

6.4.1 Renewal - Canada Community- Building Fund 2024-2034

Moved By: P. Hodgins

Seconded By: B. Irwin

THAT the Municipal Funding Agreement for the Canada Community-Building Fund with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, be endorsed.

CARRIED

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Lake Huron Primary Water Supply Joint Mgmt Board

7.2 ABCA (Cr. Cornelissen)

Councillor Cornelissen - Discussion was had regarding the fees being downloaded to the Municipality. Seeking suggestions for points to be made during the meeting scheduled for June 20, 2024.

7.3 BWRA (Cr. Keogh)

7.4 EDAC (Cr. Nirta, Cr. Irwin, Deputy Mayor Hodgins)

Meeting scheduled for June 20, 2024.

7.5 LSAC (Cr. Irwin, Deputy Mayor Hodgins)

7.6 Recreation Committee (Cr. Daigle, Cr. Keogh, Cr. Nirta)

7.7 Policies Review Committee (Mayor Ropp, Deputy Mayor Hodgins, Cr. Daigle)

7.8 Fire Committee (Mayor Ropp, Cr. Cornelissen, Cr. Daigle)

7.9 Budget Committee (Mayor Mayor)

7.10 Community Development Fund Committee (Mayor Ropp, Cr. Nirta, Cr. Cornelissen)

7.11 OCWA Client Advisory Board (CAO)

7.12 Middlesex County OPP Detachment Board

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 North Middlesex District High School - Request for Table and Chair Rental Exemption

The Director of Community Services, has provided a recommended resolution.

Moved By: C. Daigle

Seconded By: P. Hodgins

THAT chair and table rental fees for the North Middlesex District High School - 2024 Prom not be collected or if required returned.

CARRIED

8.2 Resume Assessment Cycles - Municipality of Callander

Moved By: B. Irwin

Seconded By: P. Hodgins

THAT North Middlesex Council express its support for the Municipality of Callander's Resolution No. 2024/05/184.

CARRIED

8.3 Asset Retirement Obligations - Township of Larder Lake

9. OTHER AND URGENT BUSINESS

Councillor Daigle - Requested a staff report for the solar panels at the Arena.

Deputy Mayor Hodgins - Inquired if the storyboard walk is still an active program.
/ Director Drew – Yes

Mayor Ropp - The Ailsa Craig 150 sign update. / Director Drew- It will be completed later in the year.

Mayor Ropp - Arena video board and building naming rights. / Director Drew - Anticipated completion of projects for the majority of the North Middlesex Stars season.

10. DEFERRED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10.1 Staff Reports

Pending Updates on Projects:

Ailsa Craig Water Tower, and Parkhill Fire Hall.

11. COMMUNICATIONS (Including County Council Meeting Report)

12. READING OF THE BY-LAWS

Moved By: B. Irwin

Seconded By: A. Cornelissen

THAT By-laws 052 of 2024, 054 of 2024, 055 of 2024, and 056 of 2024 read a first and second time.

CARRIED

Moved By: P. Hodgins

Seconded By: C. Daigle

THAT By-laws 037 of 2024, 052 of 2024, 054 of 2024, 055 of 2024, and 056 of 2024 be read a third and final time

CARRIED

12.1 037 of 2024 - McLellan Drain

12.2 052 of 2024 - 2024 and 2025 Water Wastewater Rates

12.3 054 of 2024 - 2024 Tax Rate By-Law

12.4 055 of 2024 - Fire Protection Agreement - Lambton Shores

12.5 056 of 2024 - Confirming

13. CLOSED MEETING (Under Section 239 of the Municipal Act)

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: B. Irwin

Seconded By: C. Daigle

That the Meeting adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

CARRIED



MAYOR



CLERK