

MINUTES

The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex met on June 25, 2001 for their regular meeting.

Those present were: MAYOR CHUCK HALL

DEPUTY MAYOR IAN BREBNER

COUNCILLOR MARYSIA COUTTS – WARD 1

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONLIN – WARD 3

COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE McLACHLAN – WARD 4

COUNCILLOR LUCY HENDRIKX – WARD 5

ADMINISTRATOR CLERK – SHIRLEY SCOTT

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT – J. ADAMS.

Absent: COUNCILLOR KEN JOHNSTON-WARD 2

Kate VandeVen from Middlesex Banner was also present.

No pecuniary interest was declared.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

ABCA: Deputy Mayor Ian Brebner reported that the horse club, local hunters and terrain vehicles are in dispute. The situation has been unresolved to date, but the groups are talking.

NAIRN SECONDARY PLAN: Deputy Mayor Brebner advised that the open house in regard to the Nairn Secondary Plan is scheduled to be held in the former East Williams Office on Tuesday, June 26, 2001.

CRF FUNDING: Deputy Mayor Brebner advised that a meeting was scheduled for July 10, in London. It was suggested that the Administrator attend. It was suggested that the original intent of the fund for the rural area was to cover the farm tax rebate. If this is cut, perhaps there should be a move to allow homes to be built in the rural area in order to build the assessment.

CEMETERY TOUR: Councillor Hendrikx reported that the Cemetery Board did their annual tour, and reports that there was much deer damage. Bushes have to be removed and stones repaired. Costs for the repair to stones is being obtained. Policies are being reviewed. Public Works Superintendent advised that since the meeting, it has been requested that the shrubs be left in place until after decoration. It has also been recommended that trees be planted in the fall.

BLUEWATER RECYCLING: Councillor Coutts advised that the past set of flyers had been hand delivered. "Mars" bins are now at 178 locations, and another truck may be required to do the pickups. There was an accident in the Sarnia plant, and although all equipment was up to safety standards, these will be reviewed again.

COMPOST AREA: Councillor Coutts reported that many citizens have acknowledged the efforts made to clean up the compost area.

OTHER: Councillor McLachlan advised that he attended the decoration at Nairn cemetery, and laid a wreath on behalf of the municipality.

Councillor Hendrikx reported that she has spent two days pulling weeds from the Ailsa Craig flowerbeds, again.

CLERKS REPORT

Shirley Scott reviewed her report with Council. Council were advised that:

- Forms have been signed to proceed with a fence viewing issue
- A "smart growth" session to be held at the County will be attended.
- An exchange student can be shared with the County Library and the Ailsa Craig office. Council agreed that this would be feasible.
- Auditor Gordon Hardcastle has contacted the Ministry for an interpretation of the order regarding the Transition Board. It will be treated as a joint board and allocated on a pro rata basis to the former municipalities according to assessment.
- Yvonne Yule required additional time to maintain, train and upgrade on the website. Council agreed and the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council continue the training agreement with Yvonne Houle for another 10-12 hours at her usual rate.

CARRIED.

-The refund on a minor variance that was not totally necessary after the plan was studies was considered and the following motion made.

CONLIN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council split the cost of the administration fee of the Kustermans minor variance as it was settled outside of a sitting.

CARRIED.

-Clean up of time Mr. Karr spent working at the end of the year on Statutory Holidays.

McLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council pay Bruce Karr for overtime hours worked at the end of 2000.

CARRIED.

-A livestock evaluation claim that was under dispute was discussed. In order to clear up, the following motion was made.

CONLIN-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize a half payment of a livestock evaluation due to the fact that the farmer is not taking proper precaution to secure the safety of his sheep. A letter will be enclosed stating that no further payments will be made to this farmer unless he exercises due diligence in the care of his sheep.

CARRIED.

-A request to have the municipality listed in the municipal directory for \$239 was discussed, and Council suggested that it was not required.

-The bank has advised that a GIC has become due. Council made the following motion.

McLACHLAN-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council reinvest the East Williams Parks & Recreation GIC for another year at 4%.

CARRIED.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Administrator Clerk be accepted.

CARRIED.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Galloway reported that the work program for the Strategic Plan for North Middlesex had been discussed. Plans are to have four focus groups- one from Parkhill area, one from Ailsa Craig area, one from the rural areas, and one consisting of the community groups. Each group will consists of 10-12 people, with a balance of men and women, distribution between age, residency of long, short and medium term, and a mix of employment backgrounds. In med September, the four focus groups would meet on two different nights, for one and a half hours each. A staff focus group would also be consulted. A workshop would be conducted, and Council are suggesting October 19 and 20th. Council suggested that the Friday night session be held at a local restaurant, and that the Saturday session be held at the County building. Finalization is to be considered for early November. In order to prepare a research report, various pieces of information are required.

HENDRIKX-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from F. J. Galloway regarding the Strategic Plan process be accepted with minor alterations.

CARRIED.

BLUEWATER RECYCLING

A letter from a resident on Denfield Road advised that notice had not been received regarding collection dates. Nor did he receive the Transition Bulletins that were to be delivered periodically. There has also been a problem with pick up on this road. Councillor Coutts, representative at Bluewater advised that the issues had been dealt with. In the future the flyers are to be hand delivered. It was suggested that the problem seems to be with the mail delivery. For some reason, several did not receive flyers containing information from the Township.

LIBRARY/PARKING

Council reviewed information received from a concerned Parkhill resident, regarding library access, and illegal parking.

Council advised that there was a wheel chair accessible library in North Middlesex, being Ailsa Craig. The Municipality owns the library, and the County rents the facility from the municipality. The cost to replace the library would be approximately \$400,000, and in other areas, a great deal of the funds for library replacement was done through fundraising. Parkhill has one of the few libraries that have "carnegie" status, and they are proud of that status. They concluded that it was impossible, and unfeasible to make all buildings accessible.

In regard to the parking, this is being monitored. There were unlicensed cars in the King Street parking lot, which have been removed.

Another resident of North Middlesex advised that they would like road signs put between the corner of George and Queen Street in Ailsa Craig, due to ruts on the lawn. The Public Works Superintendent advised that he would observe the area.

WIECKOWSKI FENCE

Council reviewed information brought to the last meeting, and after a thorough discussion, council determined that no action was to be taken at this time, on behalf of Council.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Public Works Superintendent, Joe Adams, verbally advised, as follows:

1. A letter has been received from the Ministry of Environment, regarding that an extension of water service and the need for an overall servicing planning. The stated that a year ago, they became aware of East Williams extending water services throughout the municipality without any services planning. Eventually it was agreed that water could be extended to Carlisle, but no further extension of waterlines would occur, until the new official plan for North Middlesex was prepared. Therefore, the proposal to extend water lines along the Denfield Road and Highway 7, and along Centre Road at Townsend Line, will not be approved by Ian Nesjack.
2. Information regarding the purchase of a truck was reviewed. Various prices were received, and the following vehicle was recommended; 2001 Dodge Ram 2500 QC 4x4, using the 1992 Chevy as trade in. Due to the small difference in cost, the new vehicle will be purchased.
3. A petition for culvert replacement was received, and the following motion made.

McLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT drainage petition from Lot 31 Concession 19 of former East Williams be accepted and that Spriet and Associates be appointed as Engineers.

CARRIED

BY-LAW#30 OF 2001 – FIRE OPERATIONS POLICY AND GUIDELINES

The following guidelines and policies for the fire departments was accepted as follows:

McLACHLAN-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #30 of 2001 being a by-law to adopt the operations policy and Guidelines for the Fire Department be read a first, second and third time this 25th day of June 2001.

CARRIED.

BY-LAW #51 OF 2001 – PROPERTY STANDARDS

COUTTS-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the By-law #48 of 2001, being a property standards by-law, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

CARRIED.

BY-LAW #52 – TIDY YARD

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #49 of 2001 being a bylaw to regulate tidy yards be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 25th day of June 2001.

CARRIED.

Council emphasized that these are to be enforced on a complaint basis only.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received by Council and filed for future reference:

- a) Ontario Federation of Agriculture advising of meeting June 19th in Toronto to discuss CRF funding and how it relates for farm property taxation.
- b) A thank you from Shirley And Larry Scott for dish garden sent regarding loss of their uncle.
- c) United Way Campaign asking the municipality to appoint a co-coordinator for North Middlesex for fundraising activities within our organization.
- d) City of Ottawa request for resolution endorsement regarding the Environmental Farm Plan and requesting the on-going joint financial Support of the Federal and Provincial Governments.
- e) Newsletter from VON Canada, regarding Great Community Walk Campaign scheduled for August 26, 2001
- f) AMO 2001 Annual Conference, August 19-22
- g) Thank you from Gordon and Anne Stewart for Certificate of Cognition on their 60th Anniversary of Marriage.

McLACHLAN-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence package a-f dated June 18, 2001, be accepted.

CARRIED.

IN CAMERA

McLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move in camera to discuss a personnel issue at 10:10 p.m.

CARRIED.

McLACHLAN-COUTTS: BE IT RESLOVED THAT in camera session close, and the regular meeting continue at 11:15 p.m.

CARRIED.

As a result of the in camera session, the following motions were made.

POSITION OF TREASURER

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council offer a six-month contract to the recommended candidate for the position of Treasurer/Tax Collector with the person's name to be divulged upon the person's acceptance.

CARRIED.

CONTRACT POSITIONS

Council advised that they had completed their review on those interviewed, and the following motion was made.

BREBNER-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council offers full time employment to those employees interviewed, and that the full time employment replaces the contracts as set out by the transition board.

CARRIED.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #47 of 2001, being a bylaw regarding the proceedings of Council, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 25th day of June 2001.

CARRIED.

CONLIN-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn at 11:15 p.m.
CARRIED.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR