



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

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday June 3, 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 6:00 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- 7:00 p.m.

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

None at this time

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

#### **MOTION #172/2015**

ROPP/NICHOL: That the regular meeting adjourn to the Closed Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- Minutes of May 20, 2015
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual – Public Works Operations
- Litigation or potential litigation – OMB appeal

CARRIED

## **5. RISE AND REPORT**

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:58 p.m. with the following recommendations:

### **MOTION #173/2015**

MOIR/CORNELISSEN: That the minutes of May 20, 2015 be received and filed

CARRIED

### **MOTION#174/2015**

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That Council directs staff to sell the detached building formerly used as the OPP Community Policing Office subject to an appropriate offer process and advertisement including signage on the building;

And further that the purchaser obtains the proper permits for moving, installation and use of the building and a certificate of insurance naming the Municipality as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party insured;

And further that should the detached building not be sold two weeks after the building is posted for sale, the building remains the property of the municipality and is to be demolished.

CARRIED

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

### **MOTION #175/2015**

MCLINCHEY/CORNELISSEN: That the minutes from Regular Council Meeting dated May 20, 2015 be hereby accepted as presented.

CARRIED

## **7. PUBLIC MEETINGS - 7:00 P.M. – COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

### **MOTION #176/2015**

MOIR/ROPP: That the regular meeting adjourn to Committee of Adjustment at 7:10 p.m. to consider planning applications.

CARRIED

Regular Meeting reconvened following the planning portion of the meeting.

**8. DELEGATIONS – none**

**9. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

**MOTION # 177/2015**

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

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| General    | \$395,248.80 |
| Cemetery   | \$ 303.07    |
| Ont. Hydro | \$ 14,301.45 |
| Debentures | \$ 95,619.32 |

CARRIED

**10. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a) Report from Public Works Manager – Transfer from Equipment Reserve

**MOTION#178/2015**

CORNELISSEN/NICHOL: That Council approves the total transfer from the equipment reserve of \$3,111.95 to the 2015 capital budget for the purchase of the pick-up from McDonnell Motors and roadside mower from Huron Tractor.

CARRIED

b) Report from Chief Administrative Officer – Solar Panel Projects

**MOTION #179/2015**

MOIR/HEMMING: That Council receives the Fit 4.0 Solar Project Report from the Administration Department;

And further Council approves consideration of the submission of an application for a solar project on the Shared Services Centre roof subject to advice from the architects on possible impacts;

And further Council approves consideration of the submission of an application for two additional 500 kw solar projects at the Mawson Pit subject to further background on the need for severances and possible closure of the pit;

And further that the attached resolution be approved for these additional projects provided prior to application on the above described projects there are no significant

financial implications to the Municipality and subject to an update report being brought before Council upon receipt of further information.

CARRIED

Attached Blanket Resolution to Report

**MOTION #180/2015**

MOIR/HEMMING: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the following motion:

“Whereas capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT rules, Version 4.0;

And Whereas the Province’s FIT Program encourages the construction and operation of Solar PV (rooftop) and Solar PV (Ground Mount) generation projects (the “Projects”);

And Whereas one or more Projects may be constructed and operated in North Middlesex;

And Whereas pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 4.0 Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in the Applicant being offered a FIT Contract prior to other persons applying for FIT Contracts;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex supports the construction and operation of the projects anywhere in North Middlesex.

CARRIED

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Middlesex-London Health Unit – “2014 Nutritious Food Basket Survey Results and Implications for Government Public Policy” (action: R&F)

b) Town of Aurora – Request to support Aurora Council’s resolution re: Community Mailboxes (action: R&F)

c) Town of St. Mary’s – Support of Resolution to save Via Rail

**MOTION #181/2015**

MCLINCHEY/NICHOL: The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the Town of St. Mary’s request in support of VIA Rail as follows:

“Whereas , reductions in VIA Rail service led to the formation of advocacy groups such as Save VIA ([www.savevia.ca](http://www.savevia.ca)); and

Whereas, citizens of all ages and backgrounds, especially those with no license or vehicle, rely on VIA Rail; and

Whereas, passenger rail provides safer and more eco-friendly transportation than driving; and

Whereas, enhanced VIA Rail service heightens connections between communities, thereby promoting tourism and economic development; and

Whereas, the Southwestern Ontario Transportation Alliance, with the support of advocacy groups, businesses and municipalities in the region, has published the Network Southwest Action Plan to address the need for reliable and sustainable rail-based passenger transportation in Southwestern Ontario, and

Whereas, it is time for all levels of government to stop thinking passenger rail service is only a federal responsibility, and begin providing support for intercity transportation services in communities beyond the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA);

Now, therefore, I, Mayor of North Middlesex do hereby proclaim that VIA Rail is important to my municipality; and urge my fellow citizens as well as all levels of government to consider the Network Southwest Action Plan as presented March 18, 2015 and available at [www.swota.ca](http://www.swota.ca)

CARRIED

d) Ausable Bayfield Conservation Area – Minutes from April 23, 2015 meeting and Agenda for May 21, 2015 (Action R&F)

**MOTION #182/2015**

ROPP/MOIR: That correspondence (a-d) is hereby accepted with actions as amended.

CARRIED

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

A reminder of the upcoming Thames Valley District School Board meeting June 9<sup>th</sup>.

a) Deferred from May 20, 2015 – Update to 5 year Capital Plan by Acting Treasurer Deb Jonah

A presentation was made of the Proposed Five Year Capital Plan which includes fiscal years 2016 – 2019.

Council suggested that the West Williams Hall Renovation listed under Fiscal Year 2016 Facilities Department be moved to Fiscal Year 2020 at this time. It was also indicated that Parkhill Carnegie Library Renovation can remain under 2016 until further consideration has been made Council. Public input into possible uses for this building will be received on Saturday at the Town Hall Information Meeting.

CAO, Marsha Paley, advised that the Administration Department is looking into the possibility of an Electronic Records System and therefore a request for setting up a reserve may be coming in the future in order to prepare for this.

No other suggestions were made at this time as Council will revisit this plan during the Fall when 2016 budget discussion are anticipated to begin.

b) Water and Sewer Rates by Acting Treasurer – Deb Jonah

The Treasurer was asked to bring forward a report on the status of the current water rates. The Treasurer's report outlined that the rates have not changed since the approval and implementation of the Hemson Report which was passed by Council on September 16, 2013. The Hemson Report recommended yearly water rate and infrastructure increases in order for the water system to eventually become self-sustaining which is a mandatory provincial requirement. There was no increase in the 2014 water rates. In order to lessen the impact to the water customers it was suggested that the 2015 fixed rates be phased in over the remaining 3 billings of 2015. This could be achieved in the following manner:

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter billing of 2015 the fixed quarterly rate would increase by \$6.89 to \$28.10;

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter billing of 2015 the fixed quarterly rate would increase by \$6.89 to \$34.99;

For the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter billing of 2015 the fixed quarterly rate would increase by \$6.88 to \$41.87.

The charge per cubic meter would rise from \$1.58 to \$1.67 on the next billing cycle and continue at this rate until 2016.

Several questions were asked of the Treasurer regarding confirmation of the current deficit amount for the water system; if the deficit can be paid back over a payment plan to general funds, confirmation of allocation amounts from timesheets. Also, concern

was expressed on how this rate increase would impact the livestock users as well as water users on fixed incomes. It was suggested that many of these questions should be directed to the auditor for clarification and therefore the following motion was introduced:

**MOTION #183/2015**

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That Council direct staff to invite the municipal auditors to the July 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting in order that the questions regarding the water deficit can be addressed and that the water rates be tabled at this time.

CARRIED

Council was asked to forward any other questions directly to the Acting Treasurer in order that the auditors can prepare for this meeting.

c) Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Funding Opportunity.

Ms. Paley reported to Council on a grant opportunity that has recently been announced. The staff has reviewed the criteria and it appears that the Fire Hall addition would not likely qualify as the expansion has to be less than 50% of the original size of the building under this program. As well, through a recent workshop, staff has learned that priority is general given to those proposals that are requesting 33% rather than 50% grant. The other potential project would be the upgrade to the Carnegie Building under the accessibility component. It was suggested that a Request for Proposal be explored to get some feedback on what should be done in the building with an approximate cost to achieve this work. The deadline for applying for this grant is June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION #184/2015**

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That staff be directed to move forward with an application for upgrades to the Carnegie Building under the Canada 150 Infrastructure Community Program

CARRIED

**14. READING OF BY-LAWS**

- a) By-law #35 of 2015 – Zoning Amendment – 9554 Townsend Road (Charles Herrington)
- b) By-law #36 of 2015 – Library Lease Agreement
- c) By-law #37 of 2015 – YMCA Agreement
- d) By-law #38 of 2015 – Confirming

**MOTION #185/2015**

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That By-laws #35,36,37 and #38 of 2015 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

**MOTION #186/2015**

MOIR/CORNELISSEN: That By-laws #35,36,37 and #38 of 2015 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #187/2015**

MCLINCHEY/CORNELISSEN: That the meeting adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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CLERK