

MINUTES

The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex met on June 4, 2001 for their regular meeting.

Those present were: MAYOR CHUCK HALL
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.

Also present as observers were Jacob and Bessie Lagerwerf and press reporter Kate VandeVen from the Banner.

DELEGATION: COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

Warden Al Edmondson and Administrator Bill Rayburn from the County of Middlesex were present to meet Council and update on the stage of their Strategic Plan, progress being made with the Strathmere Lodge plan, use of reception area in the County building, etc. They stated the stage of downloading was be responsible for water quality by taking over the testing process; and to produce nutrient management policies that get farmers to comply with the regulations. Mayor Hall thanked the delegation for attending.

DELEGATION: SUPERBUILD-OSTAR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Engineer, Tom Montgomery with KMK, and Andy Valickis with Ontario Clean Water Agency, entered the meeting to review information gathered on the Ailsa Craig and Nairn Sewage Works Project. The existing sanitary collection system was reviewed, status of the William Street pumping station, and status of the Ailsa Craig wastewater treatment plant. They then explained that plans for upgrade and expansion – Phase 1 for capacity expansion and upgrade and Phase 2 for capacity expansion. Cost estimates were reviewed. Information on Nairn service area and Nairn class EA study were reviewed. The problem as it exists was defined. Council were advised of the study objectives and planning alternatives.

The preferred solution recommended for the Nairn Sewage Works Class EA and presented at the Phase 3 Public Consultation Centre on March 7, 2000 was Sanitary Sewer Collection System and Treatment at the existing Ailsa Craig Waste Water Treatment Plant. The main reason why this alternative was preferred was that it ranked the highest from a technical system performance view point, had the greatest reliability, was supported by the MOE, had the lowest operations and maintenance cost due to the shared service, had potential for planning in the collection system to service problem areas on a priority basis, and improved performance with an upgraded plant.

The recommended design concept was construction of a gravity sewer collection system designed to service all existing lots within the hamlet of Nairn; construction of two pumping stations in Nairn and a force main to Ailsa Craig to connect into the existing municipal wastewater system; and upgrade and capacity expansion of the existing Williams Street Pumping Station and Ailsa Craig Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The study approach, purpose and objectives were reviewed. This review is what is to be submitted in preparation for funding opportunities under SuperBuild – OSTAR Infrastructure Program. Various question were asked, and it was shared that there was a concern, in that the rules kept changing.

Later in the meeting, it was decided that a ESR and an ER was needed. Nairn does have healthy concerns. It was concluded that Council would have to borrow to carry part of the project, but, the monies would be paid back through user pay. An ESR is good for five years. It was stated that the County has funding for rebuilds, with the terms being one half the interest, payable over ten years. The funding factor has not been announced, to date. After careful consideration, the following motion was made.

JOHNSTON-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move ahead to complete an ESR and an EA as outlined by KMK consultants in preparation for the second round of OSTAR funding for sewer projects, and that all costs be accrued in a separate account to go into borrowing for the entire project.

Carried.

IN CAMERA SESSION

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move in camera at 9:45 p.m.

Carried.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move back into regular session at 9:55 p.m. Carried.

After further discussion at the end of the meeting, the following motion was accepted.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council assume the road in the Meadowgate Subdivision and issue building permits and retain all monies presently being held in trust by the Municipality, with upgrades depending on homes being built i.e. either late this year or June, 2002.

Carried.

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CONLIN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from April 25, 2001 printed and delivered to each member be adopted as if read.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

The accounts were reviewed. Council asked that the Treasurer be directed to pay the accounts on or before the due date.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts in the amount of \$140,516.07 be approved for payment.

Carried.

WASHROOMS AT LOOKOUT POINT

Public Works Superintendent Joe Adams reported that prices were obtained for non flushable units and flushable units. The units are to be chained and anchored. The ABCA have given approval for the units to be placed at lookout point. Council considered, and the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Joe Adams to have two portable washrooms put at the Scenic Lookout for vacation season.

Carried.

MULTI SERVICE CENTRE

A request for funding was received from Northwest Middlesex Multi-Service Centre. It was suggested that the manager be encouraged to pursue funding from the County and Federal levels, or from the private sector.

RECREATION

The policies on free rent and security were discussed, and the decision deferred until a later meeting.

DONATIONS

A request was made from the Fair Board for an ad in the fair book, and for gifts for the Fair Ambassador. Consideration was made, and the following motion made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council place a quarter page ad in the Parkhill Fair Booklet and that we also donate a prize to the Fair contestants.

Carried.

TREASURY ITEMS

Council considered the status of tax arrears, and the Administrator was directed to advise the Treasurer to start tax collection procedures, and proceed with tax registration were necessary.

It was determined that Council members do not require access to the office computers.

ROAD CLOSING

The road closing request from the previous meeting was reviewed, and Council determined that they required further discussion on the matter, therefore it was deferred.

REFUND ON MINOR VARIANCE FOR KUSTERMANS

A letter from Kustermans, requesting refund on deposit for minor variance, was considered. A report from the Building Inspector revealed that the minor variance was not required due to new information or clarification, as well as a revision to the plan. After careful consideration, the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT a refund be calculated and forwarded to Mr. & Mrs. Kustermans as the minor variance applied for is not necessary.
Carried.

CONLIN JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 11:15 p.m.
Carried

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR