

JUNE 4, 2014

MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX

7:00 P.M.

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday June 4, 2014 in the Council Chambers, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill with a quorum present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Don Shipway
Deputy Mayor Chuck Hall
Councillor Ward One – Doreen McLinchey
Councillor Ward Two – Brian Ropp
Councillor Ward Three – Gord Moir
Councillor Ward Four – Andrew Hemming
Councillor Ward Five – Adrian Cornelissen
CAO Linda Creaghe
Clerk Jackie Tiedeman

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ROPP/MOIR: That the regular meeting minutes dated May 21, 2014 be hereby accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.. PUBLIC MEETING

MCLINCHEY/HALL: That regular meeting adjourn to Court of Revisions at 7:01 p.m.

CARRIED

See Court of Revision minutes under separate cover

7:20 p.m. – Meeting to Consider – Dixon Municipal Drain

Armin Kruspel from Spriet Associates was in attendance to present the Final Report for the Dixon Drain. Applicable meetings have been held with landowners along with providing a copy of the engineers report.

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MOIR/HALL: That Council adopt the Final Report on the Dixon Drain 2014 prepared by Spriet Associates and give two readings for a Provisional By-law as per Section 45 (1) of the Drainage Act.
CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

7:30 p.m. – Harold Marek attended Council to inquire into the reason for repealing the ATV By-law. Council responded that the decision to repeal was based up numerous complaints and for safety reasons in collaboration with the OPP. Deputy Mayor Hall suggested that Mr. Marek prepare a proposal about this matter.

7:40 p.m. – Hank Halliday attended Council to seek permission to continue with this roadside ditch project for another 2-3 years. Council concurred that the Public Works Manager will monitor this area and so long as there are no complaints they had no concerns.

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: That the roadside ditch project request from Mr. Halliday be approved with ongoing monitoring from the Public Works Manager.

CARRIED

7. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

a) Report on the compilation of the accounts for the period of May 16-29, 2014.

MOIR/HEMMING: That the following bills and accounts be approved for payment:
General \$840,271.38

CARRIED

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a) Report from Finance Department – OCWA 1st Quarter Reporting

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That Council accepts and files the 1st Quarter Reports from OCWA.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Ministry of Agriculture and Food – Changes to the Noxious Weeds List
(action: copies provided to staff – Receive and File)
- b) Bev Shipley – New Horizons for Seniors Programs
(action: Provide a copy to the Leisure Club and Craigweil Gardens for information – Receive and File)
- c) Ontario Energy Board – acknowledgement of letter from North Middlesex regarding electricity rates (Action: receive and file)
- d) Ontario Energy Board – acknowledgement to Municipalities that their council motions regarding electricity rates will be placed on the record of HONI's distribution rates proceeding (action: receive and file)
- e) Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital – Notice – celebrating 100 years
(action: receive and file)
- f) Muscular Dystrophy Canada – Acknowledging fundraising efforts by Ailsa Craig and Parkhill Fire Departments (Action: Council direct that a letter be sent to the Fire Dept congratulating them on their fundraising efforts)

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: To accept correspondence (a-f) with actions.

CARRIED

- g) Township of Madawaska Valley – to request motion support for a moratorium on installation of cell towers and antennas in Canada until Safety Code 6 is replaced which takes into account Health Issues and a truly democratic process for locating new towers and antennas.

MOIR/ROPP: The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the following motion from the Township of Madawaska Valley:

“ WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Madawaska Valley has heard the concerns of their residents regarding the blanketing of cell towers throughout the municipality with no regard to proximity to inhabited private property;

AND WHEREAS the process for the erection of cell towers is undemocratic since it does not include an open, public and informed debate;

AND WHEREAS the numbers of cell towers and antennas have increased exponentially without any serious impact studies having been carried out;

AND WHEREAS the emissions from each cell tower change over time with the addition of more equipment and leasing;

AND WHEREAS Health Canada's Safety Code 6 is some thirty years old, has never really been updated and does not consider the non-thermal biological effects of the radiation emitted by cell antennae;

AND WHEREAS microwave technology used in telecommunications poses a risk of human health, the health of animals and insects, especially pollinators, the quality of the environment, and property values;

AND WHEREAS safe alternatives to cellular technology do exist, but there is currently no requirement to mitigate some of the harmful health effects of cell tower RF emissions through the use of fibre optic cable;

AND WHEREAS it is urgent that action be taken before the adverse effects of cellular technology cause irreversible damage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Madawaska Valley calls upon the House of Commons to require the Federal Government to implement a moratorium on the installation of cell towers and antennas everywhere in Canada until Safety Code 6 is replaced with a safety code that considers the biological, non-thermal effects of microwave technology on the health of Canadians, and until it adopts a truly democratic process for locating new cell towers and antennas that includes municipalities and citizens;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Madawaska Valley will withhold concurrence for any new cell tower placements until such time as they are provided with conclusive proof that each new cell tower location requested is critical to providing the service is not located in close proximity to inhabited private property and will be equipped with fibre optic cable only.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to Cheryl Gallant MP, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Transport Canada, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and all Eastern Ontario Municipalities for their support"

CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk Jackie Tiedeman provided an update to Council on election activities to date. The Policy and Procedure manual is now complete for conducting the Internet/Telephone Voting. This process has been a joint effort between the participating Middlesex County municipalities and Intellivote. The voting period has now been established and it will be open to electors at 9:00 a.m. on Monday October 20th and will be available 24/7 until 8:00 p.m. October 27th (Voting Day). The municipal office as known as the "Voter Help Centre" will be open the following hours throughout the voting period as follows:

October 20 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

October 21 – 24 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

October 25 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Saturday)

October 27 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Voting Day)

A reminder was provided about the candidate workshop being held on June 19th at the County of Middlesex Building as well as the internal promotion efforts of having electors check to see if they are on the Voters List as provided by MPAC on line.

Deputy Mayor Hall advised Council that due to a recent resignation in SCOR, he was nominated and successful in being the new Chair. Council congratulated him on this new position.

12. IN CAMERA - None

13. RISE AND REPORT

14. READING OF BY-LAWS

**It was noted following the meeting that the numbering of the by-laws were incorrect and therefore below is the official numbering.

- a) By-law #25 of 2014 – Dixon Drain (1st and 2nd reading only)
- b) By-law #26 of 2014 – Confirming By-law
- c) By-law #12 of 2014 – Rules and Regulations for Cemeteries located within the Municipality of North Middlesex (as amended)

HALL/HEMMING: That By-laws #12,#25,#26 of 2014 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That By-laws #12 and #26 of 2014 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the meeting adjourn at 7:50 p.m.
CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK