



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday March 15, 2017 in the Council Chambers, Shared Services Centre, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill with a quorum present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shipway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Jackie Tiedeman announced the additional items added to the agenda since posting to the website, which were approved by Mayor Shipway, are as follows:

13. Closed Meeting – Labour Relations and employee negotiations – Benefits
- Minutes March 8 & 18, 2016; March 9/2017

15. By-laws – By-law #17 of 2017 – A by-law to repeal certain appointments

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

Clerk, Jackie Tiedeman

Director of Finance and Administrative Services/Treasurer – Nandini Syed

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – none

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a. February 15, 2017 Regular Meeting
- b. February 22, 2017 Special Budget Meeting

MOTION #078/2017

CORNELISSEN/NICHOL: That the minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS-none

6. DELEGATION

7:00 p.m. – Chris Traini, County Engineer and OPP Inspector Tony Cristilli attended the meeting at the request of Council to discuss the concerns submitted to the County of Middlesex regarding two of their intersections within North Middlesex.

Mr. Traini provided an overview of the process he has undertaken in order to evaluate and make a recommendation regarding the request for roundabouts in North Middlesex. This included a safety review of the intersections, traffic counts and evaluating the existing safety devices (flashing overhead warning lights and rumble strips). As a result of his review, he advised that the statistical information does not warrant the installation of roundabouts. He acknowledges there has been accidents at these locations however it has not been due to the design on the intersections. He did advise that the cost to undertake this type of project is estimated to be around \$2.2 million dollars and the purpose is to maintain a flow to traffic. He then discussed the purpose of traffic signal lights in urban areas are to keep traffic moving in an efficient manner. The estimate cost for installing a traffic signal light would be approximately \$140,000 - \$180,000. Rumble strips are not used when lights are in place. He suggested the overhead warning lights currently in place at these two locations could in fact be contributing to the incidents that are occurring. It has been identified that some drivers interpret these lights as a “warning” and not as a “stop”. He reminded Council that the traffic lights installed at Nairn Road and Petty Street were at the request of County Council and were not warranted through the policy and guidelines. Motor vehicle accidents still occur at locations where lights are used. Installation of 4 Way Stop intersections are mainly used as a temporary measure. This is not recommended at these locations.

Mr. Traini assured Council that all intersections in the County of Middlesex meet the safety design guidelines in place. He attributes the motor vehicle accidents to driver

error not design. He sits on various road safety committees and rural Ontario intersections are the worst and all have similar concerns.

OPP Inspector Tony Cristilli concurred with Mr. Traini in that focus needs to be on changing driver behaviour. The statistics indicate that speed, alcohol and not wearing seatbelts are the leading cause of accidents and/or fatalities. Inspector Cristilli increased OPP presence in these areas recently and during this 9 hour window three violations were issued relating to rolling stops or not stopping at all.

Council still expressed their concerns with the intersections but concurred that changing driver behaviour is a key factor.

Mayor Shipway thanked Mr. Traini and OPP Inspector Cristilli for providing their insight on this matter.

7:20 p.m. – Shelagh Morrison – Canada 150 Celebration of Art through Fibre

Ms. Morrison provided Council with an update on the recent suspension of the 2017 Ailsa Craig Community Quilt & Fibre Arts Festival, which has left a gap in the North Middlesex 150th Sesquicentennial celebratory calendar. She advised that although this event is being organized as a separate event, seed funding, insurance and other properties of the Festival will source from the Ailsa Craig Quilt & Fibre Arts Festival.

Therefore, the request being made to Council is to transfer the cash assistance that was approved for the Quilt Festival through the Community Development Fund Program to this event. The cash assistance will not entirely cover the total cost of the facility rental and therefore are also requesting consideration of covering this shortfall which would be an additional \$611.06.

Ms. Morrison stated they will be working with the Friends of the Carnegie Library in Parkhill to host a display during the year as well as other venues that are willing to participate within North Middlesex.

Council expressed their appreciation for this group coming forward and advised that the Municipality can providing social media support for advertising this event as well.

MOTION #079/2017

MCLINCHEY/ NICHOL: Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby transfer the 2017 cash assistance (amount \$1,760.00 equal to one free weekend) from AC Quilt Festival to the Canada 150 Celebration of Art;

And further that Council contribute an additional \$611.06 in cash assistance to this Festival from the 150th Budget to cover the entire facility rental.

CARRIED

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Infrastructure and Operations – Mobile Street Sweeping Services

Mayor Shipway suggested that there is a company in Mount Brydges that performs this service and that the Director should obtain an hourly rate before Council considers this report.

MOTION #080/2017

ROPP/HEMMING: That the report be deferred for further information from the Director.

CARRIED

b. Infrastructure and Operations – Drainage Division Tender Results –Gilbert Drain

MOTION #081/2017

MOIR/CORNELISSEN: That Council accept the recommendation to award the Gilbert Drain 2016 to Robinson Farm Drainage in the amount of \$125,446.95 (incl HST)

CARRIED

c. Infrastructure and Operations – Drainage Division – Final Reading of By-law

MOTION #082/2017

HEMMING/ROPP: That Council receive the Final Reading of the By-law for the Gilbert Drain 2016 report;

And further that By-law #55 of 2016 for the Gilbert Drain 2016 be given a third reading and passed to allow work to proceed with construction of the drain.

CARRIED

d. Infrastructure and Operations – Drainage Division – acceptance of Lynn Drain Petition

MOTION #083/2017

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That Council accept the Petition for a New Municipal Drain report;

And further that Council accept the recommendation to accept the petition for a new drain under Section 4 and Section 78 of the *Drainage Act*.

CARRIED

e. Administration – Decoration Day Services

MOTION #084/2017

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That Council receive the Decoration Day Services Report;

And further that staff be directed to proceed with the year round donation campaign for all our municipally owned cemeteries.

CARRIED

8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

a. Compilation of accounts March 9, 2017

MOTION #085/2017

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

General Cheques	\$212,117.96
General Direct Deposit	\$126,989.66
Cemetery Direct Deposit	\$ 90.69
General On-line/PAP	\$168,104.55

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Provision for updates:

- a. Economic Development Committee – February 13, 2017 draft minutes
- b. Sesquicentennial Awards Committee – draft Minutes March 2, 2017
- c. Lake Huron Primary Water Supply Joint Management System – Councillor Hemming reported on the recent water line shut down.

MOTION #086/2017

ROPP/HEMMING: That the draft minutes and verbal updates be accepted.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Royal Canadian Legion – Military Recognition Book request for ad (action: 2016 ¼ page \$545.00)

MOTION #087/2017

MCLINCHEY/NICHOL: That Council approve the ad for 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

b.Ailsa Craig Playschool Auction and Fundraiser
(action: Council authorized a donation to the event)

c.Bev Shipley, M.P. “Connect to Innovate” program update
(action: receive and file)

d.City of Hamilton – motion support to update guidelines for ward boundary reviews
(action: receive and file)

e.Municipality of Peel- motion support of Community Water Fluoridation
(action: receive and file – It was noted that the City of London is responsible for fluoridation not North Middlesex. Councillor Hemming will follow up for clarification)

f.Township of Lake of Bays – motion support to amend or repeal various acts with respect to Housing and Planning (Property Standards)
(action: receive and file)

g.North Middlesex District High School – request for sponsorship for Robotics Team

MOTION #088/2017

NICHOL/MCLINCHEY: That staff be directed to send a letter to the school advising them of the Community Development Fund Program that will be open for applications in the Fall and that this project may fit the criteria for consideration.

CARRIED

h.Townships of Head, Clara & Maria – motion support Building Code Changes

MOTION #089/2017

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the following motion from the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria as follows:

“Whereas the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has proposed a change to the Building Code, B-08-09-03, requiring mandatory five year septic tank pump out and records retention by the owner;

And Whereas that same change requires Municipalities to administer and enforce this change;

And Whereas the change document fails to identify the administrative costs to Municipalities;

And Whereas the change document fails to identify any transfer of Provincial funding to offset these downloaded costs;

And Whereas many Municipalities already have by-laws to regulate septic systems especially near waterways;

And Whereas the majority of homeowners pump out their septic tanks on a regular basis whether regulated to or not;

And Whereas there are many more important issues on which to spend taxpayer's money than "enhancing" maintenance on existing functioning systems;

And Whereas adequate legislation already exists to correct malfunctioning systems;

And Whereas Premier Wynne stated on Monday January 30, 2017 at the ROMA conference that the Province recognizes that "one size fits all" solutions do not always work in rural Ontario;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria does hereby request the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to rescind proposed Building Code change B-08-09-03;

And Further That a copy of this resolution is sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all Members of Provincial Parliament in the Province of Ontario;

And Further That a copy of this resolution is sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and to all Ontario Municipal Mayors for consideration."

CARRIED

i. Township of Zorro – motion support to request TVDSB to install AED in all schools

MOTION # 090/2017

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby fully supports the resolution from the Township of Zorro as follows:

"Whereas, Automated External Defibrillators are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest and have been proven to be life-saving during the waiting time period for emergency services;

And Whereas for every minute a person in cardiac arrest goes without being successfully treated by defibrillation, the chance of survival decreases by 7 percent in the first, and decreases by 10 percent per minute as time advances past 3 minutes;

And Whereas, Andrew Stoddart, a 15 year old boy, passed away while playing soccer in Kintore, Ontario, an AED on site may have increased his odds of survival. Andrew's Legacy foundation has currently purchased 22 AEDs for across Oxford County, including all three elementary schools in Zorra Township;

And Whereas, Thames Valley District School Board has yet to put together a policy for having AED's in place in all, or any, of their public elementary and secondary schools;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Zorro requests that the Premier, and Minister of Education, develop a policy that enables all schools and school boards in

*Ontario, including the Thames Valley District School Board, that allows individual elementary and secondary schools to have an AED installed in their schools;
And That the Township of Zorro request that the Thames Valley District School Board and all other schools in Ontario develop a policy to install AEDs in all schools in Ontario as soon as possible for the safety of our children;
And That this resolution be sent to the Premier, Minister of Education, AMO, Thames Valley District School Board; and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support.”*

CARRIED

j.Ministry of Education – Pupil Accommodation Review Update
(action: receive and copy to LSAC Committee for input)

k.OPP –Action Planning Consultation
(action: receive and file)

l.Janet Johnstone – Request to move planters in Parkhill
(action: receive and refer to Infrastructure and Operations and Horticultural Society for consideration)

MOTION #091/2017

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That the correspondence package with actions as noted be accepted.

CARRIED

**11. OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS
(including County Council Meeting Report)**

- a. Update from Director of Finance and Administrative Services – North Middlesex Community Medical Centre request for relief of taxes (Deferred from Feb.15th)

MOTION #092/2017

ROPP/MOIR: That 2016 taxes totalling \$5,465.16 as set out in this report for the North Middlesex Community Medical Centre be written off pursuant to the provisions of Section 354 of the Municipal Act, 2001;
And further that the Treasurer be directed to remove the taxes from the Collector's Roll;
And further that the associated penalty and interest of \$338.81 for 2016 be written off;
And further that the Treasurer be directed to authorize the write-off 2016 Taxes from account 01-0100-0103

CARRIED

- b. Acceptance of DC Request for Proposal from Watson and Associates for the preparation of a Development Charge Background Study and Draft By-law (current by-law expires Feb/2018) – Deferred from Feb.15th

MOTION #093/2017

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That this matter be deferred at this time.

CARRIED

- c. Set Town Hall Meeting Date

Clerk Jackie Tiedeman and Director of Finance and Administrative Services Nandini Syed advised Council that they have had discussions on some ideas for this meeting. It was suggested that a Fall Meeting would be more appropriate as the 2018 budgetary process would just be commencing and it would be an opportunity to gather community ideas as part of that consultation process.

Council concurred with this approach and October 25 or 26th will be set pending availability of the library programming room.

Deputy Mayor Ropp reported that the 2017 County Planning Budget has a zero increase. He also commented that the County has a budget committee approach and he felt this same type of format in North Middlesex would be beneficial. Ms. Syed concurred and will bring forth a report to this effect for council consideration.

13. CLOSED MEETING (UNDER SECTION 239 OF THE *MUNICIPAL ACT*)

MOTION #094/2017

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the Regular Meeting adjourn to Closed Meeting at 8:45 p.m. for the following purpose:

- a. Security of Property – Future plans for Fire/Ambulance Site
- b. Minutes – February 15 & 22 and March 9, 2017; March 8 and May 18, 2016
- c. Labour Relations – employee negotiations regarding benefits package and wage discussion

CARRIED

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

MOTION #095/2017

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That the Closed Meeting rise at 9:55 p.m. with one recommendation.

CARRIED

MOTION #096/2017

NICHOL/MCLINCHEY: That Council accept the 2017 employee benefit package as presented with no changes.

CARRIED

15. READING OF BY-LAWS

- a. By-Law #14 of 2017 – Intelivote Agreement for services in 2018 Municipal Election
- b. By-law #15 of 2017 – Armstrong Construction/2326379 Ontario Inc. AC Fire Hall
- c. By-law #16 of 2017 – Confirming By-law
- d. By-law #55 of 2016 – Gilbert Drain 2016
- e. By-law #17 of 2017 – Repeal certain appointments

MOTION #097/2017

NICHOL/MCLINCHEY: That By-laws #14,15,16 and 17 of 2017 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOTION #098/2017

MOIR/HEMMING: That By-laws #14,15,16,17 of 2017 and By-law #55 of 2016 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #099/2017

ROPP/HEMMING: That the meeting adjourn at 9:56 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK