

MINUTES

The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex met on March 26, 2001 to complete the business of the March 19, 2001 agenda.

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 – JOE ADAMS

Councillor Coutts declared the following pecuniary interest

“I, Marysia Coutts, declare that I may have a pecuniary interest in the matter of petition of Drainage Works – East Williams”.

Administrator Scott advised that no new agenda was prepared, as the meeting was called to complete the business of the March 19 meeting.

PARKING

A concerned citizen commented on illegal parking on Hastings Street and in front of the Library, by the local ambulance service. Council suggested that our By-law Enforcement Officer be made aware, and that correspondence be forwarded to the ambulance service and the County of Middlesex.

Also mentioned was unavailable wheelchair access to the Library. Council were advised that this was a Carnegie Building. Although an addition would be a solution, the heritage of the building makes this difficult. The citizen is to be advised of available alternative services, and of the co-operation of existing library staff.

The Multi-Service Centre on King Street requested accessible parking, a curb cut and signage in front of 183-185 King Street. The matter is to be discussed between the Public Works Superintendent and the By-Law Enforcement Officer, for a draft policy.

EXEMPTING LEGION TAXES

Deputy Mayor Brebner advised that the request made to the County on exemption of property taxes has been referred to Committee for a recommendation. Administrator Scott advised that she discussed the decision made by Strathroy Caradoc with the same party, and was advised that they had exempted the local portion only. They suggested the legion could approach the school boards for exemption of that part of the levy.

After considering the above information, the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council exempt the two Legions in Parkhill and Ailsa Craig from the municipal portion of property taxes for 2001,2002,2003. If they want to be exempt from the education portion they should approach the School Boards.

CARRIED

CON 5ECR PART LOT 24 RP 33-R-12139 PART 1 – FORMER AILSA CRAIG

Council reviewed past information regarding a sale of CNR lands to adjoining land owners. The original property had not been transferred due to a property title issue. Late in 2000 Council of Ailsa Craig made a decision in order to enable the matter to be cleared, but unfortunately the applicant failed to proceed. After a review of the situation, the following motion was made.

JOHNSTON-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Robert Benner to complete the transfer of lands known as Pt Lot 24, RP33R12139, Part 1 Main Street Ailsa Craig, Con 5 ECR from the Municipality to Robert and Angela Robinson of North Middlesex
CARRIED

CEMETERY BOARD

Structure of the Cemetery Board for North Middlesex was discussed. The following motion was made:

COUTTS-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Cemetery Board to carry on as previously with Municipal representation and appointments will be made in April.
CARRIED

A contract is to be drafted for John Webster to continue with the cutting of grass at Sylvan Cemetery.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT tender be let for grasscutting at the Parkhill Cemetery.
CARRIED

PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT

Past information from County of Middlesex referring to the Provincial Offences Act had been circulated, containing a recommendation. Council considered and the following motion was made.

BREBNER-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex agree to enter into an agreement with the City of London regarding the Provincial Offences Act based upon advice from the County of Middlesex Corporate Services Committee.
CARRIED

SATELITE OFFICE SECURITY SYSTEM

Information was reviewed regarding a quotation for a security system for the Satellite Office in Ailsa Craig, to be installed in conjunction with a system being installed for the Library. The following motion was made:

JOHNSTON-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT an alarm system be installed at the satellite office in Ailsa Craig, at the same time as the new Library is installing theirs. Installation cost will be \$530.00 with a \$3.00 per month monitoring cost, to be billed by Library Board annually.
CARRIED

PARKHILL COMMUNITY POLICING

The Parkhill Community Policing Committee has advised that citizens are concerned with street crossing on Main Street Parkhill, particularly Main, Mill and Hastings. They requested that the feasibility of a crosswalk or painted street markers with signs be considered.

Councillor Johnston advised that Ailsa Craig is putting up signs to address somewhat the same problem. Council suggested that the County be requested to do the same for Parkhill. Public Works Superintendent Adams was asked to make drawings to accompany a letter, illustrating our needs. A copy of the County authority to ticket provisions are to be requested. A copy of the policies and procedures were received.

BREBNER-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT North Middlesex approach the County to enact a By-law which will give us the authority to ticket by-law infractions on County Roads.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS

The accounts were reviewed and the following motion made.

HENDRIKX-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the accounts to be paid as presented with the exception of cheque no.747.

CARRIED

PETITION ON SINKER DRAIN

Public Works Superintendent Adams advised that a petition for improvements to the Main Drain portion of Sinker Drain was received by East Williams Township last November. He requested Council to consider, and the following motion was made:

CONLIN-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the petition for drainage work for improvements to the sinker drain, be accepted, and Spriets be appointed as Engineer

CARRIED

TILE DRAIN LOAN APPLICATION

CONLIN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tile Drain Loan for Conc 1 Lot 34, former Township of McGillivray be accepted.

CARRIED

WATERLINE

Public Works Superintendent Adams reported that he feels the staff are in a position to take on the duties of sampling and reporting for the Nairn waterline. This had been reviewed by OCWA, and it is agreed that due to the timing of their sampling, it would create less bureaucracy to do within our own system, and eliminate some duplication. Mr. Adams felt we could also monitor the line closer ourselves. Council were also advised that the Ailsa Craig agreement had not been renewed and a meeting would probably be scheduled in the near future. It was stated that some agreements with OCWA state that notice of six months to one year is required to change agreements. Mike Steeper had been retained at the regular rate to read and check the Parkhill system.

CONLIN-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be forwarded to OCWA, agreeing to termination of agreement for services in East Williams.

CARRIED

TRACKLESS UNIT

Public Works Superintendent Adams reported on price received for twin head, hydraulic driven trackless MT5 Tractor unit, discussed at previous meeting. He recommended that the blower be sold with the existing unit and the purchase be made with 51" blower. A 10' demo rotary mower is also included in order to accommodate needs for the ball and soccer fields.

MCLACHLAN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Roads Department to purchase a trackless unit as per quotation from Work Equipment Ltd for \$74,100 plus taxes

CARRIED

REPAIR TO TOW ROAD FOR McGILLIVRAY

Public Works Superintendent Adams reported that 400' has already been rebuild and 1400' of road has been moved earlier this year. A temporary wall has been put in place. Alec Scott with ABCA has advised on a design that will work. According to Section 281 or 285 of the Municipal Act, the County has some responsibility, but when Ken Oake and Dennis Merrill of Middlesex County and Jim Katewin of Lambton Shores, met last fall, at the site, there was no support agreed upon. In order to stabilize, a drain 10' deep, on the field side, is required. An estimate of this work is \$10,000. Sloping of a tow is estimated at \$20,000. Concrete from area silos is now available for rip rap. A decision has to be made as we do not loose the concrete, if required. Something must be done or, the road will have to be moved.

In the past McGillivray has absorbed the cost of construction and Bosanquet has top dressed and removed the snow. There are no provisions to close the road. It was suggested a proposal be drawn for the County and Lambton Shores to consider. The Engineer work is done. Further information will be available at a future meeting.

SPRING CLEAN UP

Public Works Superintendent Adams reported there has been no information received on the use of McGillivray Landfill Site. Past fee structures for drop and hours of operation were discussed.

A report is to be submitted for consideration in the near future.

BREBNER-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Joe Adams to put together an efficient, economical and easily accessible Spring Clean up plan for the entire municipality and present it to council on April 2.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex adjourn the regular meeting to proceed with an in camera session on a legal matter at 9:30 p.m

CARRIED

MCLACHLAN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the in camera session at 11:00 p.m. and move into regular session.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were brought forth from the In Camera session.

JOHN STREET LOTS – FORMER AILSA CRAIG

CONLIN-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize staff to move on with the procedures and rezoning policies required that will allow us to accept the offer for lots on John Street Ailsa Craig as received in January.

CARRIED

PROPERTY SALE – MAIN STREET FORMER PARKHILL

HENDRIKX-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the property at 195 Main Street, Parkhill be initiated as a tax sale procedure.

CARRIED

WONNACOTT OMB HEARING

BREBNER-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Wonnacott Severance proceed to the OMB.

CARRIED

NAIRN DEVCO OMB HEARING

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Shirley to approach Nairn Devco to tender five planning firms(3 our choice, 2 theirs) to get a cost for an abbreviated secondary plan study to canvass and address the outstanding factors of parts of section 6.2) of the OMB hearing decision dated December of 2000.

CARRIED

STATEMENT OF CLAIM – FORMER MCGILLIVRAY

BREBNER-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT a recently received legal matter be referred to the insurance co.

CARRIED

EXTENSION OF MEETING

BREBNER-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council extend sitting time to 11:40 p.m.

CARRIED

KENNEL LICENCES

Due to misinterpretation of the Dog Control By-law, clarification was required regarding kennel licenses. Council agreed that the license fee was \$40, plus tags for each adult dog, had to be purchased.

COMMITTEES

There was then a discussion on the pros and cons of committee structure. After a thorough discussion, the following motion was made.

BREBNER-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council establish 2 Committees one to deal with public roads and the second to deal with Finance and Administration.

MUNICIPAL DAY

Council directed Administrator Scott to invite past Reeves, Administrative Staff and Department Heads to the annual Municipal Day to be held April 5, 2001 in Ailsa Craig.

SESSION OF NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

Deputy Mayor Brebner advised that Al Edmondson has reserved six spots at a session on nutrient management, to be held this Friday, through the County. He advised he would like to attend and suggested Jackie Tiedeman and Barb Rosser attend also.

LABOUR RELATIONS

Public Works Superintendent Adams advised that the Mayor, Administrator and himself along with Jack Coups met with the Ministry of Labour and representatives from both unions. A description of the bargaining unit and a list of eligible voters was settled. Arrangements have been made for the Union to meet with eligible staff on April 2, 2001 and the vote for SEIU representation, CUPE representation, or non union status will be held on April 3, 2001.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #28 of 2001 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 26th day of March, 2001.
CARRIED

BREBNER-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular council meeting be adjourned at 11:40 p.m.
CARRIED

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR CLERK