

MAY 21, 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 May 21, 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/MCLINCHEY: That the regular meeting minutes dated May 7, 2014 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETING None at this time

6. DELEGATIONS

7:00 p.m. – Davis Martindale, Chartered Accountants, were in attendance to present the Draft 2013 Consolidated Financial Statements. Overall, the year end position of the Municipality is very healthy as debts have been paid down and reserves have increased. The auditors requested that a decision needs to be made as to how the year-end surplus should be allocated.

7. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

a) Report on the compilation of the accounts to May 15, 2014

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

General	\$389,560.67
Visa	\$ 4,514.87
Hydro One	\$ 14,649.22
Hydro One	\$ 1,580.20
OCWA	\$ 49,600.44

CARRIED

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a) Report from Public Works Manager – Truck Traffic on Queen Street North

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That staff continues to monitor traffic on a yearly basis. If staff's vehicle count increases to a level at which staff recognizes signs of traffic damage or possible damage to North Middlesex's infrastructure, staff will bring a recommendation to Council regarding a no truck by-law at that time.

CARRIED

b) Report from Public Works Manager – Biannual Bridge Inspection

CORNELISSEN/HALL: That Council accepts Spriet Associate's quote and that staff proceed to have the required inspections completed.

CARRIED

Councillor Moir inquired into if there was any structures that needed an earlier inspection on the haul routes due to Bornish Project. Public Works Manager Brad Davies will check into this but these would be covered under the road use agreement.

c) Report from Public Works Manager – No Winter Maintenance Extension

HEMMING/MOIR: That staff proceed with Mr. Masschelein's proposal to extend the no winter maintenance 500' west of current location if Mr. Masschelein proceeds with the new barn.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) County of Middlesex – Strategic Plan
(Action: receive and file)
- b) Environmental Review Tribunal – Notice of Preliminary Hearing and Hearing
(Notice) for an appeal of the Approval Holder, Jericho Wind Inc.
(Action: Receive and File)

It was mentioned that Lambton County has lodged an appeal relating to health issues impact.

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That correspondence a-b be accepted with actions
CARRIED

- c) County of Middlesex – Invitation to Warden's Charity Golf Tournament
(Action: That Council authorize a donation to the event)
- d) Cement Association of Canada – concerns regarding proposed changes to the Ontario Building Code to permit the construction of six storey wood frame buildings.
(Action: receive and file)
- e) Murial Allingham and Lou Biemann – request to Council to participate in quiet nights coalition.

A discussion then ensued about recent information received through the Community Liaison Committee for the Bornish Project. It was relayed that the new style blades being installed on the turbines in our area are feathered so that it reduces the amount of sound produced. The units also have equipment in them that monitor and measure sound levels and if the sound level nears the allowable limit, that direction of the blades can be changed to minimize. Council expressed some hesitation in proceeding with a by-law where enforcement may be an issue. Also, that until the turbines are started it is not known for sure what the issues will be.

Staff was asked to contact Norfolk County to inquire why the proposed by-law is setting 30 decibels as an upper limit when the MOE allows 51 decibels.

- f) Hank Halliday and Valerie Quant – request to continue roadside ditch project.

MOIR/HALL: That Mr. Halliday be invited to the next council meeting as a delegation to explain the project in person

CARRIED

- g) Katherine Windsor – request to purchase service lane if available

Mayor Shipway advised that staff has been looking into this further however some information was not available in time for this meeting.

HALL/MCLINCHEY: That staff continue to look into whether this is a fire lane and report back to council.

CARRIED

- h) Madeline Box – Request to move plaque to new building
(Action: That staff find a suitable location within the new building)

MOIR/CORNELISSEN: That the correspondence package c-h with amended actions be accepted.

CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Additional Items:

- a) Adoption of Sustainability Plan – deferred from previous meeting pending review by EDC

MOIR/HEMMING: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex accepts the final copy of the Sustainability Plan as circulated by the CAO.

CARRIED

- b) New Building Update and name

CAO Linda Creaghe advised Council that at this time it has been relayed to her that the keys to the new building should be turned over to the Municipality around June 18th therefore in preparation for the move it is being requested that the Main Office be allowed to close to the public in order for staff to get transferred. The proposed closure dates are Friday July 4 and Monday July 7th.

As Service Ontario is not moving until July 7th there would be some access for the public through that office to purchase bag tags or drop off payments.

HALL/ROPP: That Council authorize the proposed closure dates
CARRIED

Also, at the last council meeting it was decided that an internal discussion between staff and Council occur in order to finalize the name for the new building.

Council concurred with the name: North Middlesex Shared Services Centre

c) Year end Surplus

Treasurer Chuck Daigle then recommended that Council consider placing the 2013 year end surplus to the Bridge Reserve.

HALL/ MCLINCHEY: That the 2013 Year End Surplus be allocated to Bridge Reserve.

CARRIED

12. IN CAMERA

HEMMING/ROPP: That Council adjourn regular meeting to In Camera for the following purpose at 8:20 p.m.

a) Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations

CARRIED

13. RISE AND REPORT

Council rose with no report at 9:15 p.m.

14. READING OF BY-LAWS

a) By-law #23 of 2014 – Confirming By-law

b) By-law #24 of 2014 – Authorize the execution of an agreement with AMO for the purpose of receiving Gas Tax Funding.

HALL/MOIR: That By-law #23 and #24 of 2014 be read a first and second time
CARRIED

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: That By-law #23 and #24 of 2014 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

ROPP/HEMMING: That the meeting adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK