

MINUTES

Those present were: Chuck Hall-Mayor
Ian Brebner-Deputy Mayor
Ken Johnston-Councillor Ward 2
Michael Conlin-Councillor Ward 3
Lawrence McLachlan-Councillor Ward 4
Lucy Hendrikx-Councillor Ward 5
Shirley Scott-Administrator Clerk
Joe Adams-Public Works Superintendent
Linda Groke-Treasurer
Marysia Coutts –Councillor entered the meeting at
8:00 p.m.
Kate VandeVen- from the Banner was also present.

No pecuniary interest was declared.

TREASURERS REPORT

Linda Groke – Treasurer presented her report in writing. She advised that Council had some decisions to make regarding the final billing of taxes. The province requires that a schedule accompany each final tax bill. The schedule for residential, farm and managed forest presents problems. The province requires that they receive 2000 information, and this is not in our new system. This would require manual input, or CompuPower could insert off the old programs for \$3-5,000. There four different systems to merge 2000 information. Lucy suggested that the Province be asked to exempt for this year. All the info will be available in 2002. Information is to be forwarded to MPP and MP's, explaining the situation. This would be classed as a common sense solution.

Later in the meeting, the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: That Linda ask the provincial government to excuse us from providing a schedule to accompany the final tax bill for 2001 to save us the unnecessary expense of inputting all the 2000 taxes for the farm and residential properties. Maybe she could go through our MPP for support in this request.

Carried.

Due to a problem with Great Plains program in the public works department computer, everything will require reloading. She suggested that Ken Northmore be allowed to take a course at an approximate cost of \$750 which would provide him with the knowledge to do this. He is not asking for a wage, just to have his expenses covered. Ian Brebner suggested that the County has people that could load Great Plains. Mayor Hall then questioned why we do not have the hardware. It was explained that the Version 6 is built in. A script has been requested, but not produced to date. Another suggestion was that the computer be couriered to CompuPower. It was concluded that the County be approached first.

Mrs. Groke then requested more help as her department can not keep up to all their duties. While discussing, it was agreed that the department heads were in the process learning to code, which should eventually save time. Jana Lynn Finkbeiner did start today, so Council felt it was not fair to judge at this time.

There was then a short discussion on access to the computer system for each Council member. The matter was deferred to a later date.

BUDGET 2001

Mrs. Groke advised that she did not have a draft budget. She had received information on McGillivray cemeteries and the Fire Board Committee. This information was circulated for future discussion. A chart of accounts is being developed.

The auditors have questions in order to be able to address the request for quotations on 2001 audit. One question related to the number of boards that would require a separate audit. It was suggested that each board would not necessarily have a separate audit, as it was all under the umbrella of North Middlesex now, not a joint board as in the past. They have also questions on the Parkhill sale of utilities. It was suggested that a draft be brought forth by the week of June 11, 2001.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting adjourn to review applications in Land Division Committee.
Carried.

Upon reconvening, Council accepted the motions of the Land Division Committee.

DELEGATION: UPPER THAMES CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Tara Tchir from Upper Thames, Kelly Vader and Erin Jamieson from Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority then entered the meeting to give a presentation on the Middlesex County Natural Heritage Study, being conducted to update the County Official Plan policies, to update the development assessment records and to identify significant natural areas and functions for the local municipalities.

The information gathered will aid in updating local official plans and secondary plans, and to develop policies accordingly. This will provide mapping and policy support by the year 2002. The estimated cost of the budget for this project is \$105,000 over three years. The County has committed \$24,000, and there is still a need for \$19,000.

Deputy Mayor Brebner asked the number of lands that would be entered, and those present advised that they would be entering 80-90 properties. The landowners will be contacted in next three or four weeks. Mayor Hall questioned if it would identify lands that were unfeasible for development. There was a response that they would be looking more at woodlots and rare species trying to identify special lots. The study was not for more restrictions, but to discover what is out there. Deputy Mayor Brebner suggested that it would restrict more clearing of woodlots.

IN CAMERA

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: That Council proceed in Camera , at 9:40 p.m. , in order to address a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual; a proposed acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes; and the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor privilege.
Carried.

JOHNSTON-HENDRIKX: Be it resolved that Council move back into regular session at 11:00 p.m.
Carried.

Upon reconvening, the following motions were made.

FIRE DEPARTMENT-BEARD ISSUE

McLACHLAN-HENDRIKX: Be it resolved that Council ask the firefighters to do a fit test by an independent organization and that any firefighter who does not meet the fit test should make changes to meet the fit test, or resign.

Carried.

SECRETARIAL WAGES

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: That the starting salary for Kathleen O'Connell be according to the starting wage on the grid developed by Transition Board, and that the starting salary for Jana Lynn Finkbeiner be according to the discussions for College student.

Carried.

MEADOWGATE SUBDIVISION

JOHNSTON-McLACHLAN: Be it resolved that Council assume responsibility for the road and road allowance of the Meadowgate Phase 11 project in former ward of Ailsa Craig and fix the deficiencies with expediency.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Council were advised that Canadian Red Cross have requested that Mayor Hall and myself participate in a disaster exercise. The information will be used to better provide service in our community if a disaster strikes. Council agreed that Mayor Hall and Administrator Clerk Scott can participate.

Council were advised that previous arrangements had been made to provide \$18,000 to East Williams Optimist for the finishing of a building in East Williams. The bill has been handed in and are over by \$754.39 minus GST rebate. Council considered and the following motion was made.

McLACHLAN-HENDRIKX: Be it resolved that Council pay the extra \$754.39 over and above the \$18,000 previously approved by East Williams Council for the finishing of a building in East Williams by the Optimist.

Carried.

Council agreed that a partial payment could be made to Middlesex Power. Final payment will be made when the collections for December are turned over to Parkhill from Middlesex Power.

Another letter was received regarding payment for works taken upon themselves for a project they feel should be paid for. The usual letter regarding no payment is to be sent.

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed, and the following motion made.

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: Be it resolved that the regular meeting minutes from May 7, 2001 printed and delivered, to each member, be accepted.

Carried.

The draft recreation minutes were reviewed and security at the centers discussed. It was noted that there were bouncers only at Ailsa Craig, not off duty police, at the last stag and doe. Councillor Hendrikx advised that this was done at Parkhill, and is being considered for consistency. Capacity limits is being checked. The different figures are due to regulations for liquor license and fire departments. It was reported that the minor ball teams are working out well.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: Be it resolved that the draft recreation meeting minutes from April 25, 2001, printed and delivered to each member be received.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

Various accounts were discussed. In the future they requested that the department be shown with each expense.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: Be it resolved that the accounts in the amount of \$147,476.10 be approved for payment.

Carried.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The report of the planning and development committee from a meeting held on May 16, 2001 was considered. Deputy Mayor Brebner advised that three quotes were received for each planning project. Although the cost of the Zelinka Priamo was higher than the price obtained from Community Planners, those present at the meeting discussed, and recommended that Zelinka Priamo be retained. The following recommendations were accepted, and motions made.

NAIRN DEVCO SECONDARY PLAN/STRATEGIC PLAN

JOHNSTON-CONLIN: That the recommendation to retain Zelinka Priamo for the Nairn Development Secondary Plan, and F. J. Galloway Associates for the Strategic Plan, be accepted; and that an agreement be drawn with Nairn Devco to cover 50% of the cost for the secondary plan with Zelinka.

Carried.

The recommendation for Archibald Gray and McKay to determine the location of John Street North, in the former Ailsa Craig, was also accepted.

REPORT FROM POLICING COMMITTEE

The Property and Protection Committee report was reviewed, and the following motion made:

COUTTS-McLACHLAN: Be it resolved that Council agree to share the PUC building with Community Policing and MTO.

Carried.

REPORT FROM CBO RE: ICE/HAIL DAMAGE

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: Be it resolved that the report from Vic Stellingwerff regarding ice and hail damage to the municipal buildings be accepted. Carried.

Council were advised that an inspector had been out, and the damage had been assessed.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: Be it resolved that By-law #42 of 2001, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex at a meeting held on May 22, 2001 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 22nd day of May 2001. Carried.

MCLACHLAN-JOHNSTON: Be it resolved that Council adjourn at 11:30 p.m. to meet again @7:30 p.m. on May 28, 2001
Carried.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR