

MINUTES

This special meeting was called to finish the agenda from the May 22, 2001 regular meeting.

Those present were: Chuck Hall – Mayor
Ian Brebner – Deputy Mayor
Marysia Coutts-Councillor Ward 1
Ken Johnston-Councillor Ward 2
Mike Conlin-Councillor Ward 3
Lawrence McLachlan-Councillor Ward 4
Lucy Hendriks –Councillor Ward 5
Shirley Scott – Administrator
Joe Adams – Public Works Superintendent.

No pecuniary interest was declared.

PARKING ON KING STREET

Correspondence from Northwest Middlesex Multi-Service Centre, regarding accessible parking space in front of or between 183 and 185 King Street, was discussed. Also received was a letter from another business, suggesting that this would be a handicap to their business. Information compiled by the Public Works Superintendent and the By-law Enforcement Officer was reviewed. After a thorough discussion, it was suggested that wheelchair parking be worked out with the property owner, at the back of the building. It was not feasible for the municipality to provide this parking on King Street, at this time.

EMERGENCY PLAN

Various updates and requested changes were reviewed. It was suggested that the capacities be checked. It was suggested that Sacred Heart Parkhill, the Hall at the Catholic Church and Grace Chapel be added to Annex "D". The social services of the County are to be used.

POLICY ON BEREAVEMENT, ETC.

The policy on gifts and memorial donations was considered. A rate was set for gifts due to hospitalization, bereavement and retirement. A rate was also set for the opening of new businesses in the area of North Middlesex.

POLICY ON PROCLAMATIONS

After careful consideration, the following motion was made.

COUTTS-HENDRIKS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT we will not endorse any proclamations brought before this council.

Carried.

NEWSLETTER

Council were again asked to submit their biography.

WEBSITE

The policy not to enter photos of individuals without permission. It was felt that the “municipal day” shots could be reviewed, and those that were necessary, be removed. Councillors were reminded to get their biography to Tanya for processing.

REQUEST FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

A letter, suggesting the presentation of a citizen of the year award, was received. Council discussed and felt that this should be handled by a service club, as it has been in the past, not Council. Various government ministries offer awards from time to time, and when the proper information becomes available, the information will be forwarded to the writer.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

Information was received from Bluewater Recycling Association, regarding those interesting in hosting HHW Days for this fall. Council considered and Public Works Superintendent, Joe Adams was asked to obtain more information.

WEST CORNERS ROAD

Correspondence was received advising of a steep hill leading into West Corners Drive. Several vehicles have had to be pulled out in the past, and it was suggested that signs be erected to warn drivers of a sharp curve and drop off. Public Works Superintendent advised that he would view the area and have the appropriate signs erected.

BUSINESS SIGN FOR AREA SERVICES

Council were advised that the former signs at each end of Town, used to place Club names, does not belong to the Town. After much discussion, it was suggested that this request be forwarded to the Lions Club.

SALE OF AILSA CRAIG HYDRO

Former Ailsa Craig Clerk advised that since the sale of Ailsa Craig Hydro, Bob Benner has been working to conclude membership with Mearie. After a thorough discussion, with Councillor Johnston regarding this matter, it was concluded that Mr. Benner be asked to proceed and settle, as soon as possible.

PUBLIC WASHROOMS

There was a request to have public washrooms at Lookout Point. By the time permits and construction was done, the summer would be over, therefore, portables were suggested for this summer. Joe Adams agreed to contact Johnson's and see what was available. Other locations suggested were Coronation Park or the Arena.

Councillor Johnston advised that Ailsa Craig public washrooms, located behind the library, were open daytime only.

POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councillor Johnston advised that he was getting a price to have “seal test” for masks done by DuPont. Councillor Conlin advised that the policy stated that all firemen are to be able to use all the equipment, except the driving of the trucks. Councillor Johnston stated that an exemption is to be included in the policy. He advised that more masks may be needed. A decision has to be made whether to carry three general sizes, or several sizes.

BY-LAW #36 – HYDRO ONE AGREEMENT

CONLIN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #36 of 2001, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Municipality of North Middlesex and Hydro One Networks Inc., be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of May 2001.

Carried.

BY-LAW #37 – APPOINTING FENCEVIEWERS

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #37 of 2001, being a by-law to appoint fenceviewers for the Municipality of North Middlesex, be read a first, second and third time this 28th day of May, 2001.

Carried.

RESCIND TDL DEBENTURE

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #29 of 2001, being a TDL By-law, be hereby rescinded.

Carried.

BY-LAW #39 – APPOINT LIVESTOCK EVALUATORS

HENDRIKX-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #39 of 2001, being a By-law to appoint a livestock evaluator for the Municipality of North Middlesex, be read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 28th day of May, 2001.

Carried.

CEMETERY BOARD

Administrator Clerk Scott advised that the Board has held a meeting. A member from Council is required for the Board. The following motion was made.

COUTTS-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lucy Hendrikx be appointed to represent Council on the Cemetery Board.

Carried.

BY-LAW #40 - RELIEF OF LEGION TAXES

As a result of correspondence from the County of Middlesex, advising Council of the need for a by-law to exempt the taxes for the Royal Canadian Legion, the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #40 of 2001, being A by-law to provide property tax relief to branches of the Royal Canadian Legion in the Municipality of North Middlesex for the property taxation years 2001, 2002, and 2003, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of May, 2001.

Carried.

BY-LAW #41 - BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT ON COUNTY ROADS

Due to direction from the County, a by-law was passed to appoint by-law enforcement officers.

McLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #41 of 2001, being a by-law to appoint municipal law enforcement officers with respect to the enforcement of by-laws regulating parking and motorized vehicles on County roads in the Municipality of North Middlesex, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of May, 2001.

Carried.

MOSQUITO PROGRAM

Public Works Superintendent, Joe Adams, advised that the mosquito control program, had been carried out, by way of air service. Approximately 193.4 acres were treated. There is enough stock to do the needed catch basins and areas in Nairn and Ailsa Craig. The stock will be good until August. Barry Tyler of the Middlesex Health Unit is considering this as a pilot project.

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE – MAY 7, 2001:

- a. The Precept Group Inc. advising of their interest in providing the municipality with a quote for general insurance.
- b. Ontario Energy Board regarding Electricity Market Readiness Plan *
- c. Hydro One – letter of recognition and thanks to Jason for his help during a recent wind storm *
- d. Ministry of the Solicitor General – Emergency Measures Ontario approval of funding for the project “To equip an emergency operations centre” *
- e. Municipal Electric Association regarding a potential settlement of the class proceeding launched by the MEUs against the former Ontario Hydro *
- f. Town of Arnprior resolution endorsement to the Ministry of Environment regarding recycling. *
- g. Ministry of Citizenship – nominations for a citizen in the community for an Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship *
- h. Ann Hutchinson Communications offering seminars entitled “Mediasmarts” and “Crisis Communications” to municipal representatives. *
- i) Town of Oakville request for resolution endorsement regarding Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs 2001 Provincial Budget Submission. *
- j. Convent Garden Market inviting farmers and farm based producers to participate in the Farmers Market 2001 season
- k. Thomson Rogers announcing Robert A. Gubbins to the firm in the Municipal Law Group
- l. Woods Talk – Community Action to Conserve Ontario’s Woodlands Conference *

m. Thames Valley District School Board bulletin*

The correspondence for May 7, 2001 was reviewed and the following comments made.

12. c) a letter of thanks is to be sent to Jason Cadman regarding his action and alertness regarding a hydro line being put down during a recent wind storm.

12. g) an award file is to be created, so that awards can be distributed when requests and proper criteria is met.

12. l) That the resolution from Oakville be considered as follows:

CONLIN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex support the resolution endorsement from the Town of Oakville as follows:

WHEREAS the fire service in Ontario is funded through municipal property and business taxes and

WHEREAS direct funding by the province for fire departments last occurred in the early 1980's and

WHEREAS the other emergency service providers, being the Police Services and Ambulance Services annually receive provincial funding and

WHEREAS the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs represents the senior fire service managers of some 450 fire departments across the province and

WHEREAS the OAFIC has worked closely with the Office of the Fire Marshal to implement strategies and programs to reduce fire related injuries, deaths and property loss successfully resulting in making a significant impact on fire safety in Ontario and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has a public interest in the safety of its citizens as fire losses are still significant in Ontario with 119 fire deaths and property loss of \$369,000,000 in 1999.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Oakville supports and endorses the proposal by the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs requesting the Province of Ontario provide a multi-year funding program for local fire departments to assist in providing services and programs that will reduce the loss of life and property from fires and other emergencies and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Provincial Government fund the improvements and upgrades recommended at the Ontario Fire College to improve fire service training and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Oakville request other municipalities in Ontario indicate by resolution of council their support of the OAFIC funding proposal and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General and local MPP's

CARRIED

12. f) That the resolution from Arnprior be considered as follows:

COUTTS-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex support the resolution endorsement from the Town of Arnprior, as follows:

AND RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS the former Minister of the Environment, Dan Newman, signaled in a news release that he intended to introduce legislation in the spring of 2001 to support an agreement between Ontario municipalities and participating industry to share 50/50 the net cost of residential recycling programs and ensure that all industries which produce projects and packaging meet their environmental obligations and pay their fair share;

AND WHEREAS Regulation 101/94 requires a municipality with a population of 5,000 or more to collect the basic blue box materials including metal, glass and PET food, beverage cans and bottles, newsprint and a minimum two additional materials from the supplementary bluebox waste list;

AND WHEREAS eight out of ten provinces in Canada have in operation a deposit/return system for a broad range of containers which has realized a high recovery rate;

AND WHEREAS the recent change in the marketability of green coloured glass in Ontario has indicated the municipal blue box program is susceptible to changes in market conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the elected Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior, resolve as follows:

1. We request the Ministry of the Environment consider a full producer responsibility for accounting for all life-cycle products and packaging, not just the cost of those materials that are recovered for recycling.
2. We also request legislation be brought forward by the Ministry of the Environment to provide a long term mechanism of financial support from all waste producing industries for municipal household hazardous waste and blue box programs.
3. We also request the Ministry of the Environment consider a deposit return system, similar to Ontario Brewers for all beverage containers to improve the recovery rate and reuse of recyclable materials.
4. We also ask the Ministry of the Environment reconsider the requirements outlined in Regulation 101/94, to provide some flexibility in the collection of materials for recycling if environmental and economic conditions do not warrant it.
5. We also ask that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to strongly encourage other municipalities to pass similar resolutions and also the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

CARRIED

McLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence package a-m dated May 7, 2001, be accepted.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – MAY 22, 2001

- a. Environmental Science and Engineering regarding subscription renewal in the amount of \$48.15
- b. AMO – Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – Nomination Process*
- c. County of Middlesex – invitation to council session and reception*
- d. North Middlesex/Ailsa Craig & Area Community Policing Committee*
- e. Bill Heaman – concern regarding notice given for “cleanup day”
- f. Municipal Electric Association – Class proceeding against Ontario Hydro*
- g. Township of Essa resolution endorsement regarding the use of photo radar on Provincial highways to control speeding*
- h. Consolidated Service Industries Corporation advising of janitorial/custodial services available and to be placed on the Bid List in the future.
- i. Advertising the Grand Theatre in Kingston

The correspondence dated May 22, 2001, was considered, and the following responses made:

- 12. c) County of Middlesex invitation to attend county council session on June 12, was accepted by four members of Council. Department Heads are to be invited also.

e) advise Bill Heaman on programs in question.

COUTTS-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence package a-i, dated May 22, 2001, be accepted.

Carried.

ICE/HAIL DAMAGE TO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

CBO, Vic Stellingwerff, submitted a report regarding the ice and hail damage to municipal buildings, during the past winter and spring. He advised that an inspection was made in the accompaniment of Barry Francis, Property Claims Manager for Zurich Insurance and Aaron Depooter, Restoration Masters of Strathroy, to determine the damages. A meeting will be held later, to advise on the damage assessment.

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Health and Safety Committee recommended that as the Fire Departments deal with very different issues from our departments, that they should establish their own joint safety committee. The following motion was made.

JOHNSTON-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendation from the Health and Safety Committee, be accepted.

Carried.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee of a Whole, met on May 14, 2001 to consider Water and Sewer rates, and to discuss surplus lands. It was suggested that future consideration be made to service exchange. The following recommendations were considered:

-that water hook up in rural areas be charged a base price of \$6,500 for ¾" service to curb stop for residential customers and a 1" service to curb stop for agricultural and industrial customers. Any increase in sizing would be at additional cost to the customers, as of May 15, 2001.

Regarding parties interested in purchasing, or leasing municipal lands to advise in writing. Area rental prices are to be obtained.

There was a discussion regarding Meadowgate Subdivision. It was recommended that Joe Adams be authorized to go ahead and get quotes to fix the deficiencies in our part of the subdivision, Phase 2 of the Plan.

Council authorized the purchase of a small refrigerator for the main floor.

It was recommended that Kathleen O'Connell be hired as a full time employee, and that Jana Lynn Finkbeiner be hired for the contract position; and that two positions for students, one for the office and one for the tourist booth, be advertised, as soon as possible.

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the recommendations of the Committee Meeting held May 14, 2001.

Carried.

RECREATION REPORT

The following report from Scott Nickles, was reviewed. The Olympia was picked up for service. This ice machine needs a lot of engine repair (approximate \$4,000). One student needs to be hired full time, due to not getting approval through the seed program. A past employee is being recommended. Ailsa Craig new playground equipment project was completed on May 25th. Quotes for the purchase and installation of a new chiller and removal of the old, from Diamond Refrigeration Contracting be considered. Two policies for recreation; one for alcohol and one for free hall rental be reviewed. The following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex accept the following recommendation from the North Middlesex Recreation Committee – that the quote from Diamond Refrigeration Contracting Ltd. for the replacement of the Arena Brine Chiller in the amount of \$23,785.00 +GST be accepted.

Carried.

The other items are to be considered at a later date.

Councillor Hendrikx reported that there is interest in the old office in Ailsa Craig. She requested that appraisal be obtained, and appropriate steps, according to the procedural by-law, be followed. The interested party is aware of the fire and safety updates that are required, and is willing to comply. The roof repair, due to recent hail damage is to be considered by North Middlesex. Council requested a copy of the report from Steve Guay.

COUNCILLORS ITEMS

SOMA: Mayor Hall reported that he attended a Metalform trade show in Cleveland. The show attracted industries that would be of interest in our area, such as robotics, tool and dye, production manufacturing. The show created about twenty leads, which are in the process of being followed up on. The new booth was used, and is attractive. A handout booklet has been created, and this was circulated. Information regarding SOMA is available through the website, and there is a thumbnail specifically for North Middlesex. The directors are putting a package together, with data on available properties, area populations, services, etc. Information from Middlesex County will assist the creation of this information. The County are considering membership, as well as other areas in Middlesex having a possible interest. Council were advised that Mr. Hall has been asked to make a presentation regarding SOMA to the County.

ABCA: Deputy Mayor Brebner advised that he was on a watershed tour. One area of concern is the Port Franks/Chicken Island erosion problem. Mr. Adams reported that municipal drain work has been done in the area. It requires extension into this area. An approximate cost would be 1.4 million over 12 municipalities.

COMPUTERS: Deputy Mayor Brebner advised that the County has the capability to load Great Plains onto the McGillivray site computers.

OSTAR: Councillor McLachlan reported that ABCA, KMK and others have reports that should be made available to consultants obtaining information on sewage studies. Joe Adams advised that ESR and EA studies will be required for OSTAR details to be carried out. These may take 6 to 12 months to get in place. The consultants will be present at the June 4 meeting, to advise what is required to complete the proposal.

PROPERTY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councillor Johnston reported that all parties have met and agreed that it would be recommended that MTO and Parkhill Policing share the former PUC building. It was suggested that the estimate for renovations be available at the next meeting. The following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of moving MTO and Community Policing Office be moved to past Parkhill PUC building.

Carried.

OTHER ITEMS: Mr. Johnston requested that a sign be made directing people to the public washrooms in Ailsa Craig. The Fire Chief has requested an excess fax machine for the fire hall. The flags for Main Street Ailsa Craig were also discussed. It was confirmed that the flowers on Main Street Ailsa Craig would be hung by the firemen and taken down by the Public Works Department. Marilyn Barbe is arranging for the delivery of the flower baskets. It was brought to the attention of the Public Works Manager that the park gate had been bent badly during the installation of the playground equipment. This is to be checked out and reported on at the next meeting. It was suggested that a new set of chains are required for the sewage plant. The flower beds outside the satellite office were discussed. Councillor Hendrikx, Councillor for Ward 5 offered to see that this was done, either by volunteers, or she would do.

WATER BILLING

Administrator Scott advised that the next Ailsa Craig water bill is being prepared. It is for a period of two and one half months, or 77 days. Council agreed that this would be okay. Plans are to be on track by the next bill.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve By-law #42
Confirming procedures and that it be read a first, second
and third time and finally passed this 28th day of May,
2001.

Carried.

Arrangements are to be made to interview the auditors on Tuesday, June
5, starting at 7:00 p.m.

HENDNRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the special meeting adjourn at
11:15 p.m.

Carried.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR