



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday May 3, 2017 in the Council Chambers, Shared Services Centre, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill with a quorum present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shipway was absent due to attendance at a conference, therefore Deputy Mayor Ropp assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Don Shipway - Absent

Deputy Mayor Brian Ropp

Councillor Ward One Doreen McLinchey

Councillor Ward Two Joan Nichol

Councillor Ward Three Gord Moir

Councillor Ward Four Andrew Hemming - Absent

Councillor Ward Five Adrian Cornelissen - Absent

Clerk, Jackie Tiedeman

Director of Finance and Administrative Services/Treasurer, Nandini Syed

Director of Infrastructure and Operations, Jonathon Graham

Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief, Will Davidson

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – none

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a. April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION#140/2017

MOIR/NICHOL: That the April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

7:00 PM. – Development Charges Public Meeting

Nancy Neale, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd, presented the outline for the mandatory public meeting under the *Development Charges Act*. The Background Study was prepared and available to the public on March 23, 2017. The purpose of this public meeting is to provide a review of the DC proposal and to receive public input on the proposed policies and charges. The basis for this background study is to amend the Municipality's current DC By-law to reduce the charges by 50%. The study process included Policy Review and discussions with staff; growth forecast; detailed discussions with staff regarding future needs to service growth; DC overview and new requirements as per Bill 73 presentation to staff; council workshop (January 18, 2017); background study and draft by-law released to public (March 23, 2017); notice of public meeting (April 11, 2017); public meeting (May 3, 2017) and staff report with recommendations and council consideration of By-law for adoption (June 7, 2017).

Councillor McLinchey requested clarification if rural areas paid DC Charges and if not, why?

Jonathon Graham replied that rural areas currently do not pay DC Charges. The rural areas pay for a water connection hookup charge when new development occurs and they have private septic systems.

Clerk Jackie Tiedeman advised that to date there has been no written submissions received.

Ms. Neale advised that written submissions can be received up until the time of By-law passage which is anticipated to be June 7, 2017.

No public comments were received and therefore the public meeting closed.

7:30 P.M. Committee of Adjustment Meeting

MOTION #141/2017

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That the Regular Meeting adjourn to COA at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED

See separate COA Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

6. DELEGATION

8:00 p.m. – YMCA

Kathi Lomas-McGee and Kathy Willemse presented the 2nd Quarter Operations report. The highlights included: 509 members engaged. Membership Engagement: launched marketing campaign in January/February messaging personal impact stories; membership growth in families and single adults; new sales targets resulted 85% of target to date; membership is 13 favourable to budget resulting in 9% growth over previous year. Programs and Participation: Leadership programs expanded included babysitting courses with average enrollment of 17 youth; expanded group fitness classes; march break camp participation 20 children; increased enrolment with in programs such as cooking classes and gymnastics; Friday flick nights average 20 participants per week. Community Engagement: grant applications for donations and sponsorships; active volunteer recruitment commenced; community fitness challenge; volunteer awareness/recognition campaign, healthy kids day “Canada 150th “ theme.

Councillor McLinchey commended the staff at the YMCA for creating a positive environment for the children and the adults.

Deputy Mayor Ropp inquired if the surplus from 2016 could offset the cost of equipment in the future. Ms. Syed responded that she would look into this further. Mr. Graham responded that capital equipment this year has been approved in the budget however it would be beneficial in future budgets.

Ms. Lomas-McGee and Ms. Willemse were both thanked for their presentation.

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Report from Director of Finance and Administrative Services/Treasurer – Council Remuneration 2016

MOTION #142/2017

NICHOL/MCLINCHEY: That Council receives the attached 2016 Council Remuneration and Expense report, as presented.

CARRIED

b. Report from Director of Finance and Administrative Services/Treasurer – Finance and Administration Monthly Update – May 2017

MOTION #143/17

NICHOL/MOIR: That Council receives the Finance and Administration Monthly Update

– May 2017 Report, as information only.

CARRIED

c. Report from Director of Finance and Administrative Services/Treasurer – Water and Wastewater Charges for 2017.

Ms. Syed and Mr. Graham gave an overview of the 2017 Proposed Water and Wastewater Budget. Council was reminded that water and wastewater rates have already been approved through By-law # 55 of 2015 and By-law #83 of 2015 respectively.

Councillor McLinchey requested clarification on the Parkhill Main Street water main valve replacement? Mr. Graham explained that this mainly pertains to valves on the street that are older and more difficult to open. This will be part of the ongoing new best practices program.

Councillor Moir requested clarification on the new meter reading system and whether this was for residences? Mr. Graham replied that it was an internal reading system and not individual residential meters.

Councillor Moir then inquired whether it would be more cost effective to gas line installation into the AC Treatment Plant all at once rather than over a three year phased project? Mr. Graham replied that he was contemplating this project over a three year phased in approach due to the costs. However, he would provide a staff report on both options for council consideration at an upcoming meeting.

MOTION #144/2017

MCLINCHEY/NICHOL: That the 2017 Water and Wastewater Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

a. Compilation of accounts to April 27, 2017

MOTION #154/2017

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

General Cheques	\$167,050.95
General Direct Deposit	\$ 50,578.33
General Online/PAP	\$141,382.59

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Economic Development Committee – April 10, 2017 Minutes (Receive and File)

b. Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority – April 20, 2017 (Receive and File)

Deputy Mayor Ropp advised that there are two upcoming public meetings that the ABCA is holding regarding Shoreline Erosion although there is no impact to North Middlesex.

c. Bluewater Recycling Association – April 20, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Highlights and Annual Report (Receive and File)

d. Local School Advisory Committee

Councillor Nichol advised that there is a meeting being held at the High School on May 15th which includes meeting the robotics Club at 6:30 p.m.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a. West Lincoln - Motion Support regarding a request to Minister of Education to re-write the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) & Place an Immediate and Retroactive Moratorium on School Closures until the PARG is Rewritten.

MOTION #146/2017

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the request, from the Township of West Lincoln, to the Minister of Education to re-write the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) & Place an Immediate and Retroactive Moratorium on School Closures until the PARG is Rewritten, as described in their motion dated April 24, 2017. (full motion available upon request)

CARRIED

b. Township of Lake of Bays – request for a Moratorium on the current Accommodation Review Process.

MOTION #147/2017

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the request of the Township of Lake of Bays as follows:

“Whereas the current Accommodation Review Process is not reflective of the reality of rural school and community life;

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And whereas school closures impact single-school small rural communities in all educations, social and economic aspects to a far greater degree than those impacts in multi-school urban communities;

And whereas rural communities depend on a school as part of its viability and vitality ensuring an inward migration of families with children that will ensure its future economic conditions;

And whereas the Township of Lake of Bays is a single public school municipality;

Be It Resolved That the Township of Lake of Bays requests that Minister Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education initiate an immediate moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process until such time as a review of the above mentioned impacts on small rural communities can be studied, completed and the results and recommendations considered;

And further that this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, MP Tony Clement, MPP Norm Miller, Trillium Lakeland District School Board and all municipalities in Ontario.”

CARRIED

c. Township of Adjala-Tosorontio – request for resolution support regarding a request to waive the taxes on Canadian flags.

MOTION #148/2017

NICHOL/MCLINCHEY: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex supports the motion from the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio as follows:

“Resolved That in recognition of Canada’s 150th Birthday, the federal and provincial governments be requested to waive the taxes payable on the purchase of a Canadian Flag or Canada 150th Anniversary Flag for the year 2017; and further.”

CARRIED

d. Municipality of Dutton Dunwich – request to support motion the Private Members Bill of Sam Oosterhoff, MPP for Niagara-West Glanbrook proposing the government halt all wind power approvals in unwilling host communities.

(action: Receive and File)

e. Municipality of Port Hope – request to support motion to the Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change be requested to revise existing legislation, to explicitly ban construction of incinerators, and phase out use of existing incinerators, in Ontario.

(action: receive and file)

f. Invitation from Strathroy Caradoc to attend Coffee and Conversation Meeting with Fred Dean on May 30th
(action: Receive and File)

g. Thank you card from Gary McLinchey
(action: receive and file)

h. Parkhill Agricultural Society – donation of gift to Ambassador Program

MOTION #149/2017

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: That staff be authorized to provide appropriate gift(s) as in the past.

CARRIED

MOTION #150/2017

MOIR/NICHOL: That the correspondence package be accepted with actions as noted.

CARRIED

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

Deputy Mayor Ropp took this opportunity to extend best wishes to Eric Nixon, Press Reporter for the Gazette, as he will no longer be covering the Council Meetings. All of Council wished him well in his future endeavors.

Deputy Mayor Ropp advised that the May 11th meeting at the County with the Thames Valley School Board has been cancelled. It was suggested that the questions intended for this meeting may be addressed at the Accommodation Public Meeting being held later in May. He will update Council once he receives more information.

Councillor Moir requested clarification from staff on the request from Hank Halliday for his roadside ditch program. Mr. Graham advised that he would contact Mr. Halliday and discuss in further detail.

Councillor Nichol advised members of council that an open meeting is being held at Craigweil Gardens on May 30 at 7:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity to show the public their rebuild project.

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

MOTION #151/2017

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

- a. Personal matters about an identifiable individual – Administration
- CARRIED

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

MOTION#152/2017

MOIR/NICHOL: That the Closed Meeting rise at 8:50 p.m. with one recommendation.

CARRIED

MOTION #153/2017

NICHOL/MCLINCHEY: That Council accept the letter of retirement from Agnes Peeters effective July 10, 2017.

CARRIED

15. READING OF BY-LAWS

- a. By-Law #22 of 2017 – ZBA for 4708 West Corners Drive
- b. By-law #23 of 2017 – ZBA for 5473 Clandeboye Drive
- c. By-law #24 of 2017 – Confirming By-law

MOTION #154/2017

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That By-laws #22,23 and 24 of 2017 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOTION #155/2017

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That By-laws #22,23 and 24 of 2017 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #156/2017

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That the meeting adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK