

MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday May 4, 2016 in the Council Chambers, Shared Services Centre, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill with a quorum present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Don Shipway

Deputy Mayor Brian Ropp

Councillor Ward One Doreen McLinchey

Councillor Ward Two Joan Nichol

Councillor Ward Three Gord Moir

Councillor Ward Four Andrew Hemming

Councillor Ward Five Adrian Cornelissen

CAO, Marsha Paley

Staff, Judy Gratton

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. CLOSED MEETING (Under Section 239 of the Municipal Act)

MOTION #161/2016

NICHOL/MOIR: That the regular meeting adjourn to Closed Meeting at 6:30 p.m. for the following purpose:

a. Advice that is subject to solicitor –client privilege – Building Department Matter CARRIED

5. CONSIDERATION OF MATTER ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

Council rose from Closed Meeting with no report

MOTION #162/2016

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That Council adjourn and return to the Regular Meeting at 7:04 p.m.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a. April 20, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Deputy Mayor Ropp wanted to thank Clerk, Jackie Tiedeman for clarification with two motions that arose from these minutes.

MOTION #163/2016

ROPP/NICHOLS: That the minutes be hereby accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

7. PUBLIC MEETINGS

MOTION #164/2016

HEMMING/MOIR: That Regular Meeting adjourn to Committee of Adjustment to consider a planning application.

CARRIED

See separate Committee of Adjustment minutes

MOTION #165/2016

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: That they adjourn Committee of Adjustment and return to Regular Meeting.

8. DELEGATION - 7:45 p.m. - OCWA

Mayor Shipway informed Council, before the delegate proceeded, that Councillor Nichol, Acting Treasurer Deb Jonah, Water Superintendent Glen Bullock and the Mayor, himself had a meeting/tour with Ontario Clean Water Agency at the Ailsa Craig

Wastewater Treatment Plant that morning, and OCWA will be making a recommendation in this regard.

7:45 p.m. – OCWA – Presentation of 2016 Inspection Reports and 2016 First Quarter Operation Reports

Jackie Muller, Rod Dupuis and Marcel Misuraca from the Ontario Clean Water Agency presented the following WW Ailsa Craig WPCP Inspection Report, North Middlesex Distribution System Inspection Report, WW Parkhill Lagoon Inspection Report, North Middlesex Operational Report 1st Quarter 2016, Parkhill Operational Report 1st Quarter 2016 and Ailsa Craig Operational Report 1st Quarter 2016. They focussed on the non-compliances, in the inspection reports to highlight where there are non-compliances.

The following questions arose during the reports. Mayor Shipway inquired to the number of locates/call outs compared to 2015. Ms. Muller stated there was under 50 locates in the first quarter for 2015, so it has increased considerably. Deputy Mayor Ropp inquired about leaks in the lines, and if there were any lines in particular that were causing a problem. Mr. Dupuis stated there were no lines in particular giving any problems. Deputy Mayor Ropp also inquired about the Parkhill Wastewater system and the spiking on the charts and wondered if this was due to the rain. Mr. Dupuis stated that was correct, the spikes are high but only for a short period of time.

Mr. Dupuis stated that they had toured the Ailsa Craig Wastewater Treatment Plant and there seems to be issues when receiving septage (mainly from the haulage contractors) and are having challenges with the pH/process. OCWA's recommendation would be that OCWA work with the Dillon Engineering to do a study on the septage usage and determine if it is viable/sustainable to continue to accept septage or whether to decommission this unit. Therefore, the next step would be to get the quote from Dillon's due to the MOE mandating issues as of May 31, 2016. CAO, Ms. Paley advised to OCWA that staff will look after getting the quote themselves from Dillon's, as they are currently working on other projects with them and want to ensure priority is maintained as one of the projects received Provincial funding.

Councillor Nichol wanted to thank OCWA for taking the extra time for the tour, as it was very informative and educational.

Mayor Shipway thanked OCWA for their presentation as well as the morning tour/ meeting.

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a) Report from Chief Building Official – Survey Requirements (deferred from April 20, 2016

MOTION #166/2016

MCLINCHEY/NICHOL: That Council accept the Survey Report as submitted;

And further that any applications for a Consent to Sever, for Minor Variances and/or site plans in the urban / hamlet areas or on lots of record must be accompanied with a survey which shall show lot size, lot lines, set-backs from all lot lines of all structures on site, proposed location of future structures and septic system locations, if applicable;

And further that the staff amend the Building By-Law #19 of 2013, Item #7 to read as follows: "The Chief Building Official shall require the submission of a "Foundation Survey" before any construction proceeds past foundation stage for all new dwelling units or accessory units requiring a concrete type foundation on a residential zoned property, or any lots of record. The said survey shall show lot size, lot lines, set-backs from all lot lines of all structures on site as well as, proposed location of future structures and septic locations if applicable."

CARRIED

b) Report from Chief Building Official and Municipal Bylaw Enforcement Officer – Need for Second Vehicle

MOTION #167/2016

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That Council receives the report entitled "Need for Second Vehicle" for the Building Department;

And further that staff be directed to obtain a pickup truck (Extend-A-Cab);

And further that before this vehicle is purchased at this price to see if a discounted price can be obtained on two(2) vehicles, if they are purchased as the Recreation Department will also be requesting one, and then go ahead with the Building Department purchase (not more than \$40,681.07 as quoted).

CARRIED

c) Report from Administration Department – Site Plan Agreement – Plan 324 Part Brick Yard Lot 1 RP33R18759 Part 1 Station Street and William Street (Parkhill) – Nicholson/Walden Inc.

MOTION #168/2016

MCLINCHEY/NICHOL: That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Site Plan Agreement for the subject property at Plan 324, Part Brick Yard Lot 1, RP33R18759, Part 1, Station Street and William Street (Parkhill) owned by Nicholson Walden Inc..

And further that this agreement be signed once all documents have been submitted to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

CARRIED

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

a. Report on compilation of bills and accounts to April 28, 2016

MOTION #169/2016

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

General \$248,481.96 Cemetery \$111,900.00

CARRIED

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time

12. CORRESPONDENCE

a. **MOTION #170/2016**

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the resolution from the Township of North Frontenac:

WHEREAS the Independent Electrical System Operator has requested input on the RFP process used to award renewable energy contracts;

AND WHEREAS the government indicated that new contracts would be directed to willing host communities with the Minister of Energy indicating on March 7 that it would be 'almost possible' for a contract to be granted under the current process without municipal agreement;

Municipality of North Middlesex Regular Meeting Minutes –May 4, 2016 AND WHEREAS three of the five contracts announced on March 10 2016 did not have municipal support for the project;

AND WHEREAS the current process does not meet the government's standards for openness and transparency because municipal Councils are asked to support power projects based on little or no detail and further, the recipient municipalities are unable to determine the basis on which individual contracts were awarded:

AND WHEREAS the province has not demonstrated that renewable energy projects are of sufficient strategic importance in meeting Ontario's electricity generation requirements and/or carbon emission reduction targets to warrant the province taking action to override municipal decisions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of North Middlesex supports the Resolution regarding Independent Electrical System Operator Review of RFP

CARRIED

b. Township of North and South Stormont – Support of Resolution regarding the Ontario Energy Boards to expand natural gas service to certain rural and remote communities. (action: receive and file)

c. **MOTION 171/2016**:

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the resolution from Municipality of Dutton Dunwich regarding that Invenergy was awarded a contract for the Strong Breeze Wind Project:

WHEREAS Invenergy was awarded a contract for the Strong Breeze Wind Project despite the fact that the Council of the Municipality of Dutton surveyed the community as to whether its citizens were in favour or opposed to having an IWT project, and 84% of respondents stated they were not in favour;

AND WHEREAS Invenergy was awarded a contract for the Strong Breeze Wind Project despite the lack of municipal support;

AND WHEREAS Invenergy was awarded a contract for the Strong Breeze Wind Project with support from six Ontario First Nations communities, none of which are local First Nation Bands, and some of which are 1,000 km away from Dutton Dunwich;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of North Middlesex supports the Resolution to require Municipal Support Resolution a mandatory requirement in the IESO process.

CARRIED

d) **MOTION #172/2016**:

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the resolution from the Township of South Frontenac requiring large renewable procurement projects to pay costs to municipalities:

"WHEREAS the Province is moving forward with another round of large renewable procurement initiatives;

AND WHEREAS these projects can create economic opportunities for property owners and municipalities as well as job creation in both manufacturing, installation and site maintenance;

AND WHEREAS certain large renewable procurement projects may not be aligned with the priorities of residents and municipal councils, despite municipal government having been given enhances power to negotiate with green energy proponents;

AND WHEREAS the installation of large renewable procurement projects can have a significant impact on municipal infrastructure and operating costs;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of North Middlesex supports the Resolution from the Township of South Frontenac to regulate that; where there is not a willing municipal host and subsequently no community benefit agreement in place and green energy projects are awarded anyway that; successful proponents would be responsible to pay to the municipality, according to an established formula, and over the lifespan of the project, the associated costs to both infrastructure and operations commonly known as a Community Vibrancy Fund.

CARRIED

e) MOTION #173/2016

CORNELISSEN/ROPP: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex **does not support** the resolution from the City of Welland requesting the development of Legislation for Private Supportive Living Accommodations.

CARRIED

f) MOTION #174/2016

CORNELISSEN/ROPP: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby support the resolution from the Municipality of South Dundas to call upon the

government to reconsider the suspension of the integration of the Rural Economic Development Program into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund;

WHERE AS in the 2016 Ontario Budget, the government of Ontario has suspended current intake of applications to the Rural Economic Development program and has indicated that it plans to integrate the program into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund;

WHERE AS the Jobs and Prosperity Fund is narrowly focused and is restricted to private sector organizations and industry partners, which prevents access to funding for rural municipalities and others who formerly benefitted from the Rural Economic Development Program. The emphasis on large projects that meet either of minimum \$5 million or \$10 million in eligible project costs thresholds, will significantly restrict benefits from this fund;

WHERE AS in contrast, the Rural Economic Development Program supported a number of capacity building projects including but not limited 'Business Retention and Expansion' and 'Downtown Revitalization' projects and Economic Development Strategy Planning projects for small rural municipalities who were looking to improve their local economy. Also of note is that because the Jobs and Prosperity Fund is not specifically designated for rural areas, that funds from this program will likely favour more urban areas of the province.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of North Middlesex supports the Resolution from the Municipality of South Dundas to reconsider the suspension of and the integration of the Rural Economic Development Program into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund with the view to ensuring that Rural Economic Development Program stays as an intricate funding program of the Province that will support capacity building and foster economic growth in rural municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

MOTION #175/2016

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: To accept correspondence (a-f) with actions as presented.

CARRIED

13. OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS

(A) Treasurer, Deb Jonah went through the Draft 2016 Water/Sewer budget. Ms. Jonah mentioned that under the operating budget we have a couple of new items as well under the Capital projects for the sewer. Mayor Shipway stated that once everyone has had a chance to read this memo in full if Council should have any questions they can contact Ms. Jonah directly. The Draft 2016 Water and Sewer budget will be deferred to the May 18, 2016 Council meeting

Councillor Moir inquired about a secretary for the school committee if anyone had volunteered for this position (including staff). The CAO indicated there were no volunteers, however, she would check with the Clerk and staff as it would now be a paid (as banked overtime) position.

Councillor Cornelissen inquired about the Public Works Manager, Brad Davies having a report regarding the status on his surplus vehicles. Ms Paley stated he will have the report for the next Council Meeting as that is when staff reports are provided. Councillor Cornelissen also wanted to inform Council and staff about fraudulent calls they have been receiving from individuals indicating they are from the CRA and how intimidating and aggressive these calls may be.

16. READING OF BY-LAWS

- a. By-law #23 of 2016 2016 Tax Rate
- b. By-law #24 of 2016 A by-law to authorize the execution of a Site Plan Agreement Nicholson/Walden Inc.
- c) By-law #25 of 2016 Confirming By-law

MOTION #176/2016

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That By-law #23, #24 and #25 of 2016 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOTION #177/2016

MOIR/NICHOL: That By-law #23, #24 and #25 of 2016 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #178/2016

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That the meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

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