

The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex met on May 7, 2001 for their regular meeting.

Those present were: MAYOR CHUCK HALL  
DEPUTY MAYOR – IAN BREBNER  
COUNCILLOR MARYSIA COUTTS – WARD 1  
COUNCILLOR KEN JOHNSTON – WARD 2  
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONLIN – WARD 3  
COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE McLACHLAN – WARD 4  
COUNCILLOR LUCY HENDRIKX – WARD 5  
ADMINISTRATOR CLERK – SHIRLEY SCOTT

Kate VanderVen from Middlesex Banner was also present.

Lawrence McLachlan declared pecuniary interest regarding discussions with the McLachlan Currie Drain.

#### **DELEGATION: NAIRN RATEPAYERS**

Clive Hindmarsh, Jim Vandersanden, Jim Anderson, and Rick Pardo entered the meeting to make council aware of the concerns of the Nairn ratepayers. Mr. Hindmarsh circulated two handouts, advising of firms and individuals having direct knowledge of the East Williams Township sewage works project and the Nairn Devco initiative towards housing development in and around the Hamlet of Nairn. The documents referred to investigations done by ABCA 1995 report - review legal and technical merit of the study; KMK Consultants Limited Class EA - review of legal and technical merit of study; Thames Valley School Board – viability for onsite treatment system; and use of land and Plan of Subdivision – review of Nairn Devco's Development Plan. A copy of information from American Society of Agricultural Engineers, on "decentralized wastewater treatment – a misnomer" was presented. It was suggested that an on site solution was viable and feasible. They stated that each individual now has a weeping bed. They felt that if the development was feasible, they should pay for all the hookups and building of the pipeline.

Mr. Pardo advised that the report done by ABCA, was conducted by summer students. In the past the residents took advantage of the CURB program. There has been several fixes since the report. He suggested that the problem is smaller than originally stated. There are problems, but they can be fixed in a more cost effective manner. The problem at the school was discussed.

Mayor Hall thanked Nairn ratepayers for attending. It was understood that this is a complex issue. An effort will be made to continue to communicate. Mr. Hindmarsh then requested to be present with technicians to explain what can be used as a more feasible solution. Copies of the minutes when Mr. Paton and Mr. Schlegel attended Council were requested.

#### **DELEGATION: ANDY WIECKOWSKI**

Mr. Wieckowski advised that his fences along road allowance on Springbank Road (Ward 4) had been damaged by snow plowing that took place this winter. These have been viewed by the road department. An acquaintance advised that a fenceviewer be called. Mr. Wieckowski stated that he felt North Middlesex was responsible. He was advised that it is not the policy of the municipality to fix fences. It was stated that the fence, which is constructed of posts every 50 feet (one wood then two steel), is too close to the road. Council advised that they would discuss the matter further later in the meeting.

When discussed later, Administrator Scott advised that the fenceviewer had been in. She also stated that he had attended on his own, and was not representing the municipality at the time. He reported that the fence was on Township road allowance, and that if it had been located in the proper place, not near the damage would have occurred. He estimated that approximately 400 feet would require replacement. Pictures and a map were submitted. Also, Mr. Adams had submitted a report confirming comments regarding fence location. He also suggested that there was no leaning of the fence from snow pressure, the wooden posts used being old hydro poles and short staples – which pulled out and were laying on the ground (longer staples should have been used), and that the fence was not properly attached to the steel posts. There was no mutual agreement on the fence.

After a thorough discussion, Administrator Scott was directed to advise Mr. Wieckowski that the municipality will not be repairing the fence, because it is not the policy of the municipality to fix fences, and that the fence is not located in the proper place.

Mr. Wieckowski then requested that a grader be used on the roads rather than the drag. He described the condition of his road as having stones on top, sinking (as low as ditches), and too wide. Council thanked Mr. Wieckowski for attending.

BREBNER-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting adjourn  
for Land Division Committee at 8:15 p.m.  
CARRIED

After the Land Division Committee meeting was conducted, the regular meeting continued, as follows.

#### **DELEGATION: PARKHILL SANTA CLAUS PARADE**

Gary Chittick and Ron McGrenere then attended the meeting, representing the Parkhill Santa Claus Parade Committee. Mr. Chittick suggested that the committee were attending due to the new Council structure and also requesting financial support. They also needed to be assured that they had the liability insurance required. In the past, the Works Department helped the night of the parade by setting barricades, etc. The combined donation from the municipalities last year was \$600. There is also a surplus on hand from other years. The final need was a location for Santa to meet the children. Several locations were discussed, but no final solution arrived on. Council advised that they were encouraging past functions to carry on, and thanked Mr. Chittick and Mr. McGrenere for attending.

Councillor Hendrikx suggested that a policy be developed, regarding functions that required the backing of our insurance. Clerk Scott advised that she and Scott Nickles had discussed this matter, and a draft policy will be created.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council meeting, the Health and Safety meeting, and the regular council meeting were reviewed. Councillor Hendrikx noted that the Recreation Meeting was on Wednesday April 25, not Thursday April 26. Councillor Johnston suggested that Section 2 of the Act be reviewed to determine for sure that the Fire Department can have their own Health and Safety Committee, apart from the other departments. The following motions were then made.

CONLIN-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday April 17, 2001 printed and delivered to each member be adopted as if read.  
CARRIED

BREBNER-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the Health and Safety Committee held on Thursday April 26, 2001 printed and delivered to each member be received and filed.  
CARRIED

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the Recreation Committee held on Thursday March 22, 2001 printed and delivered to each member be received and filed, further that resolutions #1 through #6 be acted on, and that resolution #7 be further researched.  
CARRIED

Resolutions 1, 2, 5, and 6 had been discussed and agreed upon at a previous meeting. The other recommendations are listed below.

Recommendation #3 Moved by B. Cook  
Seconded by G. Ballie

That North Middlesex make 25 chairs available to B.Bates Tuesday May 1, 2001 for Dr.Hoch's retirement party.

CARRIED

Recommendation #4 Moved by J. Anderson  
Seconded by M. Coutts

Have Pauline Howard take care of the food booth in the Nairn Park, conditions of this agreement as per attached letter.

CARRIED

Recommendation #7 Moved by B. Timmers  
Seconded by J. McAlpine

The Sports and Recreation Committee recommends that Council allots one vehicle for the use of the Recreation Department to do its proposed jobs.  
CARRIED

Councillor Hendrikx advised that a policy is being drafted regarding the use of tables, chairs, etc. She also suggested that there may be an interest in the purchase of the Ailsa Craig municipal building.

## **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

County Ambulance Service: Deputy Mayor Brebner asked how Council felt regarding the suggested ambulance service. Mayor Hall advised that the Province will pay 50% of the costs in warranted areas. North Middlesex now has ten hours of service, and the reports suggest we have twelve hours. There was then a discussion on response time and standby. Council advised that they were happy with the ten hours of service, but could live with twelve also.

ABCA: Deputy Mayor Brebner reported that the budget increase of 10% was approved, as well as the capital budget. There was \$1000 approved for the Parkhill mapping project. It was suggested that the floodplain maps be reviewed, and if the updated version shows minimal gain, the project expense should be reconsidered.

Policing: Councillor Johnston advised that there would be a policing display at the Ailsa Craig Community Centre on May 8, 2001.

Garbage Day: There have been several calls, because Ailsa Craig has no area for drop off. It was stated that free dump day does cost the municipality. Ratepayers from Ailsa Craig were concerned about their brush and were told to pile in East Williams. Councillor Conlin reported that a small utility trailer was junked on an area road. Should any inquiries come in, he had cleaned it up.

Doctor Committee: Councillor Johnston circulated a meeting notice. He suggested that the Parkhill Health Advisory Committee should be asked to attend, if possible.

Lucan Community Centre Board: Councillor Conlin advised that the arena manager has resigned and they will therefore be looking for a new person. The budget will be ready soon. He suggested that a representative be named for the Board. The meetings are on regular Monday nights, and because it is our Council night, he made the following recommendation, that was accepted. The Lucan Community Centre Board would like to become a committee of Council, but are unable to do this until such time as the buyout matter is settled.

CONLIN-HENDRIKX: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Wes Hodgson  
to represent the McGillivray share in the Lucan Arena  
CARRIED

North Middlesex Recreation Committee: Councillor Hendrikx advised that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 23

Bluewater Recycling: Councillor Coutts suggested that Bluewater made "mars" dumpsters available, and asked that this be considered when pricing for municipal use.

General: Councillor Hendrikx requested that the accounts be dealt with earlier in the meeting – perhaps following the minutes.

Deputy Mayor Brebner advised that he had received a complaint regarding Coldstream Road between Sylvan and Scout Road. He requested that signs be posted.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Recreation: Manager Nickles submitted a first draft of budget for Council review. He advised that the arena is in need of a chiller in the refrigeration system. There is approximately 30% of the cost accounted for currently and the balance is in the operating budget. Consideration was made, and the following motion introduced.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Scott Nickles, Recreation/Arena Manager be accepted and that he be authorized to gather quotes for a chiller to present at the next meeting.

CARRIED

Administration: Union: Shirley Scott reported that Micallef Consulting had accepted the opportunity to act as our negotiator for Union purposes.

CONLIN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Chuck to sign an agreement with Micallef Consulting for a fee of \$145.00 an hour to negotiate our first contract with the union workers.

CARRIED

Fire Protection: A meeting with Lambton Shores regarding fire protection in West Williams, concluded that the cost of service be based on assessment, and a charge per call. A pay back will be forwarded over a period of three years.

East Williams School Donation: A calendar is being printed for the schools' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Council considered advertising, and the following motion was made.

BREBNER-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT East Williams School be given \$30.00 to cover the cost of an Ad in the calender from North Middlesex.

CARRIED

Cemetery Care: All those who maintained cemetery lawns in the past in McGillivray were approached, and have accepted to maintain again this year. Due to the cost of fuel, the following motion was made.

CONLIN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the small cemetery care lawn mowing be increased by 10%.

CARRIED

North Middlesex Reunion: Due to a request to repair a cable to hold a banner for advertising the high school reunion, the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Works Department be asked to repair the cables to display banners across Main Street.

CARRIED

Note: Following the meeting, it was indicated that this was out of our authority. The road is in the care of the County, and the poles are regulated by the Middlesex Power Corp. Therefore, many phone calls and arrangements were made so that the proper permits were put in place, the cable repaired, and the banner is to be erected at no cost, thanks to Middlesex Power.

Councillor Johnston suggested that should ribbons be strung to decorate the Town in honour of the reunion, that the municipal facilities participate.

East Williams Optimists: A request was made for the use of older stacking chairs that were in the East Williams office, to the pavilion.

MCLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the stacking chairs in East Williams office be transferred to pavilion in Nairn.

CARRIED

Free Garbage Tags: There was another request for free garbage tags. Residents of the Hungry Hollow area, hand picked the area roadsides, and have requested free tags for this material. Due to a recent policy, the road staff are to be asked to pick up, this one time only. Correspondence will be sent to the ratepayers, thanking them for their efforts.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Shirley Scott, Administrator Clerk be accepted.

CARRIED

Fire Chief: Steve Clemens reported that four training sessions were conducted in April – two in each station. Response times to emergencies have been favorable. Occupancy loads have been set for all the recreation department buildings. Middlesex County Fire Safety Inspector, Steve Guay, responded to two building fire safety concerns and has completed all final inspections outstanding. Parkhill Station hosted a “Love Me – Buckle Me Right Day” on April 21 and inspected a total of 28 child car seats.

MCLACHLAN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Steve Clemens, Fire Chief be accepted.

CARRIED

Chief Building Official: A report from Vic Stellingwerff indicated that eighteen permits had been issued, for a construction value of \$1,474,224

BREBNER-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Vic Stellingwerff, Chief Building Official be accepted.

CARRIED

### **COUNTY SHARED MUNICIPAL GARAGE LOCATIONS**

County of Middlesex submitted correspondence regarding developing a lease agreement for shared municipal garage locations. Mr. Adams indicated concerns with this. The County is requesting that a nomination for a representative to this sub-committee be made. Council considered, and the following motion was made.

JOHNSTON-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Joe Adams be nominated to be a representative to the sub committee to develop lease agreements for shared municipal garage locations.

CARRIED

### **MOSQUITO CONTROL**

Mosquito control was discussed. Mr. Adams recommended a altosid pellet which is recommended to be applied by air craft. Proper precautions should be taken. Councillor Coutts advised that the air craft application was turned down previously, due to the cost. Council suggested that if the cost of the application was not more than the materials, it should be applied in that manner.

### **WEST WILLIAMS DEVELOPMENT**

Correspondence was received from Susan Campbell, indicating her concerns. Council feel these can be addressed through site plan control. It was suggested that a copy of the letter be forwarded to Sifton.

The police are to be encouraged to do more drive through at the campground in Sylvan.

### **PARKHILL SEWAGE LAGOONS FOR BREEDING BIRD CENSUS**

Volunteers participating in collecting data for the new Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas, requested to have access to Parkhill Sewage Lagoons for breeding bird census starting Spring of 2001 until 2005. They would like permission to enter the fenced area of the lagoons for several visits per year for the next five years. Council agreed that they could go ahead.

### **TENDERS FOR CEMETERY LAWN MOWING**

Only one tender was received, being from Sandy Thompson, for \$17,949.25 to cut both Sylvan and Parkhill Cemeteries. Council were advised that previous costs for the Parkhill Cemetery was \$4,800 in 1997 and 1998 and rose to \$6,500 in 1999 and 2000. Administrator Scott advised that the Works Department could accommodate, if Council agreed to hire two students. Considering the increase, the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Works Department to hire 2 summer students to assist in lawn mowing in order to mow the Sylvan and Parkhill Cemetery lawns more economically.

CARRIED

### **PARKHILL GAZEBO PROJECT**

A request was received from the Horticultural Society to continue development of the area behind the Parkhill travel booth. The project will be financed through fundraising, plant donation etc. The beds will be maintained by the Society as well. The Works Department advised that they have moved the topsoil already. Council agreed that this was a project that could go ahead.

### **GALA DAYS**

The Ailsa Craig Gala Days Committee (appointed by Village of Ailsa Craig – June 5, 2000 minutes) requested to continue with their weekend event. They requested to be able to utilize the municipal liability insurance for their weekend event. This matter was referred to the recreation committee.

## **DUST CONTROL**

Recommendations made by Joe Adams were reviewed, and the following motions made. It was noted that the cost of calcium is up by \$14 per tonne, which is about \$50 per block.

BREBNER-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendation from Joe Adams, Public Works Superintendent to accept the quote from Pollard for calcium chloride dust control in the amount of \$109,179.00 be approved  
CARRIED

MCLACHLAN-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendation from Joe Adams, Public Works Superintendent to accept the quote of \$19.80 per cubic metre plus GST from Cliff Holland Trucking for Salt brine be approved for the year 2001.

CARRIED

## **STRATEGIC PLAN /NAIRN DEVCO SECONDARY PLAN**

Administrator Scott reported that the Planning and Development Committee met May 2 and reviewed the submissions for both the strategic plan for North Middlesex and the submissions for Nairn Devco Secondary Plan. Three submissions each were made, and it was recommended that two from each be interviewed. A call had been made for references on the firms, and all got a positive response from former clients. After careful consideration, the following motion was made.

MCLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendation from Shirley Scott, Administrator Clerk regarding the Strategic Plan be accepted.

CARRIED

Two consultants for Nairn Devco Secondary Plan are to be interviewed also.

## **CENTRE STREET - REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS**

A request was made to reimburse residents of Centre Street for costs to rent a sweeper to clear the street of small stone which was used to tar and chip. It was suggested that the wrong size stone was used, and due to conditions, the stone did not settle into the tar, instead remained loose and ended up on the lawns. Council agreed the street required repair this year, but regret that they can not authorize payment regarding matters taken into the hands of individuals.

## **WEB SITE**

Direction was required for Tanya Gregory to proceed with the Web page. A sample disclaimer was reviewed. It is a County of Middlesex version, and the have no objections to us utilizing their disclaimer. Council agreed that this was feasible.

The use of pictures was discussed. It was recommended that pictures of people not be put onto the site unless the individuals agreed, in order to protect their privacy.

The biography of each Council member was again requested. Deputy Mayor Brebner submitted his profile.



## **ACCOUNTS**

The accounts were reviewed, and the following motion made.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts in the amount of \$143,683.30 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Council reviewed concerns due to complaints received regarding late payment of accounts payable. After careful consideration, Clerk Scott was advised to forward the following motions to the Treasurer.

CONLIN-MCLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of North Middlesex authorize the payment of the necessary invoices before approval to avoid penalty.

CARRIED

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT all bills be paid according to net terms on the agreements.

CARRIED

Council also requested that the list of accounts be inserted with the agenda rather than receiving the night of the meeting. This would enable them to review the accounts that are to be paid.

## **McLACHLAN CURRIE DRAIN**

Lawrence McLachlan declared pecuniary interest regarding discussions with the McLachlan Currie Drain.

The petition for drainage works on Lots 6 and 7 Conc 2 and Lot 7 Conc 3 to extend original petition for works was received and accepted. Spriet Associates were appointed on the original petition. A site meeting was held, and survey has been completed. This additional petition will allow sufficient outlet for ratepayers wanting drainage on Argyle Street.

## **TILE DRAIN LOAN APPLICATION**

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the TDL application for Con 2 Lot 7 for East Williams be accepted for \$20,000

CARRIED

**CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #38 of 2001 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Municipality of North Middlesex at meeting held on April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 7, 2001 be read a first, second and third time this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2001.  
CARRIED

CONLIN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council be adjourned at 11:25 p.m.  
CARRIED

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MAYOR

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ADMINISTRATOR CLERK