

MAY 7, 2014

MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX

7:00 P.M.

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday May 7, 2014 in the Council Chambers, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill with a quorum present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Don Shipway
Deputy Mayor Chuck Hall
Councillor Ward One – Doreen McLinchey
Councillor Ward Two – Brian Ropp
Councillor Ward Three – Gord Moir
Councillor Ward Five – Adrian Cornelissen
CAO Linda Creaghe
Clerk Jackie Tiedeman

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOIR/ROPP: That the regular meeting minutes dated April 23, 2014
CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETING

HALL/ROPP: That the regular meeting adjourn to Committee of Adjustment
at 7:16 p.m.

CARRIED

Committee of Adjustment recorded under separate minutes

The regular meeting resumed following the planning portion of the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

6. DELEGATIONS - None at this time

7. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

a) Report on the compilation of the accounts to May 1, 2014.

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

General \$578,597.00

CARRIED

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a) Report from Treasurer – Lucan Arena Agreement

ROPP/MOIR: That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement for the termination and release of any prior agreements with Lucan Biddulph in exchange for a one time lump sum payment of \$60,000.

CARRIED

Additional items for consideration:

The Treasurer advised that a meeting was recently attended in Southwest Middlesex to hear a presentation from Enrix Heat & Power. The Combined Heat & Power System benefits were described as:

Operational:

1. Reduces base load electrical supply
2. Provides additional security of supply
3. Increases diversity on space heating and hot water

Financial:

1. Reduces primary energy costs
2. Stabilize electricity cost for a period of time
3. Zero capital outlay (optional)

Environmental:

1. Reduces primary energy use
2. Reduces CO2 and Sox emissions
3. Reduces transmission losses from the Grid

Legislative:

1. Helps reduce carbon footprint

The first component of the program would be for the municipality to participate in an energy assessment of a facility. This initial assessment is paid for through OPA. The results of the initial assessment would then be provided to the municipality with a recommendation on how to proceed. The following motion was then introduced:

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That staff be directed to proceed with the first phase assessment as outlined by Enrix. This is based on the understanding that there is no commitment requirements from the Municipality for costs of the assessment or obligation to proceed with a project should the municipality decide otherwise. The Ailsa Craig Sewage Treatment Plant was recommend as the facility to proceed with under this program.

CARRIED

SciCorp had a presentation at this same meeting promoting their product. Biologic is a micronutrient supplement containing a proprietary blend of natural biodegradable vitamins and trace minerals. It is specifically engineered to stimulate desirable, naturally occurring bacteria present in wastewater treatment plants and address many of the challenges faced by plant operators.

HALL/CORNELISSEN: That staff be directed to provide OCWA with this information and request a report back on its opinion on whether there would be benefit to trying this product at our wastewater facilities in order to improve efficiencies.

CARRIED

Mr. Daigle also advised Council that he is in receipt of a new agreement from AMO regarding the funding and transfer of federal gas tax funds. All municipalities are being asked to sign and return the documents as provided by AMO in order to continue receiving these funds.

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Municipal Funding Agreement for the transfer of Federal Gas Tax Funds as provided by AMO.

CARRIED

b) Report from Recreation Manager – Update on Arena Floor Project

ROPP/HALL: That Council approves the additional cost for this project.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Economic Development Committee Meeting – April 16, 2014 (with recommendation)

Councillor Cornelissen requested an update on the presentation of the Sustainability Plan to the EDC. Several questions were asked about the document and status of the recommended changes by the Committee. Due to the final Sustainability Plan not being available for review by Council the following motion was introduced:

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That the recommendation within the EDC meeting Minutes to accept the plan be deferred at this time.

CARRIED

Councillor Cornelissen then asked for clarification on the Industrial/Commercial Land Profile discussed at the EDC Meeting. CAO Linda Creaghe replied that the Committee is still reviewing and drafting the profile and the intent is to co-ordinate this information with the report that is currently being prepared outlining the municipal land that was requested by Council.

- b) Recreation Meeting – April 24, 2014 (no recommendations)

Councillor Moir reported that the presentation from the YMCA went well. There has been recent changes within that organization and the message was that they hope to bring memberships back up to a previous level which will in turn reduce the financial requirement by the Municipality.

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That the minutes be received and filed.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Beer Store – expressing concerns with the potential expansion of beer, wine and liquor sales into other retail stores within Ontario (action: receive and file)
- b) VON – invitation to participate in the Run, Walk 'N Roll event on Sunday June 22, 2014 in Mt. Brydges (action: receive and file)
- c) SCOR EDC – News Release- Food Hub (action: receive and file)

d) Nextera Energy – Commencement of construction activities for the Jericho Wind Inc. (action: receive and file)

** Councillor Cornelissen inquired into the use of heavy trucks on Sylvan Road. There is concern with impact on this road and whether this road is considered as a haul road. CAO Linda Creaghe advised she would look into this matter.

e) Bev Shipley, M.P. – Launch of new building Canada fund (action: staff looking into eligible projects – receive and file)

ROPP/MOIR: That correspondence (a-e) with actions be accepted.

CARRIED

f) Ministry of Energy – update on initiatives that the Ontario Government is undertaking to give municipalities more information and control around local energy planning (action: staff to explore eligibility for applying for Municipal Energy Plan (MEP) Program

g) Township of Muskoka Lakes – request for support motion regarding the Teranet and the Land Titles Registry System (action: receive and file)

h) Parkhill Leisure Club – Request to have a member of Council to welcome District 29-Huron, Perth, Middlesex Euchre players to Parkhill on June 12, 2014.

Mayor Shipway or Councillor McLinchey will attend

HALL/MCLINCHEY: That items (f-h) be accepted with actions as noted.

CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Discussion on name of new building (Municipal/Service Ontario/Library) and signage.

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That the name of the new building be taken to the public for suggestions.

DEFEATED

HALL/MOIR: That an internal discussion by Council/Staff be done and brought back to the May 21st meeting on a name for the building.

CARRIED

Ms. Creaghe advised Council that she had met with the County Librarian about the details of the new agreement. It was agreed by all parties that the final decision about the sign can be made at a later date as there is no rush for this matter. It was determined that the number of hours for the library would be 40 hours/week.

Councillor Cornelissen indicated that the CAO for the County indicated there was going to be 56 hours per week allotted. Ms. Creaghe will get clarification on this matter.

12. IN CAMERA

CORNELISSEN/ROPP: That the regular meeting adjourn to In Camera at 8:16 p.m. for the purpose of receiving information under the following:

- a. Litigation or potential litigation

CARRIED

13. RISE AND REPORT

The regular meeting resumed at 9:00 p.m. with no report

14. READING OF BY-LAWS

- a) By-law#21 of 2014 – Zoning By-law Amendment (Gingerich)
- b) By-law #22 of 2014 – Confirming By-law

HALL/MCLINCHEY: That By-law #21 and #22 of 2014 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That By-law #21 and #22 of 2014 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

ROPP/MOIR: That the meeting adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK