



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on November 15, 2017 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 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Don Shipway

Deputy Mayor Brian Ropp

Councillor Doreen McLinchey

Councillor Joan Nichol

Councillor Gord Moir

Councillor Andrew Hemming

Councillor Adrian Cornelissen

CAO/Director of Finance(Treasurer), Nandini Syed

Deputy CAO/Director of Operations Jonathon Graham

Clerk Jackie Tiedeman

William Davidson, Director of Emergency and Safety Services/Fire Chief (portion of the meeting)

Alan Brown, Deputy Treasurer (portion of the meeting)

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

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

MOTION #343/2017

MOIR/ROPP: That the Regular Meeting adjourn to Closed Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving information under the following exemption: Labour Relations or employee negotiations: Pay Equity Plan; and

That Nandini Syed be appointed as Deputy Clerk for the purpose of recording the minutes _____CARRIED

5. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

MOTION #344/2017

ROPP/HEMMING: That Closed Meeting rise without recommendations at 7:10 p.m.
_____CARRIED

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION #345/2017

MCLINCHEY/NICHOL: That the November 1, 2017 regular meeting minutes be accepted as presented. _____CARRIED

7. PUBLIC MEETINGS

7:00 p.m. Court of Revisions – Roelands Drain Engineers Report

MOTION #346/2017

ROPP/MOIR: That Regular Meeting adjourn to Court of Revisions at 7:10 p.m. and that the following members be appointed to the Court:

Mayor Don Shipway, Deputy Mayor Brian Ropp and Councillor Moir _____CARRIED

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:12 p.m.

MOTION #347/2017

ROPP/MOIR: That Council receive the Court of Revision report for the Roelands Municipal Drain;

And further that Council direct staff to proceed with the Court of Revision as required by the Drainage Act, 1990, Section 46 for Roelands Municipal Drain;

And that Council directs staff to notify R. Dobbin Engineering Inc. to prepare the tender documents and staff to send out the tenders, for construction of the Roelands Municipal Drain _____CARRIED

8. DELEGATION - None

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Will Davidson, Director of Emergency and Safety Services/Fire Chief

i) Ailsa Craig Tanker Purchase

MOTION #348/2017

MOIR/NICHOL: That Council direct staff to award the contract to Resqtech Systems Inc. for the purchase of the Tanker for the Ailsa Craig Fire Station in the amount of \$443,016.50 including all taxes with \$350,000.00 being funding through the Fire Equipment Reserve and the remainder, after tax rebate amount of \$48,950.08 being funded through the 2016 General Surplus. _____ CARRIED

ii) Monthly Report for September

Councillor Moir inquired into the matter of agricultural burns and the feedback from the users. Fire Chief Davidson advised that he has been monitoring this matter and will be bringing a report to council in the near future regarding any proposed changes he feels should be considered by Council.

MOTION #349/2017

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That Council receives and files the report titled, Emergency and Safety Services September 2017 Report, for information purposes as presented. _____ CARRIED

b. Alan Brown, Deputy Treasurer – Monthly Budget Variance Report

MOTION #350/2017

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That the budget variance analysis to October 31 be accepted by council for information purposes. _____ CARRIED

c. Jonathan Lampman, Infrastructure Supervisor – Municipal Drain Engineer – R. Dobbins Engineer Inc. – 1 year contract extension

MOTION #351/2017

ROPP/NICHOL: That Council retain R. Dobbin Engineering Inc. to undertake a (1) year professional services contract extension on municipal drains with the Municipality of North Middlesex. _____ CARRIED

d. Jonathan Graham, Deputy CAO/Director of Operations:

i) Petition for a new municipal drain and requests for improvement

MOTION #352/2017

CORNELISSEN/MOIR:

1. That Council accept the petition for drainage works to construct the new municipal drain under Section 4 of the *Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990*
2. That Council accept the request for improvement to the Conlin-Kooy Drain under Section 78 of the *Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990*
3. And that Council accept the request for improvements to the Morley Drainage Works under Section 78 of the *Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990* _____ CARRIED

ii) Appointment of Engineer – New Petition Drain

MOTION #353/2017

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That Council accept the report; and

That Council approve the recommendation of R. Dobbin Engineering Inc. as the assigned engineer for this project. _____ CARRIED

iii) Infrastructure and Operations Monthly Update

Councillor Cornelissen inquired into the brush pile at the Transfer Station and what the plan is to remove it.

Deputy CAO, Jonathan Graham, replied that he is monitoring the amount of brush and arrangements will be made for removal according to the methods allowed under the E.A. for the site.

Councillor McLinchey inquired if the municipality would be looking into hosting a waste disposal program for 2018 for citizens to use that do not have other means of disposing of it. Mr. Graham replied that Chief Davidson and himself are looking into a program for next year however it would be held at a municipal facility as the Transfer Station cannot allow these types of materials at the site.

It was noted that Mitchell's Home Hardware in Parkhill does accept used paint.

MOTION #354/2017

NICHOL/CORNELISSEN: That Council receive and file this report;

And That Council approve the recommendation to modify the proposed Transfer Station schedule, per the attached Appendix A;

And further that the schedule be posted on the Municipality's website and made available at the Municipal Office for pick up _____ CARRIED

e. Justin Dias, Economic and Communications Officer – Social Media and Website Policy

Councillor Cornelissen inquired if the policies committee had received recommendations from the Communications Committee as part of the review of these policies. Deputy Mayor Ropp replied that policies are drafted by staff taking into account input from a variety of resources.

MOTION #355/2017

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That Council approves the Social Media Policy as attached

And That Council approves the Website Policy as attached. _____ CARRIED

f. Jackie Tiedeman, Clerk – 2018 Administrative Building Office Closures

MOTION #356/2017

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the Administration Building Closure Report be received;

And further that the 2018 Statutory Holidays, negotiated Closures and Additional Closure request between Christmas and New Year's be approved _____ CARRIED

10. ACCOUNTS

MOTION #357/2017

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

General Cheques \$67,503.69

General Direct Dep \$228,290.79

General Online/PAP\$72,429.83 _____ CARRIED

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Economic Development Committee- Deputy Mayor Ropp advised that the EDC Committee is bringing forth a recommendation to amend the By-law to allow for quarterly meetings. It was felt that it would allow the Economic Development Officer to schedule his workload more efficiently. The Deputy Treasurer has been assigned as recording secretary to the Committee.

b. Local School Advisory Committee – Councillor Moir reminded Council about the upcoming Ontario Rural Symposium being held in Embro on November 25th.

c. A.B.C.A. – Deputy Mayor Ropp advised that the Board is still working on their budget for 2018. The North Middlesex assessment has risen by 2% as well as the ABCA therefore it is anticipated that there will be approximately a 4.4% increase on this levy.

d. Sesquicentennial 150th Committee – The final awards under this program is being planned for December 6th prior to the Regular Meeting.

e. North Middlesex Community Policing Committee – Minutes of October 3, 2017 (receive and file)

Councillor Cornelissen advised that this committee would like approval to spend the leftover funds allocated to this committee on an outdoor shelter that can be set up for events in the Community. As well, he advised that magnetic signs have been purchased for event use.

There was also discussion on whether there was any awareness notifications from this Committee with respect to concerns in increasing incidents in Ailsa Craig and area.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Town of Lakeshore – motion support regarding Provincial Flood Insurance Program

MOTION #358/2017

NICHOL/CORNELISSEN: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the motion from the Town of Lakeshore as follows:

“Whereas weather patterns seem to have changed, in that excessive and prolonged rains are now becoming more frequent and regular,

Whereas there is an increased chance of flooding, as result of excessive and prolonged rains;

Whereas property owners in areas that are at an increased risk of flooding are often unable to purchase flood insurance to protect their properties; and

Whereas the cost of property repairs after a flood cause financial hardship for individuals, families and businesses;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Ontario be urged to create a Provincial Flood Insurance Program, to cover those individuals, families and businesses who are unable to secure flood insurance for their properties;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Patrick Brown, Leader of the

Progressive Conservative Party, the Honourable Andrea Howath, Leader of the New Democratic Party and all MPP's in the Province of Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration"

_____CARRIED

b.Ministry of Finance – update on the regulation framework for the lawful use and retail distribution of non-medical cannabis
(action: receive and file)

13. OTHER AND URGENT BUSINESS - None

14. COMMUNICATIONS (including County Council Meeting Updates)

Deputy Mayor Ropp advised that there was a request from a City of London councillor to the County requesting a letter of recommendation to support the request to host the upcoming Plowing Match. The County has deferred this request until an official letter from the City of London is received.

Deputy Mayor Ropp also updated Council on the increasing delay with the off load of ambulances in the City and the significant impact this is having on the emergency rooms as well as costs of having ambulances and personnel waiting. The County has been having meetings with the Ambulance Authority as well as the LHIN to address these escalating wait times and concerns on the impact of 911 callers.

Council was also updated on the Fire Medics issue and impacts on municipalities if this amendment receives approval through government.

Also, recent communication to the municipalities through AMO is indicating that volunteer firefighters will be excluded from the mandatory call in pay proposed under Bill 148.

There was also a reminder of the upcoming Warden's Banquet on November 25th. At this time there are two county councillors that have expressed interest in running in the Election for Warden.

15. CLOSED MEETING (under Section 239 of the *Municipal Act*)

MOTION #359/2017

ROPP/NICHOLS: That the Regular Meeting adjourn to Closed Meeting under the exemption: personal matters about an identifiable individual – update on Craigwood Youth Services _____CARRIED

16. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

MOTION #360/2017

CORNELISSEN/ROPP: That the Closed Meeting adjourn and return to Regular Meeting with no recommendations at 8:15 p.m. _____ CARRIED

17. BY-LAWS

a. By-law #68 of 2017

MOTION #361/2017

MCLINCHEY/CORNELISSEN: That By-law 68 of 2017 be read a first and second time _____ CARRIED

MOTION #362/2017

HEMMING/NICHOL: That By-law 68 of 2017 be read a third and final time _____ CARRIED

18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #363/2017

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the Regular Meeting adjourn at 8:15 p.m. _____ CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK