



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday November 2, 2016 in the Council Chambers, Shared Services Centre, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill with a quorum present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shipway called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:00 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

Clerk, Jackie Tiedeman

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a. October 5, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION#364/16

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That the October 19, 2016 minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

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7:00 p.m. Committee of Adjustment

MOTION #365/16

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: That the Regular Meeting Adjourn to Committee of Adjustment at 7:01 p.m. to consider a planning application.

CARRIED

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

6. DELEGATION

a. Heather Merritt – Update and Status of Plan of Subdivision Parkhill

Mrs. Merritt was present to advise Council that she is interested in pursuing her late husbands' plan of subdivision in Parkhill. She initially met with municipal staff and now was prepared to request Council assistance on some matters relating to her subdivision. The following questions were presented for clarification:

1. Redefine the Town's contribution regarding the waterline from George Street to Eagle Street

Council responded that Mr. Graham can undertake a review of costs to verify whether the financial amount to complete this waterline portion is still appropriate.

2. The development /impost fee

Ms. Rosser advised that upon her review of the existing agreements that there is some credit entitlement that would be applicable pertaining to the current development charges.

3. Question regarding the extension of Hastings Street

Ms. Rosser replied that the layout of the road requirement is within the subdivision plan and agreement.

4. Information regarding how the amount of the line of credit held in Trust by the Town is defined.

Ms. Rosser replied that this amount is determined by an Engineer taking into account the costs for servicing. There is provision for release of the credit based upon completion and acceptance of the works by the municipality.

5. If there is anything the municipality is able to offer in consideration of moving this project forward in a timely fashion.

Deputy Mayor Ropp responded that the Municipality of North Middlesex now has an Economic Development Officer and the municipality can certainly assist in promoting the subdivision through this avenue. He also indicated that the Municipality may be undertaking a review of the DC Charges.

Ms. Rosser responded that she has undertaken a comprehensive review of the files pertaining to this project. To date, the submission of detailed engineering plans, lot grading plans, specifications and scheduling for contracts and an estimate of costs for the servicing of lands in Phase I and its vicinity and Phase 2 for the review and approval of the municipal engineer have not been received.

MOTION #366/16

MCLINCHEY/NICHOL: That municipal staff be directed to meet and prepare a report for council consideration regarding Mrs. Merritts' subdivision with a proposed plan of action for this project.

CARRIED

Mrs. Merritt was thanked for attending and that she will be updated once the report has been prepared.

b. Presentation by YMCA

Kathi Loomas-McGee and Kathy Willemse were both present to provide Council with their 2016 Progress update.

The 2016 Progress:

- 1.Increased number of members engaged
- 2.Increased number of children engaged in summer day camp experience
- 3.Continued to build partnerships in service delivery
- 4.Removed barriers for more people to be financially assisted
- 5.Expanded scope of programs offered
- 6.Increase of adult programs in Ailsa Craig-Group Power, Boot Camps, Learn to Run Programs, Women's recreational ball hockey and volleyball, Men's Sports Night, Group Blast.
- 7.Increased the amount donated to the Annual Strong Kids Campaign

Ms. Loomas-McGee advised that memberships have increased for families, however, there is a discounted membership rate. As well, there has been a small decline in single memberships and both of these result in less revenue. The camps and programs are well received and attended and overall donations to the organization have increased. Overall, it is anticipated there will be a net deficit of \$16,303 for 2016. The YMCA will continue to work in 2017 to decrease the deficit.

The 2017 Financial Assumptions:

- 1.Modest revenue growth based on marketing targets and fee increases
- 2.Inflation at 2%
- 3.Compensation at 2% including strategic adjustments, plus 1% impact from 2016 increases

2017 Strategic Program Assumptions

- 1.Achieve membership & participation growth through quality/standards and marketing initiatives
- 2.Pilot “Pre-Hab” concept with collaborative partners
- 3.Strengthen Charitable Purpose –donor stewardship and volunteer engagement
- 4.evolve Y-fit model in small rural communities
- 5.renew Partnership /Contract

Councillor McLinchey commented on how active and busy the “Y” is when she is there.

Councillor Nichol commented that she has received positive feedback on the outreach of their programs to other areas in North Middlesex.

The delegation was thanked for their update.

c. Presentation by Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation

The delegation consisted of various stakeholders associated with the foundation. The group requested an opportunity to present and discuss the long-term funding needs of the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital prior to the commencement of 2017 municipal budget deliberations. The following areas were identified as the most pressing issues and challenges facing the hospital today: (1) Ongoing critical equipment needs, (2)technology infrastructure issues, and (3) building infrastructure issues.

The group thanked the municipality for their past support which began in 2003 and was a financial commitment over a seven year span for a total of over \$160,000. The foundation is asking for consideration of \$40,000.00 over a ten year period. Based upon the number of households in the municipality this would equate to approximately \$21.00/household/year to support the campaign.

Council thanked the delegation for their very informative presentation and advised that consideration of the donation would be included in the 2017 Budget Discussions.

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a.Report from Clerk – Proposed Schedule of 2017 Meeting Dates

MOTION #367/16

NICHOL/ROPP: That the 2017 Council and Special Meeting Schedule be received; and

That the attached schedule is hereby adopted by Council for 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

b.Report from Director of Infrastructure and Operations – Former Service Ontario Building Demolition RFP Submissions

MOTION #368/16

ROPP/NICHOL: That Council approves the proposal from Innercoast Construction Ltd. to demolish the former Services Ontario Office, 218 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill, for a cost of \$17,289.00 (including HST).

CARRIED

c.Report from Director of Infrastructure and Operations – Report to accept Drain Petition

MOTION #369/16

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That Council receive the Petition for a Municipal Drain Report; and

Further that Council hereby accept the petition for a new drain under Section 4 of the *Drainage Act*.

CARRIED

d.Report from Director of Infrastructure and Operations – Report to accept Drain Petition

MOTION #370/2016

ROPP/MOIR: That Council receives the report for a Petition for a Municipal Drain; and Further that Council accept the petition for a new drain under Section 4 of the *Drainage Act*.

CARRIED

e. Report from Director of Infrastructure and Operations – Installation of waterline on Albert Street, Parkhill.

MOTION #371/2016

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That Council approves these works to be undertaken by Robinson Farm Drainage Limited to construct a water main on Albert Street, Parkhill, for a cost of \$15,820.00 (including HST).

CARRIED

8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

a. Report on the compilation of accounts to October 26, 2016

MOTION #372/16

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

General	\$157,572.90
General Direct Dep. \$	65,399.36
General Online/PAP\$	43,247.00
Cemetery	\$ 15,590.71

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Economic Development Committee Minutes – October 17, 2016

MOTION #373/16

CORNELISSEN/NICHOL: That the minutes of October 17, 2016 be received with recommendations.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry-Introduction of Legislation to Amend the *Aggregate Resources Act*.

(action: receive and file)

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b. Grey County – Resolution support regarding hydro costs to rural residents.

MOTION #374/16

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the following motion from Grey County:

“Whereas there is inequity between the cost of hydro for rural residents as compared to urban residents due to higher distribution charges;
And Whereas this practice targets and negatively affects rural residents, especially those who are already unable to pay for the high cost of hydro;
Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the County of Grey request the Province to re-evaluate the structure of hydro in terms of access and delivery and implement structural changes to address the unfair practice of charging more for delivery for rural residents;
And that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in the Province of Ontario as well as Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).”

CARRIED

c. Municipality of Charlton and Dack – Resolution support regarding requirement for 25 signatures on nomination form for election.

MOTION #375/16

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the following motion from the Municipality of Charlton and Dack:

“Whereas the Ministry of Municipal Affairs has implemented a new requirement that anyone wishing to run for office on a council must submit the signatures of 25 voters supporting the nomination;
And whereas in many small municipalities it has become increasingly difficult to attract councillors and this requirement will discourage qualified and new candidates;
And whereas in rural communities accessibility is even more difficult and infringes Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA);
And whereas the Province has stated that they want to encourage more local decision making.
Now therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Charlton and Dack request the Province to re-evaluate this requirement and allow it to be an optional local decision to avoid negative consequences to many municipalities.
Further that this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Critics for Municipal Affairs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario for

consideration.”

CARRIED

d. United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria

MOTION #376/16

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the following motion from United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria:

“WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2006* states in section 2 that *"Municipalities are created by the Province of Ontario to be responsible and accountable governments with respect to matters within their jurisdiction and each municipality is given powers and duties under this Act and many other Acts for the purpose of providing good government with respect to those matters";*

AND WHEREAS The Provincial Policy Statement, 2014 (PPS) expresses in its preamble that it *“...provides policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development. As a key part of Ontario's policy-led planning system, the Provincial Policy Statement sets the policy foundation for regulating the development and use of land. It also supports the provincial goal to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Ontario”;*

AND WHEREAS it further states that *"Provincial plans and municipal official plans provide a framework for comprehensive, integrated and long-term planning that supports and integrates the principles of strong communities, a clean and healthy environment and economic growth, for the long term”*

AND WHEREAS the *Planning Act* requires that local plans and policy “shall be consistent with” the PPS. And that “Where a Provincial Plan is in effect, planning decisions must conform or not conflict with the provincial plan”;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs' Land Use Planning web page begins with the statement that *"Ontario's land use planning system gives municipalities the major role in planning decisions"* conflicting directly with the *"shall be consistent with"* requirement;

AND WHEREAS many rural Ontario residents have pro-actively purchased large tracts of land some years and even decades ago, planning to sever and sell these lands at a future date, in lieu of pensions to finance their retirements and leave a financial legacy for their children;

AND WHEREAS the restrictions continually being placed by the province through the Provincial Policy Statement and the County through the Official Plan on the use of private lands by property owners

in rural Ontario in fact negatively affects rural Ontarians' quality of life by stealing from them their retirements, their pensions and significantly devaluing their land;

AND WHEREAS the most recent version of the County Official Plan's severance restrictions surrounding "at capacity" or "sensitive" lakes is being implemented arbitrarily and severely – an example in Head, Clara & Maria includes a lake with zero existing development with a restriction on severance of 150 acre tracts of land and setbacks of 300 metres;

AND WHEREAS restrictions around severing lands that do not front on municipal roads or Provincial highways and surrounding sensitive lakes along with the refusal of the province to allow new entrances or private roads to enter TransCanada Highway 17 significantly restricts and stagnates economic growth in rural Ontario and specifically in Head, Clara & Maria;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government through the *Planning Act*, its Provincial Policy Statement and insistence that Official Plans conform to this broad provincial legislation ties the hands of municipalities to act like the responsible governments that the province promises they can be resulting in significant negative financial implications for rural Ontarians and rural municipalities contrary to statements made in the PPS preamble.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT since the land development reality in rural Ontario is significantly different from the reality in urban Ontario that the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs amend the *Planning Act* and Provincial Policy Statement to allow normal and usual use of private lands in rural Ontario, specifically including continued severance and development of lands on private roads;

AND FURTHER THAT County of Renfrew Official Plan restrictions surrounding the development on "sensitive" or "at capacity" lakes be considered on a case by case basis and realistic manner and not simply addressed with wide brush strokes;

AND FURTHER THAT The County of Renfrew through the Official Plan relaxes restrictions in these same areas;

AND FURTHER THAT even though a member of County Council is not bound to follow local municipal Council's direction that the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does not hereby request that Mayor Gibson, in his position as County Council member, oppose

the new Official Plan based on the controlling and oppressive approach to land use control imposed by that document;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated throughout the County of Renfrew and the Province of Ontario for support.”

CARRIED

e. Thank you card for Proficiency Award- M. Dales
(action: receive and file)

f. Residents of Nairn – request for upgrades to Nairn Park facilities

MOTION #377/16

MOIR/HEMMING: That Council acknowledges receipt of the letter submitted by Tammy Vandersanden (including accompanying signatures of residents) regarding improvements to Nairn Park; and
Further that staff be directed to send a letter of reply outlining that the Municipality gratefully acknowledges and appreciates the contributions made by the Optimist Club; and
Further that the letter also highlight the improvements the Municipality has contributed to this park over the years as well as the ongoing maintenance; and
Further that the suggestions contained within the letter be taken into consideration during the overall review of all facilities within North Middlesex.

CARRIED

11. OTHER OR URGENT BUSINESS

a. Update on information received regarding Development Charges

Clerk Jackie Tiedeman provided a verbal update on information received from two municipalities as directed by Council on October 19th.

Southwest Middlesex was contacted as they do not have a Development Charge. This was confirmed but they have connection charges that are applicable for the following:

\$6,000/connection to the municipal water system, with some exceptions on rural extensions. \$5,000/connection to Glencoe sanitary, \$6,600.00 or \$7,600.00 to Wardsville sanitary depending on whether a road bore is needed.

Lucan Biddulph – although they had a time period with No Development Charges they currently have a DC By-law which imposes fees ranging from \$2,200.00 for Rural Area, \$5,300.00 for Granton and \$6,400.00 for Lucan. There are inspection fee charges similar to those of North Middlesex in their fees and charges By-law.

Ms. Tiedeman advised that additional background information was provided to Council through email. The same information is available through the municipal websites on these municipalities. She then requested clarification from Council on whether additional information is required.

Council concurred that at this time, the information provided was sufficient. During budget discussion, staff will be asked to find an estimate of cost to prepare a new background study should council wish to explore this option.

b. Motion regarding traffic safety at County Road Intersections in North Middlesex

On October 19th, a motion was made by Councillor Hemming and seconded by Councillor Cornelissen for staff to draft a motion for council consideration.

The following motion was prepared in response to this request:

MOTION #378/16

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: WHEREAS the Municipality of North Middlesex has two separate intersections of County Roads that have been the scene of repeated serious motor vehicle accidents for several years:

- a) Nairn and Centre Road
- b) Elginfield and Centre Road;

And whereas these motor vehicle accidents have had victims ranging from serious injury to fatalities;

And whereas these two intersections of County Roads have also had several near miss motor vehicle accidents over the years;

And whereas the addition of rumble strips, flashing lights and warning of stop signs have not been a deterrent for these types of near misses or collisions;

And whereas increased police presence at these intersections over the years have not had a positive change to the actions of motorists using these roads;

And whereas Council has been and continues to be concerned with the public safety of motorists travelling these county roads within our municipality;

And whereas other neighbouring Counties and Municipalities (Perth, Lambton, City of London) have or are in the process of installing roundabouts in their jurisdictions to mitigate these types of near misses and collisions;

And whereas the installation of roundabouts have become an widely accepted engineering practice and standard throughout the Province of Ontario;

And whereas proven safety results for roundabouts have demonstrated a safer conveyance of motor vehicles through similar intersections that provide the following: increased road safety, lower speeds, higher capacity, fewer stops and shorter delays, etc..;

And whereas North Middlesex Council feels very strongly that roundabouts constructed in these two intersections would force traffic to slow down and proceed through in safe and orderly manner and reduce the likelihood of these serious or fatal collisions from continuously occurring;

And whereas the statistics of the accidents should be the precedent for installing roundabouts and slowing traffic;

And whereas North Middlesex Council does not feel traffic counts and/or any other studies should have any bearing on whether these roundabouts are warranted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby strongly requests that the County of Middlesex take into consideration our community's concern and implement any necessary actions to have roundabouts installed at these two intersections within our municipality in 2017.

CARRIED

12. COMMUNICATIONS (including County Council Meeting Report)

Deputy Mayor Ropp advised that County Council will not be pursuing a Development Charge Study as there was no seconder to the motion.

Deputy Mayor Ropp advised of his attendance at a recent Business Appreciation Event and that he felt it was well done.

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

MOTION #379/16

MOIR/CORNELISSEN: That Regular Meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m. for the following:

- a. Personal matters about an identifiable, including municipal or local board employees – Update on Finance Department staffing

CARRIED

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING

MOTION #380/16

MCLINCHEY/NICHOL: That the Closed Meeting adjourn at 9:28 p.m.

CARRIED

Following adjournment of the Closed Meeting, where an update on the staffing of the Finance Department had been provided to Council, further discussion was held on the options moving forward which led to the motion:

MOTION #381/16

MOIR/HEMMING: That Council directs the CAO to undertake the hiring of the Director, Financial and Administrative Services/Treasurer;

And further than the contract positions for the Acting Treasurer and Finance Coordinator/Acting Tax Collector be extended until April 28, 2017.

CARRIED

15. READING OF BY-LAWS

a. By-law #57 of 2016 – Confirming By-law

MOTION #382/16

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That By-law #57 of 2016 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOTION #383/16

HEMMING/NICHOL: That By-law #57 of 2016 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #384/16

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the Regular Meeting adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK