

**MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

November 30, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Brian Ropp
Deputy Mayor Paul Hodgins
Councillor Ward 1 Sara Nirta
Councillor Ward 2 Bill Irwin
Councillor Ward 3 Charles Daigle
Councillor Ward 4 John Keogh
Councillor Ward 5 Adrian Cornelissen

Staff Present: Clerk, Richard Beachey
Interim CAO/Treasurer, Estelle Chayer
Economic Development & Communications Coordinator, Natalie Core
Recreation and Facilities Manager Brandon Drew
Manager of Infrastructure & Operations Jaden Hodgins
Fire Chief Greg Vandenheuvel
Executive Assistant/HR Coordinator Donna Vanhooydonk

Staff Absent: Manager of Public Works Vance Czerwinski
Ashley Kwarciak, Deputy Clerk/Communications Coordinator
Drainage Superintendent Joanne Sadler

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held under the provisions contained within the North Middlesex Procedural By-law and may held in whole or in part without physically being present at 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill.

1. COUNCIL ELECT ENTRANCE

The Council Elect entered the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

2. O CANADA - TRUMPET - GEOFF WICKS-NICHOLLS

Following the Council Elect entrance, Geoff Wicks-Nicholls played O Canada

3. CALL TO ORDER BY CLERK RICHARD BEACHEY

Clerk Richard Beachey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with a quorum present by way of livestream on the North Middlesex You Tube Channel.

**4. ADMINISTRATION OF THE DECLARATION OF ELECTED OFFICE
BY CLERK RICHARD BEACHEY**

Mayor - Brian Ropp

Deputy Mayor - Paul Hodgins

Councillor Ward 1 - Sara Nirta

Councillor Ward 2 - Bill Irwin

Councillor Ward 3 - Chuck Daigle

Councillor Ward 4 - John Keogh

Councillor Ward 5 - Adrian Cornelissen

All Members read and signed the Oath of Office.

5. DEDICATION BLESSING - MARK ISAAC

Mayor Ropp invited Mark Isaac to provide a dedication blessing to the Council.

6. INTRODUCTION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Members of Council introduced themselves and provided a brief background.

7. MAYORS INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Mayor Brian Ropp identified recent accomplishments such as the Ailsa Craig Water Tower project. New challenges include the recently adopted provincial Bill 23. He explained that agree to disagree in Council deliberations will facilitate a successful Council. A thank you to the community volunteers was identified with acknowledgement of the volunteers at the Parkhill parade on Sunday.

8. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

(Municipal Conflict of Interest Act – Section 5 requires any member of Council to declare a pecuniary interest and general nature thereof, prior to any consideration on that matter. Where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose

the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the Act. The disclosures become part of a Public Registry as required under the Act.

9. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

9.1 Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2022

Motion # 304/2022

Moved By: J. Keogh

Seconded By: C. Daigle

That the attached minutes be approved as presented

CARRIED

10. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

10.1 Report from Clerk - 2023 Regular and Special Council Meeting Schedule

Motion # 305/2022

Moved By: P. Hodgins

Seconded By: B. Irwin

THAT the report entitled "2023 Regular and Special Meeting Schedule" be received by Council;

AND THAT that the Meeting Schedule, as attached, be hereby approved by Council with the understanding that there may be changes to the schedule as allowed through the Procedural By-law, may include Venue and Format of Meeting (in person, Electronic, Hybrid- a combination of both) and time change.

CARRIED

10.2 Report from Clerk - 2022 Regular and Special Council Meeting Schedule - correction to schedule for last meeting in December, 2022

Motion # 306/2022

Moved By: C. Daigle

Seconded By: J. Keogh

THAT Council correct of the 2022 Regular and Special Council Meeting schedule to confirm the last Council meeting in December 2022 as being December 21, 2022

CARRIED

10.3 Report from Clerk - 2023 Administrative Building Closure

Motion # 307/2022

Moved By: S. Nirta

Seconded By: P. Hodgins

THAT Council receive the report entitled "2023 Administration Office Closure Schedule";

AND FURTHER that the 2023 Statutory Holidays, Negotiated Closures and Additional Closure Request between Christmas and New Year's be approved.

CARRIED

11. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

11.1 Report from Treasurer - Accounts Payable

Motion # 308/2022

Moved By: A. Cornelissen

Seconded By: C. Daigle

THAT council receive and accept the following accounts payable report as information only.

CARRIED

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Lake Huron Primary Water Supply Joint Mgmt Board

12.2 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

Clr. Cornelissen noted some recent changes to the Conservation Authorities Act.

12.3 Blue Water Recycling Association

- 12.4 Economic Development Advisory Committee
- 12.5 Local School Advisory Committee
- 12.6 Recreation Committee
- 12.7 Policies Review Committee
- 12.8 Fire Committee
- 12.9 Budget Committee
- 12.10 Community Development Fund Committee
- 12.11 Ontario Clean Water Agency Client Advisory Board (CAO)

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 Middlesex 4-H Association Gala - Thorndale Community Centre -
December 3, 2022

Tickets \$43.00

(Receive and Consider)

Filed.

14. OTHER AND URGENT BUSINESS

- 14.1 Conference Attendance - OGRA, ROMA, OSUM and AMO

CAO follow up.

The Interim CAO asked that if any Members wished to attend the upcoming conferences that they advise the office as soon as possible. Registration for some events is closing quickly. It was reported that the upcoming 2023 Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference will be held in London, so the costs of attendance will be minimal.

15. DEFERRED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 15.1 North Middlesex Surplus Properties

Review of North Middlesex Surplus Properties - deferred at November 17, 2021 meeting (follow up by CAO)

- 15.2 Administration and the Council and Committee's Vaccination Policy's

Administration and the Council and Committee's Vaccination Policy's review and discussion on status of policy's - CAO - deferred at April 20, 2022

16. COMMUNICATIONS (Including County Council Meeting Report)

16.1 Wardens Inaugural Invitation - Thursday, December 8, 2022

Cost \$25.00 per ticket. RSVP by November 30, 2022. County confirmed that some local Council members and senior staff will be attending.

17. READING OF THE BY-LAWS

Motion # 308/2022

Moved By: J. Keogh

Seconded By: C. Daigle

THAT By-laws 106 - 109 of 2022 be read a first and second time

Provision for questions

CARRIED

Motion # 309/2022

Moved By: P. Hodgins

Seconded By: A. Cornelissen

THAT By-laws 106 - 109 of 2022 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

17.1 106 of 2022 Appoint Interim CAO

17.2 107 of 2022 Appoint Committee of Adjustment

17.3 108 of 2022 To Establish and Appoint Members to Serve on Various Committees for the Municipality of North Middlesex

17.4 109 of 2022 Confirming By-law

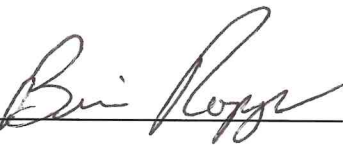
18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion # 310/2022

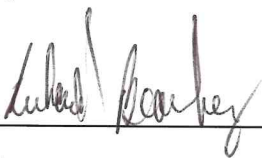
Moved By: J. Keogh
Seconded By: S. Nirta

That the Meeting adjourn at 6:31 p.m.

CARRIED



MAYOR



CLERK