

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Monday October 7, 2013 in the Council Chambers 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 Four – Andrew Hemming
Councillor Ward Five – Adrian Cornelissen
CAO Linda Creaghe
Clerk Jackie Tiedeman

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. MINUTES

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the regular meeting minutes dated September 16, 2013 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETING – 7:00 P.M. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

MOIR/HALL: That the regular meeting adjourn to Committee of Adjustment at 7:02 p.m. in order to consider planning applications

CARRIED

See Separate Committee of Adjustment Minutes

6. DELEGATIONS

Solicitor, Eric Gillespie, attended Council to provide an update on the Divisional Court hearing pertaining to the Bornish Wind Project which was held on September 13th. The purpose was to have a decision whether North Middlesex should be permitted to go forward with its constitutional challenge. An oral decision was received and the appeal was dismissed. Mr. Gillespie pointed out that although North Middlesex cannot bring forward the challenge, a similar appeal is being dealt with through another municipality and depending on the outcome of that hearing, could be of benefit to our municipality without the expense of an extensive hearing. Mayor Shipway extended Council's appreciation to Mr. Gillespie throughout these hearings.

Mr. Gillespie then advised Council that he had a matter he wished to discuss which pertained to Solicitor-Client privilege.

(See "In Camera" section)

7. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

- a) Report on compilation of accounts to be approved up to October 2, 2013

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

General	\$1,515,157.79
Cemetery	\$ 1,130.00
Hydro One	\$ 832.55
	CARRIED

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a) Report from Finance/Administration Department – Canada Epost Service

CORNELISSEN/ROPP: That Council give consideration to the proposal for the implementation of epost services and that staff be directed to proceed with offering this product for ratepayers.

CARRIED

- b) Report from Finance/Administration Department – South Huron Water Agreement.

ROPP/HALL: That Council give consideration to the issue and direct staff to resubmit the proposed agreement to South Huron Council with explanation. If required, a committee consisting of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Council Ward Representative Gord Moir will be established, to deal with this matter.

CARRIED

- c) Report from By-law Enforcement given by Clerk – Coyote Bounty

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That the report be received and filed

CARRIED

- d) Report from Service Ontario given by Clerk-amended reports regarding traffic counts during the first 6 months of new hours.

HEMMING/MOIR: That the revised reports be received and filed.

CARRIED

- e) Report from Clerk – 2014 Election

MCLINCHEY/HALL: That Council instruct staff to further explore the telephone/internet voting option for the 2014 Municipal Election.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Hydro Proceeds Committee (Parkhill) minutes from September 19/13

MCLINCHEY/MOIR: That the minutes and recommendations be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

b) North Middlesex Fire Committee Minutes from September 24, 2013

CORNELISSEN/ROPP: That the minutes and recommendations be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

c) ABCA Meeting minutes July 18, 2013

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That the minutes be received and filed

CARRIED

d) Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System Joint Board of Management from June 6, 2013

HALL/HEMMING: That the minutes be received and filed.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority – Cameron Gillies Drain Diversion Channel

HALL/ROPP: That the letter be sent to the Engineer to see if it can be added to the Drainage Report and report back to Council.

CARRIED

b) QPA Solar Inc. – request for municipal council support resolution Confirmation for ground mount solar projects.

MOIR/HEMMING: That Council continue to support the request for ground mount solar projects for McCann Redi Mix on their properties at Haskett Road and Salem Road.

c) Southwest Economic Alliance – Request for letter of support of a Regional Passenger Transportation Initiative for the Communities of Southwestern Ontario.

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: "WHEREAS the communities of Southwestern Ontario are alarmed at the declining level of passenger transportation options available in the region.

WHEREAS the Southwest Economic Alliance (SWEA) Regional Transportation Advocacy Initiative Committee held a meeting on Thursday, August 8, 2012 at which it developed an Action Plan for the initiative and its key objectives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ENDORSES THE FOLLOWING:

1. Cutbacks to VIA Rail passenger service in Southwestern Ontario are a central and critical issue and SWEA, on behalf of the communities of the region, should:
 - a. Demand re-investments and service enhancements in the short term.
 - b. Advocate, for a renewed commitment to passenger rail service across Canada.
2. Lack of inter-city transportation options within the region is an equally critical issue. The following are the key requests that SWEA shall make to the provincial government on behalf of the communities of the region:
 - a. That the provincial government support demands to improve VIA Rail services along both main lines.

- b. That the provincial government immediately address regional passenger transportation issues beyond the current Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area focus
- c. That the provincial government support the establishment of an all-party committee of the Ontario legislature to immediately study regional transportation needs in Southwestern Ontario.

CARRIED

- d) Middlesex County Economic Development Strategic Plan – Invitation for participation on Focus Groups being held October 16th and 17th.

Action: Deputy Mayor Hall and Councillor McLinchey indicated their interest in attending.

- e) Middlesex County Emergency Management Training Nov 20 & 21st

Action: Receive and File

- f) Royal Canadian Legion Branch 341 – Parkhill and Lieury – request for donation of 2 wreaths and representative to lay wreaths Nov. 11th

Action: donate two wreaths and Councillor McLinchey offered to attend Nov. 11th

- g) Sylvia Jones, MPP – Information regarding a Private Members Bill, The Aggregate Recycling Promotion Act

Action: Receive and File

- h) Bancroft & Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee

ROPP/CORNELISSEN: That Council donate \$500.00 to assist with disaster relief claims.

CARRIED

- i) Middlesex County Library – 50th Anniversary – Open House Week

Action: receive and file

- j) Nextera energy – Notice of change to proposal and notice of public meetings.

Action: receive and file

- k) Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards

Action: Link to municipal website and receive and file

- l) City of Kenora – Provincial Ban on Flying Lanterns

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That the Council of North Middlesex endorse the motion of the City of Kenora requesting a Provincial Ban on Flying Lanterns.

CARRIED

- m) Ontario Municipal Social Services Association – Accessible Public Engagement and Conducting Accessible Meetings Guides

Action: Receive and File

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That the correspondence package a-m be hereby accepted as indicated

CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Deferred - Middlesex County Library Boards Revised signage initiative for Parkhill Location.

A revised draft of the sign for the Parkhill location was provided for council consideration.

CORNELISSEN/HALL: That the Library be consulted for details about access to the postings on the electronic sign.

CARRIED

Councillor McLinchey expressed her appreciation to staff and to the fabricator of the new railings in Parkhill. She was very pleased with the product and installation.

Deputy Mayor Hall advised of his attendance at the Thames Valley School Board meeting and is pleased to report that there is no new ARC review scheduled this year.

Mayor Shipway advised of his attendance at the opening of the second satellite community policing office at Craigwood Youth Services. It was clarified that the municipality contributes to the computer equipment only at this location. Also, a memorial walk was held on Sunday in memory of a past firefighter Tim Butland. This was in conjunction with the Provincial Firefighters Memorial Walk.

- b) Clerk Jackie Tiedeman advised Council that in consultation with the Mayor, the next council meeting will be held on Tuesday October 22/13 due to some scheduling issues.

12. IN CAMERA

Solicitors Eric Gillespie and John Kennedy were present for this session

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That regular meeting adjourn to In Camera at 7:40 p.m. to receive information that is Solicitor/Client Privileged.

CARRIED

Returned to Regular Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

HALL/HEMMING: That regular meeting adjourn to In Camera at 9:50 p.m. for the following purpose: personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

Returned to Regular Meeting at 10:00 p.m.

13. RISE AND REPORT

8:40 p.m.

ROPP/MOIR: That Council direct Mr. Kennedy to finalize the Road Use Agreement for consideration at the next council meeting.

CARRIED

10:00 P.M.

No Report

14. READING OF BY-LAWS

- a) By-law #63 of 2013 – A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council

HALL/MCLINCHEY: That By-law #63 of 2013 be read a first and second time

CARRIED

HEMMING/CORNELISSEN: That By-law #63 of 2013 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

ROPP/MOIR: That the meeting adjourn at 10:02 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK