

**MINUTES**

The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex met on Tuesday September 4, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers for their regular meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR CHUCK HALL  
DEPUTY MAYOR IAN BREBNER  
COUNCILLOR M. COUTTS – WARD 1  
COUNCILLOR M. CONLIN – WARD 3  
COUNCILLOR L. MCLACHLAN – WARD 4  
COUNCILLOR L. HENDRIKX – WARD 5  
ADMINISTRATOR SHIRLEY SCOTT  
PUBLIC WORKS SUPT. J. ADAMS

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR K. JOHNSTON –WARD 2

ALSO PRESENT: Jen Cocker from the Banner.

No pecuniary interest was declared.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of August 27, 2001 were reviewed and a minor adjustment made. The following motion was then made.

BREBNER-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the regular meeting held on August 27, 2001 printed and delivered to each member be adopted.  
CARRIED

**ACCOUNTS**

The accounts were reviewed as presented, and the following motion made.

McLACHLAN-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment of accounts as per attached list dated September 4, 2001 be approved for payment:

General	\$122,386.05	
Water	1,202.20	
Cemetery	5,474.50	CARRIED

**HYDRO ONE RATE INCREASE**

Correspondence from Hydro One, requesting that the hydro rate for Ailsa Craig is subject to an application for permission for an increase in the rate which amounts to .78%. The increase is due to a change in tax status. All utility companies now have to make payment in lieu payments, thus, the request for approval for rate increase. Council considered, and the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex supports the increase from Hydro One.  
CARRIED

### **TABLE TO AILSA CRAIG HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

A request from Mary Clark, for the large table at the former East Williams office, to be used at the Ailsa Craig and District Historical Society site, to sort out information for the society's scrapbook, East Williams Neighbourhood Watch material, and East Williams Optimist material.

McLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex supports the donation of the table from the former East Williams Municipal Office to the Ailsa Craig and District Historical Society.  
CARRIED.

### **COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting adjourn to Committee of Adjustment at 7:45 p.m.  
CARRIED

### **LUCAN COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD**

Committee member, Wesley Hodgson attended the meeting, upon request, to update on Lucan Community Centre Board activities. He advised that the committee operated on a deficit budget due to advice from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, several years ago. Previous participants were receptive to paying toward a deficit rather than donating to the operation of the facility. It was noted that arenas usually pay their own way, therefore the deficit is considered due to the community centre. The possibility of paying only on approved capital projects, was discussed. The Booster Club in Lucan Biddulph contribute to capital items at this time. Mr. Conlin asked what capital projects were planned for the next five years. He was advised that this had not been produced by the new manager, but would be in the future.

Since the budget was set, a new manager had been hired, and savings are apparent already. A part time secretary has also been hired, and has been successful in collecting aged accounts. A rental policy similar to North Middlesex is being considered. It was noted that the revenue in July was over the expenditures by approximately \$9,000

Council were assured that they do not pay towards the library. Mr. Hodgson suggested that in the future, there will be a breakdown on each area of the centre.

Mr. Hodgson advised that the Municipality of Lucan Biddulph have purchased the house to the south of the Community Centre. At some point in the future the area may be used by the Community Centre, but at this point the dollars to purchase the lands do not affect our levy.

Mr. Hodgson offered to produce stats on the numbers of North Middlesex users in minor hockey, figure skating, hall rentals, pool, etc.

Councillor Conlin questioned whether or not , due to our small percentage, it was felt that the Committee took our input into account.

Council thanked Mr. Hodgson for attending, and suggested that they would remain a part of the Centre at this time, pending the results of recent changes.

### **COMMENCEMENT AWARDS**

A request regarding what awards that the new municipality would be participating in, was made. Council reviewed past participation, and the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following awards be donated to North Middlesex Secondary School:

Grade 9	Best Average	\$50
Grade 10	Best Average	\$50
Grade 11	Best Average	\$50
Grade 12	Best Average	\$50
OAC (to graduate)	Proficiency Award	\$100

CARRIED

### **DELEGATION: FANSHAWE PIONEER VILLAGE**

Kim Shipp, Manager of the Fanshawe Pioneer Village, along with Al Johnston, Mark Talbot and Charles Corbett then entered the meeting to discuss funding for the facility. Ms. Shipp made the presentation, advising that the County had decided that the organization should canvas the local municipalities. The target amount of \$250,000 to be derived from the surrounding municipalities, with \$4,300 being considered from North Middlesex, was suggested. Upper Thames donates approximately \$20,000 per year. The Village is already taking advantage of the Trillium grant. Approximately 11,000 children attend the site annually.

Council thanked the delegation for attending.

Councillor Johnston then entered the meeting.

In further discussion, it was pointed out that a donation is not made to the local museum. A response is to be made, indicating that an expenditure of this nature was not considered in the 2001 budget. The matter would be forwarded to the 2002 budget for consideration at that time.

### **RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Information regarding the Rural Economic Development initiative of OSTAR, was reviewed. Ontario is inviting applications over a five year period to address barriers to economic growth, and ensure small town and rural communities remain viable, healthy and vibrant places in which to live, work and invest by promoting business, long-term jobs, contribute to economic development, create partnerships to increase quality of participation of rural stakeholders, new markets, projects, and develop information to enhance the rural economy.

Council suggested that projects within the OSTAR program have been applied for, and we are awaiting acceptance of the application. Until we have an indication of where we stand in regard with this project, no further commitment is feasible. It was suggested that the information be referred to the Economic Development Committee for review, and possible recommendations to Council.

## **WATERLINE TENDER REVIEW**

Public Works Superintendent Joe Adams, advised that tenders for waterline construction were closed at 2:00 p.m. September 4, 2001, and opened at 2:15 p.m. on the same day. These tenders were reviewed by Council and the following motion made.

COUTTS-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender from Robinson Farm Drainage for waterline extensions be accepted for:

Part A – Denfield/Elginfield Line	\$79,533.10
Plus hydrants	5,000.00
Completion date being September 28, 2001	
Part B – Centre Road/Townsend Line	26,426.86
	CARRIED.

Treasurer Chuck Daigle, Public Works Superintendent Joe Adams and Administrator Shirley Scott are to review financing, and determine the appropriate way to finance. (Reserve Fund, surplus funds, debenture, etc)

## **REPORT: FIRE CHIEF**

Fire Chief, Steve Clemens approached Council along with Talo Tamminga and Lou Nirta of South End Service. Mr. Clemens reported that due to an annual safety inspection, it was found that the frame of the Parkhill tanker was found to be compressed. Therefore, a safety certificate could not be obtained. A temporary replacement was borrowed from Middlesex Centre. A permanent solution is required, therefore, various options were brought forth, to purchase new, purchase used, truck on lot or ordered, keep old tanker or replace truck and tanker, or repair. Various questions were asked, and the following motion made.

McLACHLAN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Fire Department to purchase a 2001 cab and chassis for not more than \$92,500 plus taxes, and it also authorize the tank transfer at \$7,500 plus taxes, and that the cost be debentured. We will sell the old cab and chassis.

CARRIED.

Public Works Superintendent Joe Adams asked that the specs for the truck required be compared to his needs. This may provide information for a possible better price.

BREBNER-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Fire Chief Steve Clemens be accepted.

CARRIED.

## **REPORT: RECREATION MANAGER**

Scott Nickles then approached Council to report on the EnerShare program. This firm approached the municipality as a Canadian public corporation dedicated to energy conservation. They were asked to conduct a preliminary energy audit on the Town Hall, North Middlesex Arena, and the McGillivray Garage. The only sizable savings was for the arena, and the savings were in the area of replacing lighting, installing sensors and lowering

ceilings. In consulting with other participants of the program, it was suggested that the improvements could be done through your own program at a much more reasonable rate, and staggered over a period of time. The impact on other programs was also discussed. Therefore, it was determined that we would not be participating in the EnerSave program, at this time.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Works Superintendent, Joe Adams gave the following report.

1. Staff are in the process of grading roads throughout the municipality.
2. Information was received from Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, regarding the 2001-2002 Municipal Outlet Drainage Program. For new report/new construction drains, monies are available for a one third grant, on a first come, first serve basis. For municipal drain repairs, the allocation for this year is \$20,566 and there are options to consider on how this is distributed:
  - a. Apply the monies fully to the drainage superintendents wages
  - b. Apply against drains, but there will not be enough to apply to all drains, therefore, it will have to be decided which drains to apply the monies to.

After careful consideration, the following motion was made.

CONLIN-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Drain grant be applied against the Superintendents wages and applicable costs, to entitlement of \$20,566.

CARRIED

3. A meeting was held with County Officials. They are aware of the need for zone signs in Ailsa Craig, and they are coming. Mr. Oke has been asked to visit with Lucy Hendrikx to address some concerns with drop off from pavement.
4. Signs indicating "Deaf Child" is being re-erected on Maguire Road. The new style of school signs have been ordered, as well as stop and yield signs.

### **CBO REPORT**

A written report from the Chief Building Official indicated that building permits for an estimated value of construction estimated \$458,700. The following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Chief Building Official Vic Stellingwerff be accepted.

CARRIED

### **MOTIONS AND BY-LAWS**

#### **STOP SIGNS**

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #69 of 2001 being a by-law respecting the erection of stop signs at intersections be read a first time this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

CARRIED

## **TDL DEBENTURE**

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #70 of 2001 being a by-law imposing special annual drainage rates upon land in respect of which money is borrowed under the Tile Drainage Act be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

CARRIED

## **OMERS PENSION**

BREBNER-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #71 of 2001, being a by-law for the participation of OMERS by a municipality in respect of employees be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

CARRIED.

## **ROAD NAME CHANGE**

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #72 of 2001 being a by-law to provide for changing the name on a public road be read a first time this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

CARRIED

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**ABCA:** Deputy Mayor Brebner advised that there is a Provincial program to monitor water levels and sampling. They want eight or nine abandoned wells to test throughout the entire Ausable Bayfield area.

**General:** Councillor Johnston questioned whether or not all the committees named in the by-law were covered under our insurance. Administrator Scott advised that she would check.

**Recreation:** Councillor Hendrikx questioned the status of the appraisal for Ailsa Craig Town Hall. She was advised that the appraisers had been contacted, and Administrator Scott was told that the appraisal for this facility would be available for the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

McLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #73 of 2001 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex at a meeting held on September 4, 2001 be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

CARRIED

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting adjourn at 11:15 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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ADMINISTRATOR CLERK