



MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 01:00 PM
Middlesex County Building
399 Ridout Street North, London

Members Present

Warden Clarke
Councillor Brennan
Councillor Burghardt-Jesson
Councillor DeViet
Councillor Grantham
Councillor Mayhew
Councillor McGuire
Councillor McMillan
Councillor Ropp
Councillor Smibert

Members Absent

Councillor DeViet

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WARDEN'S REMARKS

Warden Clarke called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Councillor Mayhew read the Land Acknowledgment as follows:

We acknowledge that the land we stand upon today is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinabeg, Haudenosaunee, and Lunaapeewak peoples who have long standing relationships to the land, water and region of Southwestern Ontario. The local First Nation communities of this area include Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames First Nation, and Munsee-Delaware Nation.

We acknowledge the treaties that are specific to this area: Treaty 2 (McKee Purchase),

Treaty 3 (Between the Lakes Purchase), Treaty 6 (London Township Purchase), Treaty 21 (Long Woods Purchase) and Treaty 29 (Huron Tract Purchase).

We value the significant contributions, both in the past and the present of local and regional first nations of Turtle Island.

We acknowledge historic and ongoing injustices that indigenous peoples endure in Canada and we affirm our commitment to honouring indigenous voices, nations and cultures, and to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.

2. PROVISION FOR DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution Number: CC-2026-001

Moved By Councillor Grantham

Seconded By Councillor Smibert

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

4.a Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Meeting of County Council

4.b Closed Session Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Meeting of County Council

4.c Minutes of the December 10, 2025 Meeting of the Budget Committee

Resolution Number: CC-2026-002

Moved By Councillor Mayhew

Seconded By Councillor Ropp

THAT the Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting be approved as presented;

THAT the Closed Session Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting be approved as presented;

THAT the recommendations made by the Committee of the Whole as set out in the

Minutes of the December 9, 2025 meeting be adopted;
AND THAT the Minutes of the December 10, 2025 Meeting of the Budget Committee be approved as presented.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a ACTION ITEMS

5.a.1 2026 Middlesex County Budget

Presentation by Paul Shipway, CAO

Resolution Number: CC-2026-003

Moved By Councillor Smibert

Seconded By Councillor McGuire

THAT the 2026 Budget Presentation be received for information;

AND THAT a by-law to adopt the 2026 Budget, be presented for Council consideration, at the January 13, 2026 Meeting of County Council.

Carried

5.a.2 County Official Plan Amendment No. 4

Report from Abby Heddle, Planner II (Policy and Special Projects) and Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development

Resolution Number: CC-2026-004

Moved By Councillor Ropp

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

WHEREAS subsection 17(22) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 13, as amended (*Planning Act*), states that when the requirements of subsections 17(15) and 17(21) of the *Act*, as appropriate, have been met, and a Council is satisfied that an official plan is suitable for adoption, that Council may by by-law adopt all or part of the said plan, and submit it for approval to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

AND WHEREAS subsection 26(7) of the *Planning Act*, provides that each time a Council revises its official plan, Council shall, by resolution, declare to the approval authority that the official plan meets the requirements of clauses 26(1)(a)(b) and (c) of the *Act*.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Official Plan Amendment No. 4 does not conflict with any Provincial plans, has regard to matters of Provincial interest as listed in section 2 of the *Planning Act* and is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement; AND THAT all statutory requirements for the preparation and adoption of an official plan amendment have been met and Council is satisfied that Official Plan Amendment No. 4 is suitable for adoption.

Carried

Resolution Number: CC-2026-005

Moved By Councillor McGuire

Seconded By Councillor Mayhew

THAT the County Official Plan Amendment No. 4 Report be received for information;

AND THAT the by-law necessary to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 4 be introduced at the January 13, 2026 meeting of Council.

Carried

6. INQUIRIES

None.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

8. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolution Number: CC-2026-006

Moved By Councillor Smibert

Seconded By Councillor McMillan

THAT Council convene in Committee of the Whole at 1:50pm.

Carried

9.a DELEGATIONS

None.

9.b REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICERS

9.b.1 Middlesex County Economic Development and Tourism - 2025 Year in Review

Presentation by Cara Finn, Director of Economic Development & Tourism

Resolution Number: CW-2026-001

Moved By Councillor Mayhew

Seconded By Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT the Middlesex County Economic Development and Tourism - 2025 Year in Review presentation be received for information.

Carried

9.c ACTION ITEMS

9.c.1 Representation on Middlesex County Council for the 2026-2030 Term

Report from Marci Ivanic, Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk

Resolution Number: CW-2026-002

Moved By Councillor Smibert

Seconded By Councillor Grantham

THAT the Representation on Middlesex County Council for the 2026-2030 Term report be received for information;

AND THAT the Representation on Middlesex County Council for the 2026-2030 Term Report be forwarded to the Clerk of each local municipality for information.

Carried

9.d CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.d.1 General Payables for October 31, 2025 to November 27, 2025 totaling \$340,029.45

9.d.2 Economic Development Payables for October 31, 2025 to November 27, 2025 totaling \$13,480.21

9.d.3 Human Resources Payables for October 31, 2025 to November 27,

2025 totaling \$126.56

- 9.d.4 Human Services Payables for October 31, 2025 to November 27, 2025 totaling \$1,426,110.84
- 9.d.5 Information Technology Payables for October 31, 2025 to November 27, 2025 totaling \$174,259.91
- 9.d.6 Legal Payables for October 31, 2025 to November 27, 2025 totaling \$481.02
- 9.d.7 Legislative Services Payables for October 31, 2025 to November 27, 2025 totaling \$3,376.19
- 9.d.8 Library Payables for October 31, 2025 to November 27, 2025 totaling \$62,444.50
- 9.d.9 MLPS Payables for October 31, 2025 to November 27, 2025 totaling \$1,955,862.35
- 9.d.10 Planning Payables for October 31, 2025 to November 27, 2025 totaling \$22,804.32
- 9.d.11 Roads Payables for October 31, 2025 to November 27, 2025 totaling \$2,865,874.81
- 9.d.12 Strathmere Lodge Payables for October 31, 2025 to November 27, 2025 totaling \$74,256.79
- 9.d.13 Finance Payables for October 31, 2025 to November 27, 2025 totaling \$5,041.49
- 9.d.14 Warden's Activity Report
Report from Brian Ropp, Deputy Warden
- 9.d.15 Strathmere Lodge Monthly Census Report - November 2025
Report from Brent Kerwin, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

- 9.d.16 Uncontested Official Plan Amendment; Municipality of Thames Centre; File No. 39-TC-OPA34; Thames Centre Acres
Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator
- 9.d.17 Uncontested Official Plan Amendment; Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc; File No. 39-SC-OPA22; Gold Leaf Properties Inc.
Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator
- 9.d.18 Final Approval of Poplar Woods Plan of Subdivision; File 39T-MC1701, Municipality of Middlesex Centre
Report from Teresa Hill, Planning and Development Coordinator
- 9.d.19 Update to Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal of Lucan Biddulph Official Plan Amendment No. 10: Municipal Comprehensive Review and General Official Plan Update; File No. 39-LB-OPA10
Report from Dan FitzGerald, Manager of Planning and Development
- 9.d.20 2025 Accessibility Compliance Report
Report from Rebecca Glavin, Deputy Clerk
- 9.d.21 Traffic Signals on Middlesex County Roads
Report from Chris Traini, County Engineer
- 9.d.22 Letter from the MECP re: Update on the Proposed Environmental Assessment Regulation for Municipal Infrastructure
- 9.d.23 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Submission to ERO 025-1257 Consultation on Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities
- 9.d.24 Middlesex-London Health Unit Report No. 83-25 - Monitoring Food Affordability and Implications for Public Policy and Action (2025)
- 9.d.25 Board of Health Update - December 2025
- 9.d.26 Letter from MMAH re: Middlesex Centre Request for Delegated Planning Authority

9.d.27 Ontario News Release - Ontario Protecting Workers Through Special Economic Zones

9.d.28 Minutes of the December 18, 2025 Meeting of the MLPS Authority Board

Resolution Number: CW-2026-003

Moved By Councillor McMillan

Seconded By Councillor Smibert

THAT Items 9.d.1 to 9.d.28 be received for information.

Carried

10. RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolution Number: CW-2026-004

Moved By Councillor McMillan

Seconded By Councillor Smibert

THAT Committee of the Whole rise at 2:19pm.

Carried

11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution Number: CC-2026-006

Moved By Councillor Grantham

Seconded By Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed at 2:19pm in order to consider the following:

11.a - Vacant Land - A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, in accordance with subsection 239(2)(c) and (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended.

11.b - Human Resources Matter. A personal matter pertaining to identifiable individuals, including municipal employees, in accordance with subsection 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended.

11.c - Human Resources Matter - A personal matter pertaining to identifiable individuals, including municipal employees, in accordance with subsection 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended.

11.d - Vacation Accruals - Personal matters pertaining to identifiable individuals, including municipal employees, and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied

to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board, pursuant to subsections 239(2)(b) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried

11.a Vacant Land

11.b Human Resources

11.c Human Resources

11.d Vacation Accruals

11.e Closed Session Minutes - December 9, 2025

12. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Resolution Number: CC-2026-008

Moved By Councillor Smibert

Seconded By Councillor McGuire

THAT the Closed Session reports be received for information.

Carried

Resolution Number: CC-2026-009

Moved By Councillor Grantham

Seconded By Councillor Burghardt-Jesson

THAT the County-owned parcel of land located within the Glencoe Business and Industrial Park (Part 1, Plan 33R-2109) be declared surplus to the needs of Middlesex County for the purpose of transfer to the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex;

AND THAT the parcel be sold and transferred to the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex at the County's original purchase price, plus applicable legal and administrative costs, as a non-market disposition in accordance with the County's Sale and Disposition of Land By-law No. 6891.

Carried

13. BY-LAWS

13.a #7386 - A BY-LAW to Authorize the Borrowing of Sums in 2026

13.b #7387 - A BY-LAW to designate Community Safety Zones on part of County Roads in the County of Middlesex.

13.c #7388 - A BY-LAW to adopt an Employment Lands Readiness Program.

13.d #7389 - A BY-LAW to adopt the 2026 Budget of the County of Middlesex.

13.e #7390 - A BY-LAW to adopt Amendment No. 4 to the Official Plan for the County of Middlesex

13.f #7391 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the January 13, 2026 Meeting of County Council

Resolution Number: CC-2026-010

Moved By Councillor Smibert

Seconded By Councillor McGuire

THAT the By-Laws be given a first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution Number: CC-2026-011

Moved By Councillor Grantham

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

THAT the By-Laws be given a third and final reading.

Carried

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14.a Next Meetings

- Tuesday, February 10, 2026
- Tuesday, March 10, 2026
- Tuesday, March 24, 2026

15. ADJOURNMENT

Accessible formats and communication supports are available up request. Please contact Marcia Ivanic, Legislative Services Manager/Clerk to make a request at clerk@middlesex.ca

Resolution Number: CC-2026-012
Moved By Councillor McMillan
Seconded By Councillor Smibert
THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:55pm.

Carried

Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

Sue Clarke, Warden