

Middlesex County Council Meeting Highlights – August 15, 2023

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► Adjournment of the August 15, 2023 Council Meeting

On August 15, 2023, Middlesex County Council, due to extenuating circumstances, adjourned the regular meeting of Council. Prior to adjournment, all [August 15, 2023 Council agenda items](#) that were not considered were referred to the September 12, 2023 regular meeting of Council. These items include Agenda Section 9b - Section 12. The September 12, 2023 Council agenda will be posted on September 6, 2023. Please monitor the [Middlesex County website](#) to review the agenda. Decisions of County Council on Planning Act matters originally scheduled for consideration at the Committee of the Whole on August 15, 2023 will continue to be made at the September 12, 2023 meeting of County Council.

► Strathroy Dental Clinic and Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program

County Council heard a delegation from the Middlesex-London Health Unit, who recently opened a new dental services office in Strathroy. The opening of the Strathroy Dental Clinic will significantly increase MLHU's capacity to deliver routine dental services to low-income seniors and children under the age of 17 who come from low-income families in Middlesex County, as well as bring the service closer than ever to these residents. With the unveiling of this dental office, seniors, regardless of their financial circumstances, will get the quality dental care they need. The Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program is funded provincially through the Ministry of Health. For more information and to learn about eligibility, see the [Strathroy Dental Clinic and the Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program](#) presentation.

► Middlesex-London Paramedic Service Strategic Plan Update

In an update to County Council, Middlesex-London Paramedic Service (MLPS) highlighted its progress in implementing key recommendations from the strategic review. The update covered a range of initiatives aimed at enhancing the service's efficiency, clinical outcomes, and patient care. Notably, MLPS is moving forward with plans to construct new stations, with the Parkhill station nearing completion and a focus on immediate replacement of the Trossacks Station. Responding to increased demand, MLPS is advocating for a 10% increase in frontline resources, and a project deploying First Response Units to address offload delays. Additionally, MLPS is set to launch Advanced Care Paramedics as solo responders, enhancing their scope and skills. The service is also engaged in efforts to revamp dispatch systems, boost clinical oversight, and create a succession plan for knowledge and skills. These initiatives reflect MLPS's commitment to delivering quality healthcare while adapting to changing demands and challenges. For more information, see the [Update on Key Recommendations from MLPS Strategic Plan Implementation](#).

► Middlesex-London Paramedic Service 2022 Performance Report

The Middlesex London Paramedic Service (MLPS) presented the 2022 Annual Performance Report, showcasing a year of remarkable achievements and progress. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, MLPS demonstrated unparalleled professionalism and dedication, reinforcing the resilience of the service. A significant expansion in staff, with 87 new employees hired, including 60 paramedics, reflects a commitment to meet the rising demand for services and adapt to evolving healthcare needs. MLPS is actively preparing to implement Paramedic Rapid Response Units, which promise to enhance response times and patient care. Under the guidance of Middlesex County Council and the MLPS Authority Board, the Operational Strategic Plan sets the stage for the next five years, ensuring top-notch care delivery. See the [2022 Performance Report](#) for more information.

Recommendations made by the Committee of the Whole at the August 15, 2023 meeting will be considered by County Council at its next regular meeting on September 12, 2023. The Legislative Services Department maintains the official record for all County government proceedings.

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