



Middlesex Centre Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council

August 7, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Hybrid Council Meeting (Virtual and In-Person)
13168 Ilderton Road / Virtual
Ilderton, Ontario, N0M 2A0

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor DeViet
Deputy Mayor Brennan
Councillor Heffernan
Councillor Shipley
Councillor Aerts
Councillor Cates
Councillor Berze

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Di Lullo - Chief Administrative Officer
Arnie Marsman - Director of Building Services / Chief Building Official
Colin Toth - Director of Emergency Services / Fire Chief
Rob Cascaden - Director of Public Works and Engineering
Scott Mairs - Director of Community Services
Tiffany Farrell - Director of Corporate Services
James Hutson - Municipal Clerk
Megan Kamermans - Deputy Clerk
Sophie Baysarowich, Communications & Legislative Services
Aubrey Jongsma - Asset Management Coordinator
Eric Joudrey - Manager of Environmental Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor DeViet calls the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Members of the public are invited to participate in this meeting of Council by attending the meeting in-person at the Ilderton Community Centre located at 13168 Ilderton Rd, Ilderton, ON N0M 2A0.

Members of the public may also access the meeting which will be live-streamed on our Middlesex Centre YouTube channel or by contacting the Municipal Clerk to receive a registration link to join the meeting electronically.

Members of the public wishing to appear as a delegation can register for the meeting by visiting middlesexcentre.ca/participating-council-meetings or by contacting the Municipal Clerk at (519) 666-0190 by 4:30 p.m. on the Monday of the week of the scheduled meeting. All requests to delegate are subject to the provisions of the Middlesex Centre Procedure By-law.

Members of the public can choose to delegate in-person or by electronic participation. Accessible formats and communication supports are available upon request.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Municipality of Middlesex Centre recognizes that we are gathering on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Leni-Lunape Peoples. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.

Our neighbouring First Nations communities which continue to live as sovereign Nations include the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee Delaware Nation.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There are no Additions to the Agenda to note for the August 7, 2024 council meeting.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There are no Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest to note for the August 7, 2024 council meeting.

5. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND PETITIONS

There are no Delegations, Presentations or Petitions to note for the August 7, 2024 council meeting.

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the July 17, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Resolution # 2024-224

Moved by: Councillor Aerts

Seconded by: Councillor Cates

THAT the minutes of the Middlesex Centre Council meeting held on July 17, 2024 be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution # 2024-225

Moved by: Councillor Berze

Seconded by: Councillor Shipley

THAT Items 7.1 through 7.5 listed under the heading of Consent Agenda for August 7, 2024 be adopted as recommended.

CARRIED

7.1 Development Charge Exemption Policy

THAT Report CPS-43-2024 re: Development Charge Exemption Policy be received;

AND THAT Council endorse the Development Charge Exemption Policy attached as Appendix A1.

7.2 Capital Budget to Actual Q2 2024

THAT Report CPS-44-2024, re: Capital Budget to Actual Q2 2024 report be received for information.

7.3 Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act Modernization,

THAT Report FES-04-2024, regarding the be received for information.

7.4 Komoka SWMF Detailed Design RFP Award

THAT Report PWE 37-2024, re: Komoka SWMF Detailed Design RFP Award be received;

AND THAT the detailed design for the Komoka Stormwater Management Facility (SWMF) be awarded to AECOM Canada Ltd. in the amount of \$376,256.00 (exclusive of HST);

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

7.5 Ilderton Drain No 2 Block Assessment Request

THAT Council direct GM BluePlan, the Engineer appointed to the Ilderton Municipal Drain Improvement under section 78 of the Drainage Act, to conduct a block assessment of the urban settlement area of Ilderton as permitted by Section 25 of the Drainage Act.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Asset Management Update 2024

Aubrey Guevarra-Jongsma, Asset Management Coordinator is in attendance to provide an overview of the Staff Report.

Resolution # 2024-226

Moved by: Councillor Cates
Seconded by: Councillor Heffernan

THAT Report No. PWE 36-2024 dated August 7, 2024, regarding the Municipality's asset management programs be received for information.

CARRIED

8.2 Komoka Blower Upgrades 2024

Eric Joudrey, Manager of Environmental Services is in attendance to provide an overview of the Staff Report.

Resolution # 2024-227

Moved by: Councillor Shipley
Seconded by: Councillor Heffernan

THAT Report PWE 38-2024 regarding the Komoka Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Blower Upgrades award be received;

AND THAT the Komoka WWTF Blower Upgrades be awarded to CIMA+ Company (Eramosa) in the amount of \$144,742 (excluding HST);

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary contract documents

CARRIED

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

There are no Notices of Motion to note for the August 7, 2024 council meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution # 2024-230

Moved by: Councillor Cates
Seconded by: Councillor Aerts

THAT the Council for the Municipality of Middlesex Centre receives the Correspondence items 10.1 through 10.5 listed on the August 7, 2024 agenda as information.

CARRIED

10.1 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority - Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes June 20, 2024

10.2 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority - Board of Directors Agenda July 18, 2024

10.3 Middlesex-London Board of Health Meeting Summary - July 18, 2024

10.4 City of London - Sanitary Servicing for Centennial Central Public School and Arva Sanitary Servicing Agreement

10.5 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority - Fees Freeze Memo

Resolution # 2024-228

Moved by: Councillor Berze

Seconded by: Councillor Heffernan

THAT the Council for the municipality of Middlesex Centre support the request initiated by the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) with respect to reversing the decision of the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, Graydon Smith, to freeze the fees conservation authorities can charge in regard to planning, development, and permitting fees.

AND THAT the Mayor for the Council of the municipality of Middlesex Centre be authorized to sign on to a letter of support prepared on behalf of the elected leaders of the municipalities of the Upper Thames River watershed.

CARRIED

10.6 AMO-OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign

Resolution # 2024-229

Moved by: Councillor Cates

Seconded by: Councillor Shipley

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being derostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and (Northern Ontario only)

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Municipality of Middlesex Centre urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Middlesex Centre and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

CARRIED

11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution # 2024-231

Moved by: Councillor Cates

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brennan

THAT the Council for the Municipality of Middlesex Centre adjourn to closed session at 9:56 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended to discuss the following matters:

Section 239 (2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations (Fire Services Pay Grid Review);

Section 239 (2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Local Board Governance Review and Development Litigation Matter - Ward 4);

Section 239 (2)(k) 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 (Potential Partnership - Ward 4).

CARRIED

11.1 CALL TO ORDER

11.2 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

11.3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

11.3.1 Minutes of the July 3, 2024 Closed Session

11.4 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

11.4.1 Fire Services Pay Grid Review

11.4.2 Local Board Governance Review

11.4.3 Potential Partnership - Ward 4

11.4.4 Development Litigation Matter - Ward 4

11.5 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 2024-235

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brennan

Seconded by: Councillor Berze

THAT Council rise from closed session and return to open session at 10:50 a.m.

CARRIED

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There is no Other Business to note for the August 7, 2024 council meeting.

13. BY-LAWS

Resolution # 2024-236

Moved by: Councillor Cates

Seconded by: Councillor Heffernan

THAT By-law 2024-043 and By-law 2024-068 be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

13.1 2024-043

Third and Final reading

Being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre to provide for a drainage works to be known as the Saker Drain.

13.2 2024-068

Being a By-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre to adopt and confirm all actions and proceedings of the Council of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre at the Meeting of Council held on August 7, 2024.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Sept 4, 2024.

Resolution # 2024-237

Moved by: Councillor Berze
Seconded by: Councillor Shipley

THAT the Council for the Municipality of Middlesex Centre adjourns the August 7, 2024 Council meeting at 10:54 a.m.

CARRIED

Aina DeViet, Mayor

James Hutson, Municipal Clerk