



Middlesex Centre Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council

December 4, 2024, 9:00 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 Shipley
Councillor Aerts
Councillor Cates
Councillor Berze

REGRETS: Councillor Jean Coles

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
Stephanie Bergman - Manager of Planning and Development

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor DeViet calls the meeting to order at 9:01 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 December 4, 2024 council meeting.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There are no Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest to note for the December 4, 2024 council meeting.

5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Project Zero 2024 Presentation - Enbridge Gas and Middlesex Centre Fire Services

Colin Toth, Director of Fire and Emergency Services and Fire Chief for Middlesex Centre;

Don Beauchamp, Manager Central Operations, Enbridge Gas;

Mark Ramsay, Supervisor Lobo Compression Station, Enbridge Gas;

Ana Rudderham, Administrative Assistant III, Enbridge Gas;

and Jamie Kovacs, Executive Director, Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council are in attendance to say a few remarks.

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the November 20, 2024 Council Meeting

Resolution # 2024-326

Moved by: Councillor Shipley
Seconded by: Councillor Aerts

THAT the minutes of the Middlesex Centre Council meeting held on November 20, 2024 be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

6.2 Minutes of the November 27, 2024 Special Council Meeting

Resolution # 2024-327

Moved by: Councillor Cates
Seconded by: Councillor Berze

THAT the minutes of the Middlesex Centre Special Council meeting held on November 27, 2024 be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution # 2024-328

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Cates

THAT Items 7.1 through 7.9 listed on the December 4, 2024 agenda be adopted as recommended.

CARRIED

7.1 Pre-budget approval for 2025 capital projects

THAT Report CPS-58-2024, the pre-budget approval for 2025 capital projects be received;

AND THAT the 2025 capital project included in report CPS-58-2024 receive pre-budget approval.

7.2 Middlesex Centre Water Distribution System 2024 Annual Inspection Summary Middlesex

THAT the 2024 Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) Annual Inspection Report for the Middlesex Centre Water Distribution System be received for information.

7.3 Ilderton Drain No 1 Construction Tender Award

THAT the construction of the Ilderton Municipal Drain No 1 be awarded to the lowest tender bid submission received from McCann Redi-Mix Inc. in the amount of \$50,205.00 + HST.

7.4 2024 Drinking Water Quality Management System (DWQMS) Annual Audit Summary

THAT the 2024 Drinking Water Quality Management System – 2024 Internal & External Audit Results report be received for information.

7.5 Birr Drinking Water System 2024 Annual Inspection Summary

THAT the 2024 Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) Annual Inspection Report for the Birr Drinking Water System be received for information.

7.6 Melrose Drinking Water System 2024 Annual Inspection Summary

THAT the 2024 Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) Annual Inspection Report for the Melrose Water System be received for information.

7.7 New Property Tax Classes

THAT Report CPS-60-2024, re: New Property Tax Classes be received for information.

7.8 Tax Adjustments under Section 357 358 and 359 of the Municipal Act 2001

THAT report CPS-61-2024 regarding tax adjustments made under Sections 357, 358 and 359 of the Municipal Act, 2001 be received;

AND THAT taxes amounting to \$8,301 be written off pursuant to the provisions of Section 357, 358 and 359 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

7.9 Animal Control Services Contract Renewal

THAT Report BLD-12-2024 re: Animal Control Services Contract Renewal be received;

AND THAT the agreement for provision of services attached as 'Appendix A' be approved.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Development Charge Exemption Request

Tiffany Farrell, Director of Corporate Services is in attendance to provide an overview of the Staff Report.

Will Nywening from Providence Reformed Collegiate is in attendance to provide a delegation to council.

Resolution # 2024-329

Moved by: Councillor Shipley
Seconded by: Councillor Aerts

THAT Report CPS-59-2024, Development Charge Exemption Request be received;

AND THAT the request made by Providence Reformed Collegiate to amend the development charge by-law 2024-064 to exempt private (independent) schools be denied.

CARRIED

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

There is no Notice of Motion to note for the December 4, 2024 council meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution # 2024-331

Moved by: Councillor Cates
Seconded by: Councillor Berze

THAT the Council for the Municipality of Middlesex Centre receives the Correspondence items 10.1 through 10.3 as information.

CARRIED

10.1 AMO & World Animal Protection Resolution

Resolution # 2024-330

Moved by: Councillor Cates
Seconded by: Councillor Berze

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals in captivity; and,

WHEREAS non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS owners of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native (“exotic”) wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection’s campaign for provincial regulations of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT , the Municipality of Middlesex Centre hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario’s citizens and the non-native (“exotic”) wild animal population;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Ontario Solicitor General (michael.kerzner@ontario.ca), Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry (graydon.smith@ontario.ca) and MPP [name and email address provincial representative], AMO (amo@amo.on.ca), AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com), and MLEAO (mleo@mleoa.ca).

DEFEATED

10.2 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority - Capital Asset Management Plan

10.3 Decision on Discussion Paper: Regulating Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon Storage Projects in Ontario, and Proposal on Enabling the Development of Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon Storage in Ontario: The Geologic Carbon Storage Act

11. COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Deputy Mayor Brennan provided an update on the County Council meeting held on November 26, 2024. For further information on this agenda please visit the County of Middlesex website: <https://www.middlesex.ca/local-government/meeting-dates-and-agendas>.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution # 2024-324

Moved by: Councillor Shipley

Seconded by: Councillor Aerts

THAT the Council for the Municipality of Middlesex Centre adjourn to closed session at 9:04 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended to discuss the following matters:

Section 239 (2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (legal advice - Ward 4 development matter)

CARRIED

12.1 CALL TO ORDER

12.2 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

12.3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

12.3.1 Minutes of the November 20, 2024 closed session

12.4 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

12.4.1 Legal Advice - Ward 4 Development Matter

12.5 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 2024-325

Moved by: Councillor Cates

Seconded by: Councillor Berze

THAT Council rise from closed session and return to open session at 9:27 a.m.

CARRIED

During the closed session council received legal advice regarding a development litigation matter in Ward 4

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Councillor Cates - Parking Provisions

Resolution # 2024-332

Moved by: Councillor Cates

Seconded by: Councillor Shipley

THAT staff be directed to undertake a review of the current parking regulations for the various residential uses within the Middlesex Centre

Zoning Bylaw, including visitor parking regulations for multi-family developments, and provide a report to Council

CARRIED

14. BY-LAWS

Resolution # 2024-333

Moved by: Councillor Cates

Seconded by: Councillor Berze

THAT By-laws 2024-100 through By-law 2024-106 be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

14.1 2024-100

Being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre to authorize temporary borrowing to meet the current expenditures of the Municipality for the year ending December 31, 2025.

14.2 2024-101

Being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre to Levy Interim Taxes for the Year 2025.

14.3 2024-102

Being a By-law to amend the Middlesex Centre comprehensive Zoning By-law number 2005-005 with respect to Concession 5 N Pt Lot 11 (geographic Township of Lobo), Municipality of Middlesex Centre, roll number: 393900001002500.

14.4 2024-103

Being a By-law to amend the Middlesex Centre comprehensive Zoning By-law number 2005-005 with respect to Concession 5 N Pt Lot 10 (geographic Township of Lobo), Municipality of Middlesex Centre, roll number: 393900001002100.

14.5 2024-104

Being a By-law to amend the Middlesex Centre comprehensive Zoning By-law number 2005-005 with respect to Concession 7 N Pt Lot 3 (geographic Township of Lobo), Municipality of Middlesex Centre, roll number: 393900003002800.

14.6 2024-105

Being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre to approve a service agreement between the Municipality and Hillside Kennels.

14.7 2024-106

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 Council Meeting held on December 4, 2024.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 2024-334

Moved by: Councillor Berze
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brennan

THAT the Council for the Municipality of Middlesex Centre adjourns the December 4, 2024 Council meeting at 10:11 p.m.

CARRIED

Aina DeViet, Mayor

James Hutson, Municipal Clerk