

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre held this date at the Municipal Office, Coldstream at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE**PRESENT**

Mayor Edmondson
Deputy Mayor Bannister
Councillor Filson
Councillor Brennan
Councillor Bloomfield
Councillor Berze

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Councillor Ritchie

ALSO PRESENT

Cathy Saunders	Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Maureen Looby	Manager, Public Works & Engineering
Jim McConnell	Manager, Planning & Development Services
John Elston	Supervisor Emergency Services & Fire Chief
Greg Watterton	Treasurer/Acting Manager of Recreation and Facility Services
Marc Bancroft	Senior Planner
Stephanie Troyer-Boyd	Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk

Mayor Edmondson presided.

The reporters from the Middlesex Banner and the Strathroy Age Dispatch were in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None were disclosed by any of the members.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None were disclosed by any of the members.

MINUTES

1. Resolution # 2009/001
Moved by Albert Bannister
Seconded by John Brennan

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 3, 2008 be approved.

- Carried -

2. Resolution # 2009/002
Moved by Clare Bloomfield
Seconded by Albert Bannister

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 17, 2008 be approved.

- Carried -

CONSENT AGENDA

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk noted that the recommendation #2 from Corporate Services Committee should be amended to read \$3546.27 and 1235 cubic meters.

Deputy Mayor Bannister asked for clarification on the accounts with respect to Public Works and Engineering and Fire Services invoices.

Resolution # 2009/003

Moved by Frank Berze

Seconded by John Brennan

1. THAT Council receive the Minutes of the December 17, 2008 Planning and Development Services Committee meeting and concur with the following recommendations:

1. THAT the Ministry of Environment be advised that the Municipality of Middlesex Centre offers the following comments regarding "Application for Approval of Waste Disposal Sites – Addition of new waste types to Composting Facility – Try-Recycling Inc. – Municipality of Middlesex Centre, County of Middlesex – MOE Reference Number 5688-7KTNLH":

THAT the Municipality of Middlesex Centre is satisfied that the amendment to the Provisional Certificate of Approval to permit the addition of coffee grounds and paper fibres is consistent with the site-specific Extractive Industrial (M4-1) zone which applies to the subject property provided that the addition of coffee grounds and paper fibre meets the Compost Guidelines of Ontario.

2. THAT Council receive the Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment Hearing held on December 18, 2008.

3. THAT Council receive Report Number PS-B-15-08/CBO prepared by the Chief Building Official, entitled "Building Permit Report – December 2008".

4. THAT Council receive the Minutes of the December 15, 2008 Recreation and Facility Services Committee meeting and concurs with the following recommendations:

1. THAT preparation of a comprehensive review of alternative approaches to advertising in municipal facilities and subsequent development of a formal advertising policy be completed once a new department head has been appointed for the Recreation & Facility Services Department, and

FURTHER THAT Staff be directed to notify the Ilderton Minor Hockey Association that no changes to the existing informal advertising arrangement at the Ilderton Arena are contemplated for the remainder of the current hockey season, and

FURTHER THAT the Ilderton Minor Hockey Association be advised that Middlesex Centre will initiate discussion of alternative approaches to advertising at municipal facilities during 2009.

5. THAT Council receive the minutes of the Public Works and Engineering Committee meeting of December 15, 2008.

6. THAT the accounts as presented by the Treasurer in the amount of \$4,793,637.90 be approved for payment.

7. THAT Council receive the Minutes of the December 15, 2008 Corporate Services Committee Meeting and concurs with the following recommendations:
1. THAT the request to waive the fee for the Ilderton Community Centre rental for an event to be held January 24, 2009, hosted by the Ilderton Minor Hockey Association be waived; and

FURTHER THAT for the request to waive the \$40.00 fee for alcohol monitoring be denied.
 2. THAT staff be directed to calculate the bill for Account No. 712134000 from the reading of 1235 cubic meters from the first quarter being \$3,546.27 and write off any penalty or interest incurred from the original charge being place on taxes.

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to notify the resident and lawyer of this amended charge.
8. THAT Council receive the Minutes of the December 10, 2008 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

- Carried -

STAFF REPORTS

1. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1.1 Planning

There were no reports or inquiries.

1.2 Building

There were no reports or inquiries.

1.3 Drainage

1.3.1 Report No. CAO042/08 - Draft Resolution Regarding Department of Fisheries and Oceans requirements relating to Drainage Works and Bridge Reconstruction

Councillor Berze suggested that separate correspondence be sent to the Minister responsible for Department of Fisheries and Oceans in addition to the resolution. The Manager of Planning and Development Services noted that staff meets regularly with DFO and that they are aware of the issue. The Manager of Public Works and Engineering noted that it is not an approval issue with the Bear Creek Bridge. She noted that because of the classification of the stream, construction can only take place in July and August.

Councillor Filson suggested that wording be added to the resolution suggesting that the approval authority for such matters be given to the local Conservation Authority.

Staff will bring back a revised resolution as well as draft correspondence to the Minister to the next meeting.

1.4 By-law Enforcement

There were no reports or inquiries.

2. RECREATION AND FACILITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**2.1 Parks and Recreation**

2.1.2 There were no reports or inquiries.

2.2 Facilities

2.2.2 There were no reports or inquiries.

3. PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

3.1 There were no reports or inquiries.

4. CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**4.1 Treasury****4.1.1 Report No. T020-TC – Interim Levy By-Law**

The Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk reviewed the staff report regarding the need for the municipality to pass an interim levy by-law for the collection of taxes where taxes are to be levied prior to the adoption of the annual budget and the determination of the years estimates of expenditures.

Resolution # 2009/004

Moved by Clare Bloomfield

Seconded by Frank Berze

THAT Council receive Report T020-TC entitled “**By-Law 2009-002 – Interim Levy By-Law**”; and

FURTHER THAT By-Law Number 2009-002, being a By-law to Provide for Interim Tax Levies for the Year 2009 for the Municipality of Middlesex Centre be approved and this constitutes the first, second and third reading and By-law 2009-002 is hereby enacted.

- Carried -

4.1.2 There were no further reports or inquiries

4.2 Fire and Emergency Services

4.2.1 There were no reports or inquiries.

4.3 Clerk**4.3.1 Report No. CAOC041/08 – Assumption of Plan of Subdivision**

Deputy Mayor Bannister questioned whether or not there were sidewalks in the subdivision. Jim McConnell noted that there were no sidewalks. The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk noted that this is an older subdivision that was approved prior to our current standards.

Resolution #2009/005

Moved by Frank Berze

Seconded by Ken Filson

THAT on the recommendation of the Municipal Engineer that the Works contained within Registered Plan 33M-432

(geographic Township of Delaware), Municipality of Middlesex Centre in the County of Middlesex be assumed; and

FURTHER THAT By-law Number 2009-006, being a By-law to Accept and Assume Ownership of the Works on Registered Plan 33M-432 (geographic Township of Delaware) Tower Heights – Phase 1 Subdivision – Delaware, be approved and this constitutes the first, second and third reading and By-law 2009-006 is hereby enacted.

- Carried -

4.3.2 Report No CAS001/09 - Animal Control By-law

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk and the Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk reviewed the revised Animal Control By-law noting that the requirement for an annual inspection of kennels has been changed to reflect a bi-annual inspection. It was also noted that the kennel owner will be required to sign an affidavit on the non-inspection year confirming that the kennel meets the requirements of the Municipality's Animal Control By-law.

Resolution #2009/006

Moved by Frank Berze

Seconded by Clare Bloomfield

THAT Report Number CSA001/09, dated December 19, 2008 and entitled "**Animal Control By-law**" be received; and

FURTHER THAT By-law Number 2009-005, being a By-law to Provide for the Licencing, Control and Regulation of Animals within the Municipality of Middlesex Centre, be approved and this constitutes the first, second and third reading and By-law 2009-005 is hereby enacted.

- Carried -

4.3.3 Review of the Draft Doctor's Clinic Design

Bill Ruth and McMichael Ruth of aTRM Architects, attended Council and presented the draft proposal for the Middlesex Centre Family Doctor Teaching Clinic. The architects noted that they have drafted a one storey building that will act as a gateway to the present Heritage Park. They stated that they have preserved the trees that are presently in place in order to minimize the environmental impact on the parkland. They noted that one of the two baseball fields on the site will be reconfigured and that additional fencing will be put in place.

Councillor Bloomfield questioned the number of parking spaces that would be available once the building is completed. Mr. Ruth noted that there would be 15 spaces for staff and 41 spaces for public. There was concern that there may not be sufficient parking and that additional parking requirements should be investigated before the public meeting.

Councillor Filson asked about the space designated for garbage storage. He noted that the space is close to the existing condominiums to the west of the property. Mr. McMichael Ruth indicated that they would investigate alternate locations for the garbage storage.

Councillor Filson also suggested that additional trees be added to the west side of the site to provide additional buffering for the abutting residential uses.

Deputy Mayor Bannister expressed concern with the location of the baseball diamond directly behind the building. He questioned whether there would be issues with stray balls. It was noted that there would be fencing at that baseball diamond. There have been discussions with the Ilderton Baseball Association and they had not expressed any concern respecting the location of the diamond. It was also noted that once the building is in place, it may be possible to move the redesigned baseball diamond to a more northerly location, further away from the building.

Mayor Edmondson expressed concern respecting the exterior façade and the wood accents below the windows. He was concerned that the wood would require maintenance on an ongoing basis. The architects suggested that they could come back with different materials for the accents such as stone or metal.

Bill Ruth noted the anticipated yearly operating costs for heating, cooling and electrical services would total approximately \$ 65,000. They have investigated the possibility of geothermal services and their mechanical engineer has advised against it as there are no savings anticipated. They indicated that they are investigating solar water heating. The anticipated cost of the building is approximately \$ 2,500,000.

Mayor Edmondson thanked the gentlemen for their presentation and their work on the project thus far. He made a special note of thanks to Mr. Al Lamont who was in attendance and has made significant contributions to the project.

4.3.4 There were no further reports or inquiries.

4.4 By-laws

Resolution #2009/007

Moved by Albert Bannister

Seconded by Clare Bloomfield

THAT By-law Number 2009-001, being a By-law to Authorize the Borrowing of Money to Meet Current Expenditures of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre, be approved and this constitutes the first, second and third reading and By-law 2009-001 is hereby enacted.

THAT By-law Number 2009-003, being a By-law approving and ratifying a Site Plan Agreement between Allan Mathew Prieur as the "owner" and the Municipality of Middlesex Centre as the "municipality" for the lands described as Part of Lot 26, Concession 10 (geographic Township of London), Municipality of Middlesex Centre, be approved and this constitutes the first, second and third reading and By-law 2009-003 is hereby enacted.

THAT By-law Number 2009-004, being a By-law approving and ratifying a Cash-in-Lieu of Parking Agreement between Allan Mathew Prieur as the "owner" and the Municipality of Middlesex Centre as the "municipality" for the lands described as Part of Lot 26, Concession 10 (geographic Township of London), Municipality of Middlesex Centre be approved and this constitutes the first, second and third reading and By-law 2009-004 is hereby enacted.

- Carried -

INFORMATION MEMOS

Councillor Filson referenced the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) suggestion that Municipalities take a greater level of participation in discussion with the Federal Government in the creation of the Federal Budget. He noted the suggestion that Municipalities submit a list of infrastructure projects to FCM. He suggested that Council members should have discussions with their Federal MP. The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk indicated that a list has been provided to FCM and that the office for the Federal MP for this area has contacted the Municipality and a list has also been provided to him.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

1. Resolution # 2009/008
Moved by Clare Bloomfield
Seconded by Albert Bannister

THAT By-law Number 2009-007 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on January 7, 2009 be approved and that this constitutes the first, second and third reading and By-law Number 2009-007 is hereby enacted.

- Carried -

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, this meeting of Council adjourned at 6:10 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK

INFORMATION

1. MPAC – 2008 Assessment Update
2. Hydro One – Participate in the Hydro One Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program
3. FCM – Call to Action from FCM President: Federal Budget 2009 – Infrastructure as Economic Stimulus
4. FCM – 2009 Annual Conference
5. AMCTO – Legislative Update – December 17, 2008
6. AMO Alert – Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Notices for 2009

7. AMO Alert – URGENT – Ontario’s Municipal Leadership in Federal Budget Consultations
8. AMO – Office of the President
9. AMO – 2009 AGM / Conference August 16 – 19, 2009
10. AMO – We Need Your Support of the AMO Position on the Waste Diversion Act and the Blue Box Program Plan Review
11. Resolution – Corporation of the Township of East Ferris – Disaster Relief Committee
12. Revised 2009 Calendar (to accommodate AMO and AGRO/ROMA). Please note Change to Recreation & Facility Services Dates and Times