



Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

Regular Council Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 6:00 PM

Council Present: Mayor Allan Mayhew;
Deputy Mayor Mike Sholdice;
Councillor Marjorie Emery;
Councillor Joel Haggith;
Councillor Don McCallum;
Councillor Mark McGill;
Councillor Ed Myers;
Councillor Martin Vink;

Staff Present: Andrew Neely, Drainage Superintendent;
Colleen Kelly, Clerk
Shannon Black, Deputy Clerk
Kevin Miller, Manager of Community Services & Facilities
Denice Williamson, Treasurer

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mayhew called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

2026-120

Moved by Councillor Marjorie Emery

Seconded by Councillor Martin Vink

That the Regular Agenda of Council dated April 22, 2026, be accepted as presented

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 Jason Broderick, Retired Head of Science, Glencoe District High School (GDHS) - Request for Financial Support - GDHS Pollinator Butterflyway Garden.

2026-121

Moved by Councillor Joel Haggith

Seconded by Councillor Ed Myers

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex receive the presentation dated April 22, 2026 from Jason Broderick, Retired Head of Science, Glencoe District High School (GDHS) regarding the Request for Financial Support - GDHS Pollinator Butterflyway Gardens Interpretive Sign, for information;

And that council support the request in the amount of \$400 for the cost of the GDHS Pollinator Butterflyway Gardens Interpretive Sign.

Carried

5. CONSENT AGENDA

2026-122

Moved by Councillor Joel Haggith

Seconded by Councillor Don McCallum

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex receive Items 5.1. to 5.9, as set out on the Consent Agenda for the April 22, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council, for information;

And that Council approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

- 5.1 Draft Regular Meeting of Council Minutes - April 8, 2026

- 5.2 Voucher Report- March 2026 (FIN-2026-12)
- 5.3 Middlesex County Council Meeting Highlights - April 14, 2026
- 5.4 Middlesex London Health Unit (MLHU) Board of Health Meeting Summary - March 19, 2026
- 5.5 Watson & Associates Letter on Bill 98 Changes - Development Charges Act (DCA), Parkland Dedication & Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act (WWPCA)
- 5.6 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Memo - Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive
- 5.7 Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Letter - Harmonization of Municipal Road Construction Standards and Associated Governance Model
- 5.8 Regional Municipality of Waterloo resolution of support regarding Community Safety and Well-Being Plan
- 5.9 City of Mississauga resolution of support for maintaining democratically elected school board trustees

6. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

2026-123

Moved by Councillor Don McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Mark McGill

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex enter into the Committee of Adjustment at 6:15 p.m.

Carried

7. PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 7.1 Court of Revision

2026-124

Moved by Councillor Marjorie Emery

Seconded by Councillor Mark McGill

That Mayor Mayhew be appointed to the Court of Revision and act as Chair for the Wardsville Outlet Drain No. 1 2026.

And that Councillors Vink, Emery, McGill and Deputy Mayor Sholdice be appointed to the Court of Revision for the Wardsville Outlet Drain No.1 2026.

And that Council temporarily adjourn the regular meeting to sit as the Court of Revision at 6:28 p.m.

Carried

7.2 Meeting to Consider - Floyd Winship Drain Walch Branch 2026

George Vereyken from Spriets Engineering presented the report and stated that no further comments had been received since the submission of the report. He recommended that future consideration be given to cleaning the drain.

There were no affected property owners in attendance.

There were no requests to add or remove a name from the petition

In response to questions from Council, the engineer explained that the increase in size from 1 1/2" to 2" was done at the request of the property owner and they would be responsible for the full cost of the upgrade.

2026-125

Moved by Councillor Mark McGill

Seconded by Councillor Marjorie Emery

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex accepts the Engineer's Report in reference to the Floyd Winship Drain Walch Branch 2026 and refers the associated by-law to the By-law section for the agenda for the first and second reading.

Carried

7.3 Meeting to Consider - McCahon Drain 2026

George Vereyken from Spriets Engineering presented the report and stated that no further comments had been received since the submission of the report.

There were no affected property owners in attendance.

There were no requests to add or remove a name from the petition

In response to questions from Council, the engineer explained that the increase in size from 1 1/2" to 2" was done at the request of the property owner and they would be responsible for the full cost of the upgrade.

2026-126

Moved by Councillor Martin Vink

Seconded by Councillor Joel Haggith

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex accepts the Engineer's Report in reference to the McCahon Drain 2026 and refers the associated by-law to the By-law section for the agenda for the first and second reading.

Carried

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Chief Administrative Officer - None

8.2 Clerk - None

8.3 Finance - None

8.4 Public Works

8.4.1 Government Drain No. 1 - Realign Drain (PUB-DS-2026-07)

2026-127

Moved by Councillor Mark McGill

Seconded by Councillor Ed Myers

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex receive the report dated April 22, 2026 prepared by the Drainage Superintendent titled Government Drain No. 1 (PUB-DS-2026-07) for information;

And that Council appoint Spriet Associates Engineers & Architects under Section 78 of the Drainage Act to change the course of the Government Drain No. 1 in Lot 3 & 4, Concession 1 (former Mosa Township).

Carried

8.5 Community Services and Facilities - None

8.6 Fire - None

8.7 Building - None

8.8 Planning - None

9. NOTICE OF MOTION - None

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS - None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

12. NEW BUSINESS - None

13. COUNTY COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE UPDATE - None

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Emery shared that four schools participated in the Earth Day clean up today, the Lions Club provided hot dogs and chips to all students who participated, and the Municipality supplied the garbage bags.

Councillor McGill advised that the Glencoe Presbyterian Church is having a drive thru Pork BBQ dinner on Saturday, May 30, 2026. Advanced ticket purchase required.

15. CLOSED SESSION

2026-128

Moved by Councillor Joel Haggith

Seconded by Councillor Don McCallum

That the Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex be temporarily adjourned at 6:46 p.m. to permit the holding of a meeting in Closed Session for the purpose(s) of:

Exceptions Pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001

Carried

15.1 Call to Order

15.2 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

15.3 Draft Closed Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2026 and April 8, 2026

15.4 Closed Item - Section 239(2)(i)

Section 239(2)(i) A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local

board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.

16. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

2026-129

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mike Sholdice

Seconded by Councillor Joel Haggith

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex rise from Closed Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:23 p.m.

And that Council approved the previous Closed Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2026 and April 8, 2026;

And that Council accepted a notice of motion. Staff were given direction and will report back at a future council meeting.

Carried

17. BY-LAWS

2026-130

Moved by Councillor Marjorie Emery

Seconded by Councillor Ed Myers

That the Council of Southwest Middlesex adopt the by-laws listed below as read.

Carried

- 17.1 By-law 2026/013 Being a by-law to provide for the drainage works being the James Lethbridge Drain 2026 (Third and Final Reading)
- 17.2 By-law 2026/041 Being a provisional by-law to provide for the drainage works being the Floyd Winship Drain Walch Branch 2026 (First and Second Reading)
- 17.3 By-law 2026/042 Being a provisional by-law to provide for the drainage works being the McCahon Drain 2026 (First and Second Reading)
- 17.4 By-law 2026/043 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on April 22, 2026

18. FUTURE MEETINGS (subject to change)

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting of Council

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting of Council

19. ADJOURNMENT

2026-131

Moved by Councillor Marjorie Emery

Seconded by Councillor Martin Vink

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Carried