



Municipality of Southwest Middlesex
Special Council Meeting - Budget
Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2025, 9:30 AM

Council Present:

Mayor Allan Mayhew;
Deputy Mayor Mike Sholdice;
Councillor Majorie Emery
Councillor Joel Haggith;
Councillor Don McCallum;
Councillor Mark McGill;
Councillor Ed Myers;
Councillor Martin Vink;

Staff Present:

Amanda Gubbels, CAO
Kendra Kettler, Clerk
Mack Meloche, Treasurer
Mauro Castrilli, Public Works Manager;
Kevin Miller, Manager of Community Services & Facilities
Gary Johnston, Fire Chief
Andrew Neely, Drainage Superintendent;
Colleen Kelly, Deputy Clerk

Meeting can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6oo98BZcAvuVMKLDx88l4A>

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mayhew called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Councillor Marjorie Emery arrived at 9:34 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Mike Sholdice arrived at 9:47 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

2025-098

Moved by Councillor Don McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Martin Vink

That the Annual Repayment Limit (slide 7) and Wardsville Museum Protection and Maintenance (slide 17) be added to Item 4.1 2025 Budget Presentation - Meeting 2;

And that the Special Budget Meeting Agenda of Council dated March 20, 2025 be accepted as amended

Carried

4. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Sam Smith, Senior Operations Manager, Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) spoke to the OCWA service costs for 2025.

Mike Devos, P.Eng, Spriet Associates Engineers and Architects spoke to the Glencoe Outlet Drain Project.

4.1 2025 Budget Presentation - Meeting 2

2025-099

Moved by Councillor Joel Haggith

Seconded by Councillor Ed Myers

That Council approve the water and waste water budget, in principle.

Carried

2025-100

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mike Sholdice

Seconded by Councillor Ed Myers

That Council direct staff to excluded the Melbourne Sports & Recreation Association and Melbourne Tractor Fest from 2025 budget consideration.

Carried

2025-101

Moved by Councillor Joel Haggith

Seconded by Councillor Ed Myers

That Council direct staff to move the funds allotted to the Ferel Cat Program to the Public School Breakfast & Snack Club for the 2025 Budget

Carried

2025-102

Moved by Councillor Mark McGill

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Sholdice

That the Council grant distribution for the 2025 budget be approved as amended, in principle.

Carried

2025-103

Moved by Councillor Ed Myers

Seconded by Councillor Joel Haggith

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex receive the 2025 Budget Presentation - Meeting 2 dated March 20, 2025, for information

Carried

4.2 2025 Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Draft 2 Budget

Deputy Mayor Sholdice requested a recorded vote.

2025-104

Moved by Councillor Mark McGill

Seconded by Councillor Ed Myers

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex adopt the 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets (Scenario A plus the McMaster Street light project) in addition to the meeting amendments, and a by-law for the 2025 budget be brought back to a future Council Meeting.

Against (3): Deputy Mayor Mike Sholdice, Councillor Don McCallum, and Councillor Martin Vink

Carried (5 to 3)

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

6. BY-LAWS

- 6.1 By-law 2025/038 Being a by-law to confirm the special budget meeting proceedings of Council on March 20, 2025

2025-105

Moved by Councillor Ed Myers

Seconded by Councillor Joel Haggith

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex give a first, second, third and final reading to by-law 2025/038 as listed.

Carried

7. FUTURE MEETINGS (subject to change)

Wednesday April 9, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday April 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

8. ADJOURNMENT

2025-106

Moved by Councillor Martin Vink

Seconded by Councillor Ed Myers

That the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Carried