



**Municipality of Southwest Middlesex**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 6:00 PM**

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

Council Absent: Councillor Don McCallum;

Staff Present: Amanda Gubbels, CAO  
Alana Kertesz, Planner  
Colleen Kelly, Clerk

**Meeting can be viewed at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6oo98BZcAvuVMKLDx88I4A>

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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**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA**

2026-006

**Moved by** Councillor Majorie Emery;

**Seconded by** Councillor Joel Haggith

That the Regular Agenda of Council dated January 14, 2026 be accepted as presented

Carried

#### **4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 4.1 Joe Winsor, Acting Director of Human Resources, Middlesex County -  
Homelessness Prevention Connecting Journeys: Home within Community

Joe Winsor, Elle Lane and Danica Flores from Middlesex County attended  
virtually.

2026-007

**Moved by** Councillor Joel Haggith

**Seconded by** Councillor Mark McGill

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex receive the  
delegation on January 14, 2026 from Joe Winsor, Acting Director of Human  
Resources, Middlesex County regarding Homelessness Prevention Connecting  
Journeys: Home within Community, for information.

Carried

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

2026-008

**Moved by** Councillor Martin Vink

**Seconded by** Councillor Joel Haggith

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex receive Items 5.1. to 5.12,  
as set out on the Consent Agenda for the January 14, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council,  
for information;

And that Council approve the minutes of the December 17, 2025 Regular Council  
Meeting and the January 7, 2026 Special Council Meeting.

Carried

- 5.1 Draft Regular Meeting of Council Minutes - December 17, 2025

- 5.2 Draft Special Meeting of Council Minutes - January 7, 2026

- 5.3 Draft Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes - November 20, 2025

- 5.4 Voucher Reports - December 2025 (FIN-2026-03)
- 5.5 Municipality of Thames Centre resolution of support regarding the Tay Valley Township and the Town of Goderich - Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario
- 5.6 Township of Narin and Hyman resolution of support for the Steel and Lumber Sectors
- 5.7 Township of Narin and Hyman resolution of support for Building Improvements to Highway 11- 17
- 5.8 City of Brantford resolution of support regarding the Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry
- 5.9 Township of Perry resolution of support regarding the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and Municipality of South Huron- removal of the HST and GST from new homes purchased as primary residences to support housing affordability
- 5.10 The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville resolution of support for the passing of Bill 9 - Municipal Accountability Act 2025
- 5.11 Town of Cobourg resolution of support regarding Elbows Up for Climate Action
- 5.12 City of Peterborough resolution of support for Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request

**6. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

2026-009

**Moved by** Councillor Mark McGill

**Seconded by** Mayor Allan Mayhew

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex enter into the Committee of Adjustment at 6:34 p.m.

Carried

**7. PUBLIC MEETINGS - None**

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

- 8.1 Chief Administrative Officer

8.1.1 Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Quarterly Update - Q4 2025 (CAO-2026-01)

2026-010

**Moved by** Councillor Ed Myers

**Seconded by** Councillor Joel Haggith

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex receive the report dated January 14, 2026, prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer titled CAO Quarterly Status Report for Q4 2025 (CAO-2026-01) for information.

Carried

8.2 Clerk - None

8.3 Finance - None

8.4 Public Works - None

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 - None**

15. **CLOSED SESSION - None**

2026-011

**Moved by** Councillor Joel Haggith

**Seconded by** Councillor Majorie Emery;

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 of:

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

Carried

15.1 Call to Order

15.2 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the Nature Thereof

15.3 Closed Meeting Minutes - December 17, 2025

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

**16. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Council reconvened to the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:00 p.m.

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

2026-012

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Mike Sholdice

**Seconded by** Councillor Joel Haggith

That Council approve the Closed Minutes from December 17, 2025.

And that Council receive the confidential document related to Section 239(2)(i) for information.

Carried

**17. BY-LAWS**

Councillor Emery left the table at 6:59 p.m.

2026-013

**Moved by** Councillor Mark McGill

**Seconded by** Councillor Martin Vink

That the Council of Southwest Middlesex give a first, second and third reading and adopt the by-law listed below.

Carried

17.1 By-law 2026/006 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on January 14, 2026

**18. FUTURE MEETINGS (subject to change)**

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. - Special Meeting of Council - Budget Presentation

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting of Council

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

Councillor Emery returned to the table at 7:01 p.m.

2026-014

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Mike Sholdice

**Seconded by** Councillor Ed Myers

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Carried