



February 4, 2026 Council Meeting Highlights

Council Composition for the 2026 Municipal Election

Earlier municipal communications referenced Council's discussion regarding a potential change to council composition. Following confirmation of the legislative requirements under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the Municipality has confirmed that the existing council composition (8 council members) will remain in place for the 2026 municipal election, as required by provincial legislation. Council has decided to implement its intended change to council composition through a future by-law, which will apply starting with the 2030 municipal election.

At this meeting, Council:

- Adopted the Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy.
- Approved the YMCA's request to waive the facility rental fee for the 2026 summer camp program.
- Approved the updated agreement with the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc for Fire Protection Services from the Melbourne Fire Station.

By-laws Approved:

- Fire Protection Agreement with the Municipality of Strathroy- Caradoc
- Council and Local Board Remuneration
- Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Housing-Enabling Water System Fund

Agenda, Minutes and Meeting Links

To view Council Agendas and Minutes from this and previous meetings, visit:
[Council Agendas and Minutes](#)

To watch this or previous Council meetings, visit our [YouTube](#) channel

Next Council Meeting:

Special Meeting of Council - Budget - Wednesday February 11, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Connect With Us



519.287.2015



www.southwestmiddlesex.ca



[@Municipality of Southwest Middlesex](https://www.facebook.com/MunicipalityofSouthwestMiddlesex)



[@southwestmiddlesex](https://www.instagram.com/southwestmiddlesex/)