



**Municipality of Southwest Middlesex
Special Council Meeting - Budget
Minutes**

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 9:30 AM

Council Present: Mayor Allan Mayhew;
Deputy Mayor Mike Sholdice;
Councillor Majorie Emery;
Councillor Joel Haggith;
Councillor Don McCallum;
Councillor Mark McGill - joined at 9:33 a.m.
Councillor Ed Myers;

Council Absent: Councillor Martin Vink;

Staff Present: Amanda Gubbels, CAO
Denice Williamson, Treasurer
Mauro Castrilli, Public Works Manager;
Kevin Miller, Manager of Community Services & Facilities
Gary Johnston, Fire Chief
Colleen Kelly, Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mayhew called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

2026-032

Moved by Councillor Majorie Emery

Seconded by Councillor Ed Myers

That the Special Budget Meeting Agenda of Council dated February 11, 2026 be accepted as presented.

Carried

4. STAFF REPORTS

The Treasurer stated that the Utility Budget will be coming to the March 4, 2026 Council Meeting.

4.1 2026 Proposed Budget - Amended

2026-033

Moved by Councillor Joel Haggith

Seconded by Councillor Ed Myers

That the proposed 2026 budget be amended as per the funding strategy outlined by the Treasurer in the capital budget for Project 2000 (26-9);

And that the project be pre-approved;

And that staff be directed to receive additional quotes and begin the work as soon as possible.

Carried

2026-034

Moved by Councillor Ed Myers

Seconded by Councillor Mark McGill

That Council direct staff to defer the Glencoe Fire Station - Bunker Gear Storage Room and Glencoe Fire Station - Paving of Parking Lot to a future budget year.

Carried

2026-035

Moved by Councillor Mark McGill

Seconded by Councillor Ed Myers

That Council direct staff to utilize a portion of the funds allocated for the Fire Reserve Fund to instead fund the purchase of a Diesel Exhaust Fan (26-10) for the Wardsville fire department.

Carried

2026-036

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mike Sholdice

Seconded by Councillor Majorie Emery

That Council direct staff to include the allocation of \$20,000.00 from reserves for the replacement of the Glencoe Fire Station Doors (26-14) in the 2026 budget, with replacement of the Glencoe Fire Station Windows to proceed only if sufficient funds remain within the approved budgeted amount.

Carried

2026-037

Moved by Councillor Ed Myers

Seconded by Councillor Joel Haggith

That Council direct staff to approve \$3,700.00 (50%) of the Council Community Grant ask from Four Counties Community Villa.

Carried

2026-038

Moved by Councillor Joel Haggith

Seconded by Councillor Majorie Emery

That Council direct staff to include the Council Community Grant request from Oakland Cemetery in the amount up to \$955.00, for their insurance costs, in the 2026 Budget.

Carried

2026-039

Moved by Councillor Joel Haggith

Seconded by Councillor Ed Myers

That Council direct staff to allocate \$2000.00 under Council Community Grants to breakfast and snacks funding, to be divided among the four schools within the Southwest Middlesex boundary.

Carried

2026-040

Moved by Councillor Ed Myers

Seconded by Councillor Majorie Emery

That Council approve the Council Community Grants list as amended.

Carried

Due to technical difficulties, the live stream of the meeting was interrupted and stopped at 12:07 p.m.

2026-041

Moved by Councillor Ed Myers

Seconded by Councillor Joel Haggith

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex receive the 2026 Proposed Budget - Amended (FIN-2026-05) dated February 11, 2026, as prepared by the Treasurer, for information;

And that Council accept the 2026 Budget, as amended, in principle;

And that Council direct staff to prepare and bring forward the necessary by-law to adopt the 2026 Budget at the next regular meeting of Council.

Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Denise Corneil, Your Wardsville - 2026 Budget Survey Comment - Little Kin Park

2026-042

Moved by Councillor Mark McGill

Seconded by Councillor Ed Myers

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex receive the correspondence from Denise Corneil, Your Wardsville regarding 2026 Budget Survey Comment - Little Kin Park for information.

Carried

6. BY-LAWS

6.1 By-law 2026/012 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council on February 11, 2026

2026-043

Moved by Councillor Joel Haggith

Seconded by Mayor Allan Mayhew

That the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex give a first, second and third reading and adopt by-law 2026/012 as listed below.

Carried

7. FUTURE MEETINGS (subject to change)

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

2026-044

Moved by Councillor Mark McGill

Seconded by Councillor Majorie Emery

That the Special Budget Meeting of Council be adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Carried