



**MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTHWEST MIDDLESEX
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018 7:00 PM
Council Chambers

COUNCIL MINUTES

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The Municipal Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber on February 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Vance Blackmore (Chair presiding), Deputy Mayor Marigay Wilkins, Councillors Doug Bartlett, Rick Cowell, John Kavelaars and Martin Vink

REGRETS:

Councillors Karen Aranha and Don McCallum

STAFF PRESENT:

CAO/Clerk - Jill Bellchamber-Glazier, Facilities & Recreation Manager – Steve MacDonald, Interim Public Works Manager – Larry McGregor, Treasurer – Kristen McGill

ALSO PRESENT:

Members of the public and press

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Blackmore calls the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#2018-0049

Moved by Councillor Bartlett

Seconded by Councillor Kavelaars

THAT the Regular Agenda of Council dated February 21, 2018 be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

None scheduled

Mayor Blackmore made a statement regarding the closure of the landfills. Noting council first became aware of significant environmental concerns when the municipality's insurer refused to continue to cover environmental and pollution claim coverage. Mayor Blackmore noted that there is currently no coverage for the landfills, and that failure to comply with the provincial rules may result in fines starting at \$25,000/day until compliance is met.

Mayor Blackmore indicated council opted to close both sites, one temporarily until a final decision is made, and one permanently, based on the noted concerns.

Mayor Blackmore shared that curbside waste and recycling pick-up continues and that staff are working with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change to open a temporary transfer station at Trillium Drive landfill.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Southwest Middlesex Council Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2018

#2018-0050

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor Kavelaars

THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council dated February 7, 2018 be adopted as amended to include additional information to clarify that the motion related to the closure of the landfill occurred in open session.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7. VOUCHERS

Vouchers for February 2 to 14, 2018 to be presented

#2018-0051

Moved by Councillor Bartlett

Seconded by Councillor Vink

THAT accounts as presented by the Treasurer in the amount of \$234,192.31 be received.

Carried

8. ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

9. STAFF REPORTS

a. Fire

b. Administration

1. Section 270 Policy – Employee-Council Relationship

#2018-0052

Moved by Councillor Cowell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

THAT the Employee-Council Relationship policy be deferred.

Carried

c. Building

1. January, 2018 Building Report

#2018-0053

Moved by Councillor Kavelaars

Seconded by Councillor Cowell

THAT the January, 2018 building report is received.

Carried

d. Finance

1. Proposed Properties for Tax Sale

#2018-0054

Moved by Councillor Cowell

Seconded by Councillor Bartlett

THAT Council direct the Treasurer to initiate tax sale proceedings on the properties as deemed appropriate by the Treasurer under the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried

2. Employee Benefits

#2018-0055

Moved by Councillor Cowell

Seconded by Councillor Kavelaars

THAT Southwest Middlesex raise the maximum life insurance coverage and accidental death and dismemberment coverage from \$150,000.00 to \$250,000.00;

AND THAT Council maintain all other coverage levels.

Carried

e. Facilities and Recreation
No Reports

f. Public Works

1. Switzer and McLean Switzer Drain, Request for Engineer – Section 78

#2018-0056

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor Vink

THAT Council deny the May 15, 2017 and December 12, 2017 request for the appointment of an engineer under Section 78 of the Drainage Act for the following reasons:

- The nature of both requests is substantially the same as the last report which was found to be impractical, and
- There was considerable opposition to the last report from the community of landowners involved in the drain

Carried

2. Phillips Drain 2017 (Adelaide Metcalfe)

#2018-0057

Moved by Councillor Vink

Seconded by Councillor Bartlett

THAT Council receives the Phillips Drain 2017 report for information.

AND THAT Council appoints a member of council or the Drainage Superintendent to sit on the upcoming Court of Revision for the Phillips Drain.

Carried

#2018-0058

Moved by Councillor Kavelaars

Seconded by Councillor Bartlett

THAT Elizabeth Cummings serve as the representative for Southwest Middlesex for the Court of Revision for the Phillips Drain.

Carried

3. Dust Control – discussion

#2018-0059

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor Kavelaars

THAT the Public Works Manager tender for calcium chloride and brine for dust suppressant and bring back the comparison for council for a decision for the 2018 year.

Carried

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

12. INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Middlesex County in response to petition/request for flashing red light to be re-installed at the intersection of Longwoods and Hagerty Roads in Wardsville
2. Saskatchewan widow given compensation after husband's suicide was linked to workplace bullying
3. Offering School Property to Municipalities – Town of Essex
4. Ontario Building Code Amendments – Township of Norwich

#2018-0060

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor Cowell

That the information correspondence items is received and filed.

Carried

13. COUNCILLORS COMMENTS AND ENQUIRIES

- Councillors made comments and enquiries regarding: landfill agreements being available to council and the public in open session; drainage and storm water operational matters; idling on Concession Drive; and invitation to attend the Battle Hill March taking place on Sunday, March 4, 2018.

14. NOTICE OF FUTURE MEETINGS (subject to change)

- February 28, 2018 – Planning – 7:00 p.m.
- March 7, 2018 – Council – 1:30 p.m.
- March 21, 2018 – Council – 7:00 p.m.
- March 28, 2018 – Planning – 7:00 p.m.

15. CLOSED SESSION (Committee of the Whole)

No closed session was held

16. BY-LAWS

1. By-law No. 2018/013

Being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc and the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex for fire protection services

2. By-law No. 2018/014

Being a by-law to provide for the collection of the cost of construction of the Government #1 Drain

3. By-law No. 2018/015

Being a by-law to provide for the collection of the cost of construction of the McTaggart McLean Drain

4. By-law No. 2018/016

Being a by-law to provide for the collection of the cost of construction of the Watson Branch of the Hagerty #1 Drain

5. By-law No. 2018/017

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex (February 21, 2018)

#2018-0061

Moved by Councillor Cowell

Seconded by Councillor Bartlett

That By-law No. 2018/013 to By-law No. 2018/017 be given first, second, third and final readings.

Carried

17. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk