

COUNCIL MINUTES

SOUTHWEST MIDDLESEX COUNCIL MINUTES

The Municipal Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber on February 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Allan Mayhew (Chair presiding), Deputy Mayor Marigay Wilkins, Councillors Doug Bartlett, Ian Carruthers, Christa Cowell, Mark McGill, Mike Sholdice and Martin Vink

STAFF PRESENT:

CAO/Clerk - Jill Bellchamber-Glazier, Facilities & Recreation Manager – Steve MacDonald, Fire Chief – Bob Hansen, Public Works Manager – Greg Storms, Treasurer – Kristen McGill

ALSO PRESENT:

Members of the public and press

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

The Mayor advised that the meeting may be recorded, streamed live and published in accordance with council's Electronic Recording of Meetings Policy.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

RE: Southwest Middlesex Council Agenda Dated February 12/2020

Item Number 5.1 - Cheque #044469

Item Title 5.1 Vouchers

I, Councillor Martin Vink, declare a potential indirect pecuniary interest on Council Agenda Dated Feb 12/20, Item No. 5.1, Item Title 5.1 Vouchers for the following reasons:

Voucher payment #044469 in memory of my Mother Corrie Vink

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

#2020-0024

Moved by Councillor Vink

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

THAT the Regular Agenda of Council dated February 12, 2020 be accepted with the following amendments:

- Item 8 f. 1. – Public Works Report on Switzer Drain Preliminary Report, be taken directly after Item 7 – Public Meetings, Under the Drainage Act, and
- Item 15 – Closed Session – Switzer Drain, be taken directly after the Public Works Report on Switzer Drain Preliminary Report
- Additional Item 15 – Closed Session

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Samuel Smith, Senior Operations Manager, Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA – Annual report and rebate presentation

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Vouchers in the amount of \$662,250.71 (January 16 to February 4, 2020)

5.2 SWM Council Minutes – January 22, 2020

5.3 St. Clair Region Conservation Authority:

- a. Meeting Highlights – December 12, 2019
- b. 2020 Budget

5.4 Middlesex County Economic Development Department:

- a. Update – 2019 Recap/2020 Intentions
- b. Round Table Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2020

5.5 Rural Economic Development (RED) program notification of application intake

5.6 Community Futures recruitment for board members

5.7 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing approval letters to Middlesex County:

- a. Digital Transformation: Business Process Review funding \$31,200.
- b. Service Delivery Review – Payroll as a Service funding \$63,000.

- 5.8 Town of Collingwood resolution concerning Conservation Authorities
- 5.9 Village of Merrickville-Wolford resolution concerning Provincially significant wetlands designation
- 5.10 Rev. James Greenwood to Southwest Middlesex council
- 5.11 2019 Council Remuneration Report
- 5.12 Aquatics Program – 2020
- 5.13 Recreation Department Progress Report

#2020-0025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor Bartlett

THAT the council for the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex receives Consent Agenda Items 5.1 through 5.13 as information, and approve the January 22, 2020 meeting minutes. With item 5.10 withdrawn and vouchers withdrawn
Carried

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Councillor Vink did not vote on the vouchers.

#2020-0026

Moved by Councillor Cowell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

THAT the vouchers in the amount of \$662,250.71 (January 16 to February 4, 2020) are received.

Carried

6. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

None

7. PUBLIC MEETINGS

UNDER THE DRAINAGE ACT

- Mike Devos, P. Eng., Spriet Associates - Switzer/McLean Switzer Preliminary Drain Report

Mr. DeVos outlined his report prepared under Section 10 of the *Drainage Act*.

There was no withdrawal of the section 78 request by Mr. Minnema, the requestor for the improvement/works.

The Mayor provided council the opportunity to ask questions of the Engineer.

The Mayor allowed questions from landowners on the drain. Mr. Robert McColl, (21624 Thames Road) made inquiries of the Engineer.

#2020-0027

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor Cowell

THAT Council go into closed session, at 8:08 p.m., as per subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2011, to consider the following:

a. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

Specifically, the matters relate to the following:

- Switzer Drain

Council resumed in open session at 8:22 p.m.

Rise and Report

As Chair of the Closed Session, Deputy Mayor Wilkins rose and reported that Council received information and that there was nothing to report.

a. Public Works

1. Switzer Drain Preliminary Report

#2020-0028

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor Bartlett

THAT Council accepts the Switzer Drain Preliminary Report as provided by Mike Devos, Spriet Associates; and

THAT Council proceed to a full report under the *Drainage Act* to complete the requested project for the Switzer Drain.

Recorded Vote

Deputy Mayor Wilkins – Yes

Councillor Sholdice – Yes

Councillor Bartlett – Yes

Councillor Vink – No

Councillor Cowell – Yes

Councillor Carruthers – Yes

Councillor McGill – Yes

Mayor Mayhew - Yes

Carried

8. STAFF REPORTS

a. Fire

None

b. Administration

1. Wellington Avenue, Appin – Parking

#2020-0029

Moved by Councillor Cowell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

THAT the Report on Wellington Avenue, Appin – Parking be received, and

THAT staff be directed to communicate to the Appin Presbyterian Church that roadway parking rules apply, and that Church members are welcome to use the parking lot at the Ekfrid Community Centre, as available; and

THAT Staff prepare a report identifying the budget implications of dedicating up to \$25,000 of improvements to the Ekfrid Community Centre parking lot, and that any potential improvements be done in consultation with the Appin Presbyterian Church, other community groups, and the public from Appin in general.

Recorded Vote

Councillor Cowell – Yes

Councillor Vink – Yes

Councillor Bartlett – Yes

Councillor Sholdice – No

Deputy Mayor Wilkins – Yes

Mayor Mayhew – Yes

Councillor McGill – Yes

Councillor Carruthers - Yes

Carried

Council recessed at 9:12 p.m.

Council resumed at 9:29 p.m.

2. Human Resources Policies – Hours of Work

#2020-0030

Moved by Councillor Cowell

Seconded by Councillor Carruthers

THAT Council approve updated Human Resources Policies:

- Purpose and Application
- Employment Categories Policy
- Hours of Work Policy

Carried

3. Economic Development and Communications Officer position
#2020-0031

Moved by Councillor Bartlett

Seconded by Councillor Carruthers

THAT council approve the Economic Development & Communications Officer position.

Recorded Vote

Councillor Vink – No

Councillor Bartlett – Yes

Councillor Sholdice – No

Deputy Mayor Wilkins – Yes

Mayor Mayhew – Yes

Councillor McGill – Yes

Councillor Carruthers – Yes

Councillor Cowell - Yes

Carried

c. Building

None

d. Finance

None

e. Facilities and Recreation

None

f. Public Works

1. Switzer Drain Preliminary Report – (Taken earlier in the agenda, following Item 7 – Public Meeting Preliminary Report of the Engineer regarding Switzer Drain)

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

Resolution of Support of Bill 156:

#2020 –0032

Moved by Councillor McGill

Seconded by Councillor Cowell

Whereas the Provincial Government of Ontario is considering Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019*; and

Whereas Bill 156 is intended to protect farms, farm operations, and food safety and security by addressing unwanted trespassing; and

Whereas Ontario farmers are increasingly under threat of unwanted trespassers who are illegally entering property, barns and buildings, and safety of drivers of motor vehicles transporting farm animals which threatens the health and safety of the farm, employees, livestock and crops; and

Whereas additional protection for the agri-food industry to protect the security of the food chain, the farm owners, family and employees is the purpose of the *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019*; and

Whereas unwanted trespassing occurs on all types of farm operations, including grain farmers, which has the potential to impact the safety and security of people and the food chain;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex supports the intent of Bill 156 and requests that the Province of Ontario expanding Bill 156 to identify and include protections against trespass for grain farm operations; and

That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario, John Fraser, Interim Leader of the Liberal Party of Ontario, Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, and Monte McNaughton, MPP, Middlesex-Kent; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Ontario municipalities.

Carried

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

- Item 5.10 – Correspondence Jamie Greenwood – to be put in unfinished business for next meeting

13. COUNTY COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE UPDATE

- Mayor Mayhew – ROMA Conference

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

15. CLOSED SESSION

#2020-0033

Moved by Councillor Bartlett

Seconded by Councillor Cowell

THAT Council go into closed session, at 9:44 p.m., as per subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2011, to consider the following:

- c. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and
- b. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board;

Specifically, the matters relate to the following:

- Sale of Municipal Lands on South Street, Glencoe
- An Identifiable Individual

Carried

Council returned to open session at 9:58 p.m.

Rise and Report

As Chair of the Closed Session, Deputy Mayor Wilkins rose and reported that Council received information, provided direction to staff related to properties on South Street, Glencoe, and that there was nothing to report.

16. BY-LAWS

1. By-law No. 2019/058 - 3rd reading only

Being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2011/065 – 278 Elizabeth Street

2. By-law No. 2019/085 - 3rd reading only

Being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2011/065 – 22427 Pratt Siding Road

3. By-law No. 2020/008

A by-law to provide staff appointment of Drainage Superintendent for the Corporation of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex pursuant to the *Drainage Act*, R.S.O. 1990

4. By-law No. 2020/009

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex (February 12, 2020)

#2020-0034

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor Cowell

That By-law No. 2019/058 and By-law No. 2019/085 are read a third and final time;
And further That 2020/008 to By-law No. 2020/009 be given first, second, third and final readings.

Carried

17. FUTURE MEETINGS (subject to change)

- Wednesday, February 26, 2020 – Planning/Council – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 4, 2020 – Council – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – Special Meeting – Development Charges
- Wednesday, March 28, 2020 – Planning/Council – 7:00 p.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Mayor

Secretary