



**MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTHWEST MIDDLESEX
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020 7:00 PM
Meeting via electronic participation

COUNCIL MINUTES

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SOUTHWEST MIDDLESEX COUNCIL MINUTES

The Municipal Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex will meet in Regular Session on May 13, 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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mayhew calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Mayhew noted that the meeting is being held as a virtual meeting due to the declared emergency, in order to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Mayhew confirmed that the meeting will be recorded and 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 date May 13, 2020

Item Number #8 - 1

Item Title Report Regarding the Conduct of Mayor Allan Mayhew

I, Mayor Allan Mayhew, declare a potential direct pecuniary interest on Council Agenda

Dated May 13th, 2020, Item No. 8. - 1,

Item Title: Report Regarding the Conduct of Mayor Allan Mayhew for the following reasons:

Independent Resolutions Inc. Report on Mayor Mayhew

Name: Allan Mayhew

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

#2020-0090

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor Carruthers

THAT the Regular Agenda of Council dated May 13, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Vouchers in the amount of \$120,186.55 – April 10 to April 22, 2020

5.2 SWM Council Minutes – April 22, 2020

5.3 Letter from the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding the Switzer and McLean-Switzer Drains

5.4 Letter from Middlesex County Warden concerning 2020 Emergency Exercise requirements

5.5 Middlesex-London Health Unit - Monthly Board of Health Meeting Minutes:

a. February, 2020

b. March, 2020

c. April, 2020

- 5.6 Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority
 - a. Board of Directors Minutes – April 16, 2020
 - b. Thames-Sydenham & Region Source Protection Region Minutes – April 16, 2020
- 5.7 Requirement for Community Safety & Well-Being (CSWB) Plan
- 5.8 City of Hamilton resolution – Request to Regulate and Enforce Odour and Lighting Nuisances Related to the Cultivation of Cannabis Plants
- 5.9 Township of Montague resolution - Federal Assistance for Municipalities
- 5.10 Railway Vegetation Control Program:
 - a. CN Rail Notice
 - b. CP Rail Notice
- 5.11 March and April 2020 Building Report
- 5.12 COVID-19 Municipal Update
- 5.13 CityWorks Demonstrations – Facilities/Recreation and Public Works – presentation at meeting

#2020-0091

Moved by Councillor Bartlett

Seconded by Councillor McGill

THAT the council for the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex receives Consent Agenda Items 5.1 through 5.13 as information, and approve the April 22, 2020 meeting minutes, and THAT Item 5.8 be removed for further discussion under Section 10 New Business.

Carried

6. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Fire
 - No Reports
- b. Administration
 - 1. Natural Gas: Provincial Natural Gas Expansion Program & Enbridge London Line Replacement Project

#2020-0092

Moved by Councillor Cowell

Seconded by Councillor McGill

THAT Council direct staff to provide a written expression of support for a natural gas expansion project within Southwest Middlesex along Melbourne Road, down Old Drive to Dundonald Road; and

THAT Council direct staff to provide a written expression of support for a natural gas expansion project along Melbourne Road to the community of Middlemiss.

Carried

c. Building
No Reports

d. Finance

1. Adjustment of Property Taxes

#2020-0093

Moved by Councillor Cowell

Seconded by Councillor McGill

THAT council instruct the Treasurer to adjust the property taxes for roll # 39-06-000-020-06300-0000 by \$241 in accordance with MPAC's recommendation.

Carried

2. COVID-19 Financial Impacts

#2020-0094

Moved by Councillor Bartlett

Seconded by Councillor Carruthers

THAT the COVID-19 Financial Impacts presentation is received.

Carried

3. April 2020 Variance Report

#2020-0095

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor Carruthers

THAT council receive the enclosed variance report.

AND THAT council approve the proposed \$26,500 budget reallocation of:

- \$5,000 from Communities in Bloom
- \$4,000 from Chairs for Council Gallery
- \$10,000 from Arena Auditorium Flooring
- \$7,500 from Arboreta

To cover unbudgeted COVID-19 expenses.

Carried

e. Facilities and Recreation

No Reports

f. Public Works

No Reports

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Mayor Mayhew turns the responsibility for chairing the meeting to Deputy Mayor Wilkins, and does not participate in the discussion.

Deputy Mayor Wilkins is now chairing the meeting.

1. Report Regarding the Conduct of Mayor Allan Mayhew

#2020-0096

Moved by Councillor Carruthers

Seconded by Councillor Bartlett

THAT council adopt a finding that Part 10 of the Code of Conduct regarding Confidential Information was breached and

GIVEN THAT the Mayor expressed regret, that no further action be taken.

Carried

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

5.8 City of Hamilton resolution – Request to Regulate and Enforce Odour and Lighting Nuisances Related to the Cultivation of Cannabis Plants

#2020-0097

Moved by Councillor Carruthers

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

THAT Southwest Middlesex support the City of Hamilton resolution to regulate and enforce odour and lighting nuisances related to the cultivation of cannabis plants.

Carried

11. COUNTY COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE UPDATE

Mayor Mayhew provided updates on County Council, including:

- Intersection safety measures at Glendon Drive and Melbourne Road
- New neo-natal unit Middlesex County
- Improvements for EMS
- Webinar with Warden Burkhart-Jesson and CAO Bill Rayburn on Middlesex County Updates

Councillor Cowell provided updates on LTRCA, including:

- Impacts to conservation authority operations and finances related to COVID-19 emergency orders
- Encouraging participation

Councillor Vink – asked about River Road

Councillor Sholdice – flag lowering

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session not anticipated.

14. BY-LAWS

1. By-law No. 2020/029

Being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to enter into an agreement with John Paardekooper for the lease of agricultural lands owned by the municipality

2. By-law No. 2020/030

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex (May 13, 2020)

#2020-0098

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor Carruthers

That By-law No. 2020/029 to By-law No. 2020/030 be given first, second, third and final readings.

Carried

15. FUTURE MEETINGS (subject to change)

- May 27, 2020 – Council – 7:00 p.m.
- June 10, 2020 – Council – 7:00 p.m.
- June 24, 2020 – Council – 7:00 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk