



**MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTHWEST MIDDLESEX**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 7:00 PM**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Marigay Wilkins, Councillor Christa Cowell, Councillor Mark McGill, Councillor Doug Bartlett, Councillor Ian Carruthers, Councillor Martin Vink, Councillor Mike Sholdice

**Members Absent** Mayor Allan Mayhew

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jill Bellchamber-Glazier, CAO-Clerk, Kristen McGill, Treasurer, Greg Storms, Director of Operations, Colin Shewell, Fire Chief, Andrew Neely, Drainage Superintendent, Stephanie Poirier, Planner, Denny Giles, Deputy Clerk

**via Electronic Participation**

**Meeting can be viewed at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6oo98BZcAvuVMKLDx88I4A>

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

At the start of the meeting, Deputy Mayor Wilkins recognized two national tragedies that had come to light or occurred since Council last met.

I am heartbroken to learn of the confirmation of the burial site of 215 children on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. Flags in Southwest Middlesex have been lowered to half-mast for 215 hours as a small token of recognition of this tragedy.

Additionally, the Islamophobic attack that took place in London this past Sunday evening; a family of three generations were out for a walk and a driver ran them down.

Three generations were killed and a young boy is now without his parents, his sister and his grandmother.

There is no place for hate in Canada. Hate, has deadly consequences. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Muslim community in London, Middlesex and Canada, and the family and friends who were all impacted by this tragedy.

Deputy Mayor Wilkins asked Council to join her in a moment of silence to honour the families, communities and friends of those impacted by these two events.

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

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

2.a Councillor Mark McGill - Meeting to Consider Engineer's Report - McFarlane Drain - Zwambag Culvert

Will be assessed on this improvement. Owns a farm upstream of this culvert replacement.

**3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

#2021-151

**Moved by** Councillor Mike Sholdice

**Seconded by** Councillor Ian Carruthers

THAT the Regular Agenda of Council dated June 9, 2021 be accepted as presented with following additions..

Carried

**4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

4.a Court of Revision - Towers Drain

#2021-152

**Moved by** Councillor Christa Cowell

**Seconded by** Councillor Doug Bartlett

THAT Councillors McGill, Cowell, Bartlett, and Carruthers are appointed as members of the Court of Revision for the Towers Drain; and

THAT Deputy Mayor Wilkins is appointed as Chairperson of the Court of Revision for the Towers Drain.

Carried

#2021-153

THAT the regular meeting of Council is suspended to move into the Court of Revision for the Towers Drain at 7:13 p.m.

4.b Meeting to Consider Engineer's Report - Frederick Marsh Drain

#2021-154

**Moved by** Councillor Martin Vink

**Seconded by** Councillor Ian Carruthers

THAT Council accept the Engineer's Report in reference to the Frederick Marsh Drain and refers the by-law to the by-law section of the agenda for the 1st and 2nd reading only.

Carried

4.c Meeting to Consider Engineer's Report - McFarlane Drain - Zwambag Culvert

Councillor Mark McGill declared a conflict on this item. (Will be assessed on this improvement. Owns a farm upstream of this culvert replacement.)

#2021-155

**Moved by** Councillor Mike Sholdice

**Seconded by** Councillor Doug Bartlett

THAT Council accepts the Engineer's Report in reference to the McFarlane Drain - Zwambag Culvert and refers the by-law to the by-law section of the agenda for 1st and 2nd reading only.

Carried

#2021-156

**Moved by** Councillor Ian Carruthers

**Seconded by** Councillor Christa Cowell

THAT By-law 2021-050 receive first and second reading.

Carried

4.d 4.d Book King Facilities Software Presentation

Greg Strong, Book King System Representative, provided an overview of the Facility Bookings Software

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

The following Consent items were pulled to be dealt with under 12. New Business:

Brooke-Alvinston - SCRCA (Vink)

SCRCA - Gypsy Moths (McGill)

Archipelgo - micro plastics (to be supported - (Cowell)

County Council Update - (Cowell)

Ekcoe Central Public School Request - (Cowell)

#2021-157

**Moved by** Councillor Doug Bartlett

**Seconded by** Councillor Mike Sholdice

THAT the council for the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex receives Consent Agenda items 5.a. to 5.r. and approve the May 12, 2021 Council meeting minutes.

Carried

5.a May 12 2021 DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes

5.b SWM Vouchers

5.c SWM Building Report - May 2021

5.d Resolution: Perth County - COVID-19 Vaccine

5.e Xplornet Tower

5.f Resolution: Brooke-Alvinston - SCRCA

5.g Resolution: Municipality of Calvin - Lottery Licensing

5.h LDCSB Letter to SWM Fire Chief Colin Shewell

- 5.i Resolution: Region of York - Reopening Stage 1
- 5.j Strathroy-Caradoc - Zoning Amendment Notice
- 5.k Resolution: Township of Archipelago - re Bill 279
- 5.l Resolution: Township of Archipelago - re Bill 228
- 5.m MLHU Board of Health Update - May 2021
- 5.n Resolution: Halton Hills - re LPAT
- 5.o Resolution: Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen - re Support for SWM Drainage Resolution
- 5.p May 2021 Middlesex County Council Update from Mayor Mayhew
- 5.q Letter from Ekcoe Central Public School
- 5.r SCRCA Response to Gypsy Moths to Councillor McGill

**6. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

None

**7. PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- 7.a Proposed Southwest Middlesex Community Improvement Plan (CIP)

#2021-158

**Moved by** Councillor Doug Bartlett

**Seconded by** Councillor Christa Cowell

THAT the 2021 draft Community Improvement Plan is received for information and that the comments received from the public are reviewed and/or incorporated into the final draft to be presented to council for consideration on June 23, 2021.

Carried

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

- 8.a Fire

None

- 8.b Administration

None

8.c Building

None

8.d Finance

**1. Deferral of Interest and Penalty**

#2021-159

**Moved by** Councillor Christa Cowell

**Seconded by** Councillor Mark McGill

THAT council resume the application of interest and penalty on all Accounts receivable

Carried

**2. Insurance Renewal**

#2021-160

**Moved by** Councillor Doug Bartlett

**Seconded by** Councillor Mike Sholdice

THAT 2021/2022 insurance be renewed with Frank Cowan for the time period June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022 in the amount of \$259,885.80.

Carried

**3. Facility Scheduling Software**

#2021-161

**Moved by** Councillor Christa Cowell

**Seconded by** Councillor Ian Carruthers

THAT Council approves the implementation of Book King facility scheduling software for \$9,972.06 for one year.

AND THAT Council approves use of \$9,972.06 from 2020 recreation budget surplus held in reserves to pay for this software.

Carried

**4. Budget Software**

#2021-162

**Moved by** Councillor Ian Carruthers

**Seconded by** Councillor Mike Sholdice

THAT Council approves the implementation of Questica budget software for \$22,871 in year one and \$17,299 in each of the following 4 years.  
AND THAT Council approves \$5,870.56 to be pulled from reserves to apply against the 2021 cost.

Carried

8.e Operations

**1. Mutual Agreement Drain**

#2021-163

**Moved by** Councillor Martin Vink

**Seconded by** Councillor Mark McGill

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into an Agreement Drain with the owners of Lot 26-27, Conc. 6 (Brooke Alvinston Township), Lot 1 Conc 11, and the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex under the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Drainage Act.

Carried

**2. Gardiner Drain - Section 78 Improvement**

#2021-164

**Moved by** Councillor Ian Carruthers

**Seconded by** Councillor Christa Cowell

THAT council accept the request filed under Section 78 of The Drainage Act for Conc. 4 of Lot 11, to extend and relocate the Gardiner Drain

AND THAT the Drainage Superintendent contact the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority and other agencies to ensure legal compliance.

AND THAT staff convene a scoping meeting with affected landowners to

determine the extent of work.

AND THAT the Drainage Superintendent report back to council.

Carried

**3. RFP - Engineering Services - Glencoe Arena and Curling Club Renovations**

#2021-165

**Moved by** Councillor Christa Cowell

**Seconded by** Councillor Doug Bartlett

THAT Council approves the selection of Cornerstone Architecture at a cost of 9% (\$243,000) for the completion of the Renovations to the Glencoe Arena & Curling Club.

Carried

**4. Pedestrian Crosswalk Relocation**

**5. Tender Results - Kelly Drain**

#2021-166

**Moved by** Councillor Martin Vink

**Seconded by** Councillor Mark McGill

THAT council accept the Engineer's recommendation, that the tender be awarded to McNally Excavating (subject to no appeals to the Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Tribunal being received).

Carried

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Cowell brought forward the following motion to be dealt with at a future meeting:

WHEREAS, there was a recent discovery of the remains of 215 children at the site of a former residential school in British Columbia which serves as a horrifying reminder of the abuse Indigenous People in Canada face, and have faced; and



WHEREAS, when colonization began, one of the first tactics was to remove Indigenous Peoples from the land, attempting to sever a connection that runs thousands of years deep; and

WHEREAS, as a result of colonization, Indigenous People have faced genocide, broken treaties, control of resources and food access, forced into residential schools, including the Sixties Sweep; and

WHEREAS, it is important to consider what has happened in the past and what changes can be made going forward; and

WHEREAS, the municipality can take steps to support Indigenous communities and potentially inspire others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, recognition of history can be a small step towards reconciliation; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex reach out to local First Nations, Indigenous Organizations, and Community Champions to develop a land acknowledgement to focus on our Indigenous residents and neighbouring First Nations' communities; and

THAT and we all come back with some research and self reflection, because it is not the responsibility of First Nations to write our land acknowledgement; and

THAT an adopted land acknowledgement statement be listed on the municipal website, read before council meetings, and at special events.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

### 10.a SCRCA - Support for Current Membership Plan

#2021-167

**Moved by** Councillor Mark McGill

**Seconded by** Councillor Mike Sholdice

THAT the Council of The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex supports the current membership of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority allocating one (1) member each to Adelaide-Metcalf, Brooke-Alvinston, Dawn-Euphemia, Lambton Shores, Middlesex Centre, Petrolia, Plympton-Wyoming, Point Edward, Warwick; two (2) members to Chatham-Kent, St. Clair, Strathroy-Caradoc; three (3) members to Sarnia; one (1) member to Enniskillen which will also represent Oil Springs and one (1) member rotating between Southwest Middlesex (for a 3

year term) and Newbury (for a 1 year term) providing a total Board Membership of 20.

Carried

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

Brooke-Alvinston - SCRCA (Vink)

SCRCA - Gypsy Moths (McGill)

Archipelgo - micro plastics (to be supported - Cowell)

County Council Update - Cowell

Eckoe Central Public School Request - Cowell

#2021-168

**Moved by** Councillor Martin Vink

**Seconded by** Councillor Ian Carruthers

THAT Southwest Middlesex Council support the motion of Brooke-Alvinston related to the representation on the St. Clair River Conservation Authority to include general farm organizations.

Defeated

#2021-169

**Moved by** Councillor Christa Cowell

**Seconded by** Councillor Mark McGill

THAT Southwest Middlesex Council support the resolution of the Archipelago regarding Bill 279 - Environmental Protection Amendment Act (Microplastics Filters for Washing Machines)

Carried

#2021-170

**Moved by** Councillor Christa Cowell

**Seconded by** Councillor Mike Sholdice

THAT Council advise Ekcoe Central elementary school to come back to Southwest Middlesex Council during budget time so Council can address the donation request during the 2022 budget considerations.

Carried

**13. COUNTY COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE UPDATE**

Refer to Consent Agenda, 5.p.

**14. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Volunteer opportunities for members of council to hand out free sparklers during flag raising.

Deputy Mayor Wilkins provides opportunity for Councillor Vink to address comments from earlier in meeting .

**15. CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session not anticipated

**16. BY-LAWS**

#2021-171

**Moved by** Councillor Mike Sholdice

**Seconded by** Councillor Mark McGill

THAT By-law No. 2021-049 receive first and second reading; and

Carried

#2021-172

**Moved by** Councillor Ian Carruthers

**Seconded by** Councillor Doug Bartlett

THAT By-law 2021-051 receive first, second, third and final reading.

16.a By-law No. 2021-049 - Frederick Marsh Drain (1st and 2nd)

16.b By-law No. 2021-050 - McFarlane Drain - Zwambag Culvert (1st and 2nd)

TAKEN AFTER REPORT

16.c By-law No. 2021-051 - Confirmatory

**17. FUTURE MEETINGS (subject to change)**

- June 23rd, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - Council and Committee of Adjustment Meeting
- July 7th, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

The Deputy Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.