



MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTHWEST MIDDLESEX

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 7:00 PM

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Allan Mayhew, Deputy Mayor Marigay Wilkins, Councillor Christa Cowell, Councillor Mark McGill, Councillor Doug Bartlett, Councillor Martin Vink, Councillor Mike Sholdice

STAFF PRESENT: Jill Bellchamber-Glazier, CAO-Clerk, Kristen McGill, Treasurer, Andrew Neely, Drainage Superintendent, Denny Giles, Deputy Clerk

via Electronic Participation

Meeting can be viewed at:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

#2021-313

Moved by Deputy Mayor Marigay Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor Martin Vink

THAT the Regular Agenda of Council dated November 10, 2021 be accepted as presented

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.a Robinson Drain - Court of Revision

#2021-314

Moved by Councillor Christa Cowell

Seconded by Councillor Martin Vink

THAT Deputy Mayor, Councillors Vink, Sholdice, and McGill are appointed as members of the Court of Revision for the Robinson Drain; and

THAT Mayor Mayhew is appointed as Chairperson of the Court of Revision for the Robinson Drain.

Carried

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Council resumed at 7:08 p.m.

#2021-315

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.h., and approve the October 27, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes (Budget Meeting) and October 27, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes.

Carried

5.a October 27, 2021 DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes

5.b October 27, 2021 DRAFT Budget Meeting Minutes

5.c SWM Vouchers

5.d Letter from CUPE - OMERS Investment Performance

5.e Letter from Minister of Infrastructure re: AMO

5.f Chatham-Kent re: Professional Development Day on Municipal and School Board Election Day, 2022

5.g SCRCA September 2021 Meeting Highlights

5.h Thank you notes from GDHS Students

6. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

7. PUBLIC MEETINGS

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.a Fire

8.b Administration

8.c Building

8.d Finance

8.e Operations

1. Kavlaars Drain - Section 4 Petition

#2021-316

Moved by Deputy Mayor Marigay Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor Christa Cowell

THAT council accept the petition filed under Section 4 (1) (a) of The Drainage Act to create another new branch of the Kavelaars Drain

THAT council appoint Spriet Associates to include the branch in the on-going report

AND THAT the Drainage Superintendent contact St. Clair Conservation Authority and other authorities to ensure legal compliance.

Carried

2. Black Drain - Appoint Engineer

#2021-317

Moved by Councillor Doug Bartlett

Seconded by Councillor Martin Vink

THAT council appoint Spriet Associates under Section 78 of the Drainage Act to produce a report to reconstruct a part of the Black Drain based on the request received by Randy McNeil owner of Range 2N Pt Lot 8

Carried

3. Coad Drain - Appoint Engineer

#2021-318

Moved by Councillor Mark McGill

Seconded by Councillor Christa Cowell

THAT council appoint Spriet Associates under Section 78 of the Drainage Act to produce a report to reconstruct the Coad Drain based on the request received originally Craig Simpson and subsequently requests from Multiple land owners (Range 2 Lot 23, Range 3 Lot 23, and Range 3 Lot 22 former Township of Ekfrid)

Carried

4. Dymock Drain - Section 78 Request

#2021-319

Moved by Councillor Christa Cowell

Seconded by Councillor Mark McGill

THAT council directs staff to hold a scoping meeting to gather further information regarding the request filed under Section 78 of The Drainage Act for Range 1N of Lot 21, to improve the Dymock Drain AND THAT the Drainage Superintendent contact Lower Thames Conservation Authority and other authorities to ensure legal compliance. THAT the Drainage Superintendent report back to council after these items have been completed and determine if council can accept the request, and appoint an engineer.

Carried

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

5.d - Letter from CUPE - OMERS Investment Performance

#2021-320

Moved by Councillor Christa Cowell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Marigay Wilkins

The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Council is calling for an immediate, comprehensive and independent third-party expert review of OMERS' investment performance and practices over the past ten years, conducted by the OMERS Pension Plans' sponsors and stakeholders.

Such a review would, at a minimum:

1. Compare OMERS plan-level, and asset class-level performance to other comparable defined pension plans and funds, OMERS internal benchmarks, and market-based benchmarks.
2. Examine OMERS decision-making processes around the timing of various investment decisions.
3. Assess the risk management policies and protocols that were in place and determine if they were followed and/or if they were sufficient to protect the plan from undue risk.
4. Assess whether the disclosures provided to the OMERS Administrative and Sponsorship Boards were sufficient evidence to allow the Boards to respond appropriately and in a timely manner.
5. Examine executive compensation, investment fees and investment costs at OMERS in comparison to other major defined benefit pension plans and funds.
6. Examine other relevant issues identified by the third-party expert review.
7. Make recommendations for changes at OMERS to ensure stronger returns moving forward.
8. Issue their final report and recommendations in a timely manner.
9. Publicly release its full report and recommendations to ensure that it is available to OMERS sponsors, stakeholders, and plan members.

The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Council further calls on the OMERS Administrative Corporation to:

1. Provide all requested data, documentation and information required of the review panel to fulfill its mandate.
2. Establish a step-by-step plan, with OMERS sponsors and stakeholders, to implement any recommendations set out in the report.

Carried

13. COUNTY COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE UPDATE

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Wilkins provided an update related to the Community Schools' Alliance and the request for administrative support.

Congratulations were made to Mitch Sheerer for his retirement and Denny Giles on his new career opportunity.

Reminder of Remembrance Day events on November 11, 2021.

15. BY-LAWS

#2021-321

Moved by Councillor Christa Cowell

Seconded by Councillor Doug Bartlett

THAT By-law No. 2021/098 and 2021/099 receive first, second, third and final reading.

Carried

15.a By-law No. 2021/098 - Tri-County Water Board Agreement By-law

15.b By-law No. 2021/099 - Confirming November 10 Meeting

16. CLOSED SESSION

#2021-322

Moved by Councillor Mike Sholdice

Seconded by Councillor Martin Vink

THAT Council go into closed session, at 7:46 p.m., as per subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to consider the following:

Carried

16.a October 27, 2021 DRAFT Closed Session Minutes

16.b Labour relations or employee negotiations

17. CLOSED SESSION - RISE AND REPORT

#2021-323

Moved by Deputy Mayor Marigay Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor Mark McGill

THAT Council accepted and approved the October 27, 2021 Closed Meeting Minutes;

AND THAT Council proceed as directed on the verbal report regarding staffing updates.

Carried

18. FUTURE MEETINGS (subject to change)

- November 24, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - Council and Committee of Adjustment Meeting
- December 8, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting
- December 15, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - Council and Committee of Adjustment Meeting

19. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.