

AUGUST 28, 2012 – COUNTY COUNCIL SESSION

Council Chambers, County Building
London, 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 28, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WARDEN'S REMARKS

Council met with all members present. Warden Maudsley presided.

2. PROVISION FOR DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

4. MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the Middlesex County Council meeting held on August 14, 2012

Moved by Councillor Shipway

Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

That the minutes of the Middlesex County Council meeting held on August 14, 2012 be approved as presented. Carried.

- b) In-Camera Minutes of the Middlesex County Council meeting held on August 14, 2012 (paper copy handed out to members of Council)

Moved by Councillor Bloomfield

Seconded by Councillor Blackmore

That the In-camera minutes of the Middlesex County Council meeting held on August 14, 2012 be approved as presented. Carried.

5. DEPUTATIONS

- a) Presentation of the Proceeds from the Warden's Charity Golf Tournament.

Warden Maudsley presented a cheque to Angela Lundy, Coordinator, Senior Support Services, and Mary Ellen Player, Adult Day Program Coordinator, representatives of the VON Middlesex-Elgin – Dorchester Senior Services in the amount of \$13,669.94, the proceeds from the 2012 Middlesex County Warden's Charity Golf Tournament.

6. ENQUIRIES OR NOTICES OF MOTION

7. REPORTS

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Notice of Motion given at the August 14, 2012 Meeting – North Middlesex

Councillor Shipway provided a Notice of Motion at the August 14, 2012 Middlesex County Council meeting to consider endorsing a motion made at the August 7, 2012 North Middlesex Council Meeting to impose an immediate moratorium on the development, construction, erection and implementation of any and all wind turbines in Lambton-Kent-Middlesex; at the Tuesday, August 28, 2012 Middlesex County Council meeting. The County Clerk was provided with the Notice of Motion in writing.

The motion from North Middlesex is as follows:

“Whereas the Municipality of North Middlesex is in receipt of documentation from a project proponent, Bornish Wind LP, outlining a proposed wind turbine project known as the “Bornish Wind Energy Centre” with a total of 45 G.E. 1.6-100 wind turbine generators, which is proposed to be located south of Elginfield Road, west of Fort Rose Road, north of Elmtree Drive and east of Pete Sebe Road within the municipal limits;

And whereas this project also comprises a proposed 115kV electrical transmission line that will be built from the Project substation to the switchyard along Kerwood Road. The transmission line would also travel east along Elginfield and Nairn Roads within the municipal rights of way, to a transmission station adjacent to an existing Hydro One 500 kV transmission line. The transmission line project is a common element to the proponent’s (Nextera’s) wind projects, ie: Adelaide, Bornish and Jericho Wind Energy Centres. The switchyard located beside the substation is expected to utilize 2-3 ha of privately owned agricultural land while the transmission station will utilize over 20 hectares of privately owned agricultural land;

And whereas the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex has been provided with several written copies and verbal submissions from ratepayers directly impacted by this project which expresses their concerns regarding the lack of information available that verifies there are no health concerns or impact for its inhabitants, wildlife and livestock with turbines being placed at 550 metres from a residence;

And whereas members of Council have attended first hand public meetings hosted by the proponents of the Wind Energy Projects and concur that there is a lack of substantiated studies and information available to the public that shows the true long term impact of wind power;

And whereas members of Council oppose the Province's exemption from local planning controls for renewable energy undertakings;

And whereas the Council of North Middlesex is not opposed to responsible alternative forms of energy which are in a manner, that is documented to do no harm to persons, wildlife and livestock;

Now Therefore the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby insists the Ontario Minister of Energy and the Ontario Provincial government impose an immediate moratorium on the development, construction, erection and implementation of any and all wind turbines in our municipality until such time as Health Canada can assess health risks for people living nearby these types of projects;

And further that the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex supports their local MPP Monte McNaughton and MP Bev Shipley on their call to the Ontario Premier, Dalton McGuinty, and the Provincial Government to impose an immediate moratorium on the development of wind turbine projects in Lambton-Kent-Middlesex riding until the completion of a Health Canada Study;

And also that this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Environment and Energy stating that our municipality is NOT supportive of any wind turbine projects within its municipal boundary until such time as the Health Canada Study has been completed and the results published. Also, that the Provincial Government be encouraged to re-evaluate the efficacy and cost effectiveness of wind turbines as an alternative source of energy, during the time of the Health Canada Study.

CARRIED"

Copies of e-mails received after the agenda was posted to the web site from Harvey Wrightman and Phil Verkley with respect to wind turbines were circulated.

Moved by Councillor Shipway
Seconded by Councillor Meyer

That Middlesex County supports the resolution of North Middlesex Council, to impose an immediate moratorium on the development, construction, erection and implementation of any and all wind turbines in Middlesex County.

Carried.

- b) Update on the Emergency Medical Services Funding Reduction by the Province of Ontario
- Bill Rayburn, CAO, gave a verbal update as follows:
 - Mayor Fontana, and himself met with the Minister of Health & Long-Term Care at the AMO Conference
 - the Minister understands the issue and is working towards a solution
 - the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care staff are working diligently to find a solution
 - the CAO will update Council as soon as he receives an answer from the Ministry
- c) Middlesex London EMS – Elgin St Thomas EMS Ambulance Rental Agreement
- Report from Neal Neal Roberts, Chief and Director of Emergency Services

Moved by Councillor Richards

Seconded by Councillor Bolton

That the Middlesex London EMS – Elgin St Thomas EMS Ambulance Rental Agreement be approved and the necessary by-law presented to County Council.

Carried.

9. COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Hall noted that he had attended the AMO Conference and was part of eight SCOR delegations. Councillor Hall will provide a report at the next meeting.

Councillor Vanderheyden noted that she also attend the AMO Conference. She gave a brief update, noting issues of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus meeting, and joint issues between the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

Councillor Reycraft noted that he also attended the AMO Conference. He thanked members of Council for helping to re-elect him to the AMO County Caucus.

Councillor Reycraft gave a brief update on the following topics:

- the Water Opportunity Act, an act for the sustainability of water and wastewater
- AMO is working with FCM and the Provincial Government on submissions for the Long Term Infrastructure Plan
- POA Collections which will allow the recovery of outstanding fines
- changes to the Extended Producer Responsibility Act, which will make pharmacies responsible for sharps

Councillor Reycraft noted that he had been asked to Chair the following:
County Caucus of AMO
Municipal Infrastructure & Transportation Policy Committee of FCM

Moved by Councillor Vanderheyden
Seconded by Councillor Hall

That Middlesex County Council supports Councillor Doug Reycraft as Chair of the County Caucus of AMO; and Chair of the Municipal Infrastructure & Transportation Policy Committee of FCM. Carried.

10. BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Richards
Seconded by Councillor Hodgins

That first and second reading of the By-laws be given: Carried.

- a) A BY-LAW to authorize the Warden and the Clerk to sign an Agreement with Thames Emergency Medical Services Inc., (Thames EMS) and the County of Elgin for the renting of ambulance vehicles to each other when for reasons beyond their control either county has exhausted their supply of ambulance vehicles.
- b) A By-Law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the County of Middlesex – August 28, 2012

Moved by Councillor Bloomfield
Seconded by Councillor Bolton

That third and final reading of the preceding By-laws be given. Carried.

Moved by Councillor Meyer
Seconded by Councillor Vanderheyden

That Council take a 5 minute recess. Carried.

Moved by Councillor Meyer
Seconded by Councillor Reycraft

That County Council reconvene from its five minute recess. Carried.

11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. DELEGATIONS / REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. [Strathmere Lodge Pharmacy Service](#)

- Report from Tony Orvidas, Strathmere Lodge Administrator

Moved by Councillor Blackmore

Seconded by Councillor Bloomfield

That Medical Pharmacies Group Inc be re-engaged to provide clinical and consulting pharmacy services to Strathmere Lodge for an additional three years, effective December 22, 2012; and that the Lodge Administrator be authorized to sign a Letter of Agreement. Carried.

2. [Lucan Biddulph Loan from Capital Loan Reserve Fund](#)

- Report from James Gates, County Treasurer

Moved by Councillor Hall

Seconded by Councillor Edmondson

That the agreement between the County of Middlesex and the Township of Lucan Biddulph authorizing a loan in the amount of \$700,000.00 from the Capital Loan Reserve Fund relating to the Lucan Biddulph Works Garage project be approved; and that the necessary by-law authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to sign the agreement be presented to Council. Carried.

3. [Letter from Monte McNaughton, MPP, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, ask for Council's support of his private members bill, Bill 76, an Act to Amend the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Act of 1999, entitled Ensuring Local Voices in New Casino Gambling Development Act, 2012](#)

Councillor Reycraft noted that Bill 76 would require municipalities to hold referendums at their cost, including the campaign costs of the proponent and opposition. He also noted that by making referendums mandatory, it takes away the right of the municipality. Councillor Reycraft also noted that there are other options besides referendums, including public meetings or town hall meetings.

Moved by Councillor Reycraft

Seconded by Councillor Edmondson

That the request from Monte McNaughton, MPP, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, be received and filed. Carried.

C. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

1. [Budget Variance Report to the End of July 2012](#)

- Report from James Gates, County Treasurer

2. [Social Services Department Report – July 2012](#)
 - Report from Sally Bennett, Director of Social Services
3. [Strathmere Lodge Census and Activity Report – July 2012](#)
 - Report from Tony Orvidas, Strathmere Lodge Administrator
4. [Strathmere Lodge - Family, Friend and Responsible Party Newsletter - August 2012](#)
5. [Newsletter from the Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors \(OANHSS\) entitled “Municipal Delivery of Long Term Care Services: Understanding the Context and the Challenges”](#)
6. [Ontario Goods Roads Association \(OGRA\) communication entitled “Minister of Infrastructure Rolls out Asset Management Funding Program” dated August 17, 2012](#)
7. [Ontario Goods Roads Association \(OGRA\) communication entitled “Minister of Transportation agrees to “Open Up” Minimum Maintenance Standards \(MMS\) Regulations](#)
8. [Municipal Property Assessment Corporation \(MPAC\) update on activities for the first half of 2012](#)
9. [Letter from the Local Authority Services Ltd \(LAS\) advising that the county’s rebate to the LAS Natural Gas program for 2011 is \\$4,733.40](#)
10. [Association of Municipalities of Ontario 2011 Annual Report](#)
11. [AMO Communication entitled “Policing Update” dated August 9, 2012](#)
12. [AMO Communication entitled “AMO makes Submission to the Bill 206 Mandatory Review” dated August 14, 2012](#)
13. [AMO Communication entitled “Ontario Launches First Phase of Municipal Infrastructure Strategy” dated August 16, 2012](#)
14. [AMO Communication with respect to a submission to Infrastructure Canada outlining the needs of Ontario’s municipalities in a new Federal Long-Term Infrastructure Plan](#)

15. [Letter from the Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario \(MEPCO\) entitled "Update on OMERS: August 10, 2012 – OMERS Sustainability for Municipalities and Property Taxpayers"](#)
16. [Invitation from the South West Local Health Integration Network to attend public meetings in September to identify priorities and strategies to improve our local health system](#)

Moved by Councillor Hodgins
Seconded by Councillor Meyer

That Items C.1 – CW through C.16 – CW be received for information.

Carried.

12. INQUIRIES

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Next County Council Meetings:

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2012

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 25, 2012

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2012

Note: change in time for October 23, 2012 and Public Meeting Notice

3:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 23, 2012

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 23, 2012 – Public Meeting – Five Year Review of the County Official Plan

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, 2012

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 27, 2012

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 18, 2012

4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 6, 2012 – Inaugural

IN-CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Bloomfield
Seconded by Councillor Bolton

That the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public in order to consider the security of the property of the municipality or local board, pursuant to subsection 239 (2) (a) of the Municipal Act with the CAO, County Treasurer and County Clerk in attendance.

Carried.

- b) Procurement
 - Power point presentation by Wayne Meagher, County Solicitor (deferred to the September 11, 2012 meeting. County Solicitor is at an OMB Hearing)

- c) Property Matter – 399 Ridout Street North
 - Power point presentation by Bill Rayburn, CAO

Moved by Councillor Bloomfield

Seconded by Councillor Hodgins

That Council resume from it's in-camera session.

Carried.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

72nd Annual Middlesex County Plowing Match – Monday, September 3, 2012

Copy on desks

Saturday, November 24, 2012 – Warden's Banquet, Dorchester Community Centre

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Blackmore

Seconded by Councillor Bolton

That the meeting adjourn at 3:15 p.m.

Carried.

Kathleen Bunting, County Clerk

Warden Jim Maudsley