



Middlesex County 2026 Municipal Election Candidate Information Session

April 28, 2026

Overview

- County and Local Staff Presentation
- Presentation from Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
- County and Local Clerk Booths

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Who does what?



Who Does What?

County Government

Middlesex County



Economic Development and Tourism



Human Services



Emergency Management



Long Term Care Services



Paramedic Services



Forestry and Natural Heritage



County Planning and Development



Library



County Roads, Bridges, Traffic Signals and Controls



Who does what?

Who Does What?

Local Municipal Government

Your Town, Township, or Municipality

 Animal Control	 Licensing
 By-law Enforcement	 Local Road Services
 Building Services (Permits)	 Local Planning & Zoning
 Drainage	 Parks and Recreation
 Municipal Elections	 Property Tax Administration
 Fire Protection & Prevention	 Waste and Recycling
 Policing	 Water and Wastewater

Who does what?

Who Does What?

Provincial Government

Province of Ontario



Hospitals, Health Care & Health Cards



Driver's Licenses



Natural Resources



Community and Social Services



Education



Property and Civil Rights



Liquor Sale and Regulations



Administration of Justice



Provincial Highways

Who does what?

Who Does What?

Federal Government

Government of Canada



Postal Service



Income Tax



Immigration



Employment
Insurance



Foreign Affairs



National Defence



Airports



Fisheries, Oceans, &
National Parks

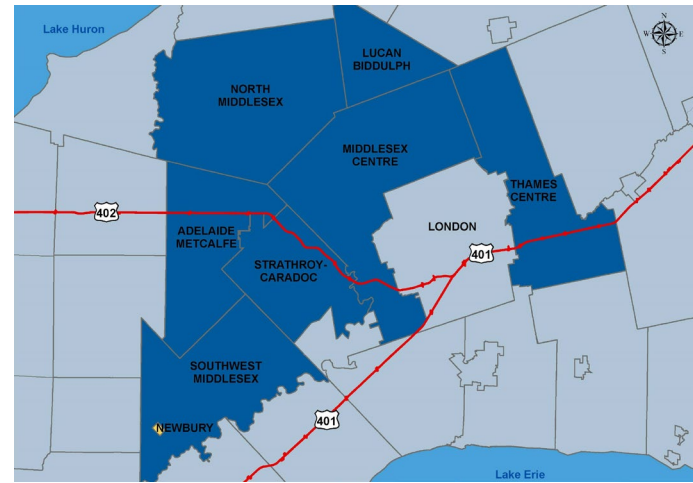


Criminal Law



Money and Banking

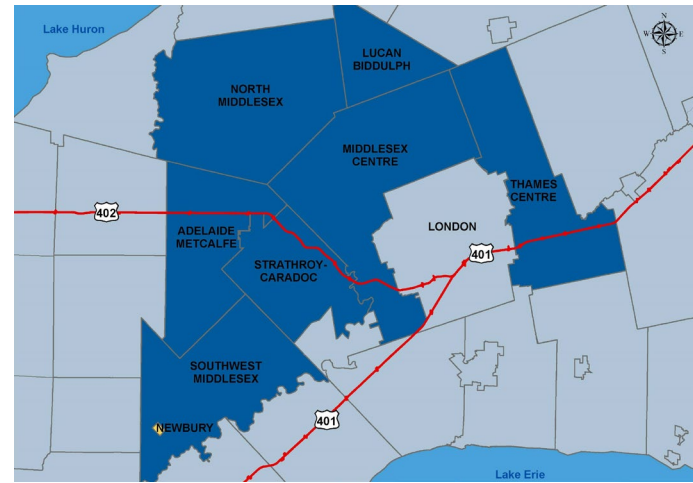
Local Council



- Eight (8) local municipalities within Middlesex County
- Council in each municipality operates according to their own by-laws and procedures



Local Committees & Boards



- Local Councillors appointed to various Committees, Boards and External Agencies



Local Councillor Time Commitments



- Two Council meetings per month
- Daytime and/or evening meetings
- Committee and Board meetings monthly

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County Council



- 10 Members, including the Mayor from each Municipality and sometimes Deputy Mayor
- Warden elected by Council once a year
- Meetings twice a month, generally second and fourth Tuesday at 1:00pm



County Committees and Boards



- County Councillors are also appointed to advisory Committees, Middlesex-London Paramedic Service Board, Middlesex County Library Board, and a variety of External Agencies.

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County Councillor Time Commitments

- Being a County Councillor is a significant workload on top of being a Mayor or Deputy Mayor
- Approximately 18 Council meetings per year
- Each Councillor sits on an average of two (2) Committees/Boards

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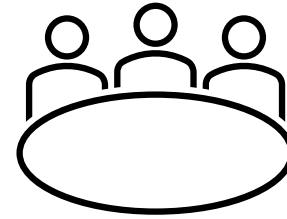
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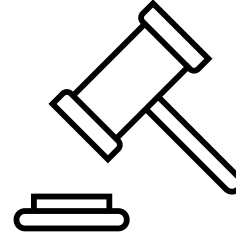

Roles and Responsibilities- Councillors



- Guided by Section 224 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*
- Represent the public
- Develop and evaluate the programs, policies, and services the municipality provides
- Maintain the financial integrity of the municipality



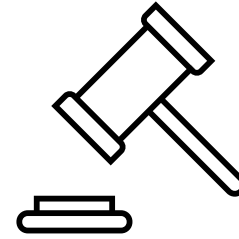
Roles and Responsibilities- Head of Council



- Guided by Section 225 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*
- Provides leadership to council and presides over council meetings
- Enhances the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the municipality and its residents
- Represents the municipality at official functions



Roles and Responsibilities- Head of Council



- Some Heads of Council have “Strong Mayor” powers
- This provides additional authority over certain staffing decisions, the budget process, committee creation and by-law vetos

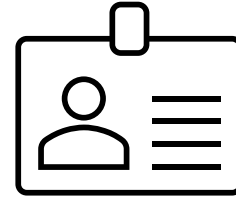
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County and Local Municipal Staff



- Staff implement Council's decisions and administer municipal programs and services
- They provide advice to council helping inform their decisions
- The Chief Administrative Officer ensures the efficient and effective operation of the municipality
- Other officials, such as the Clerk and Treasurer, have other statutory obligations

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Council & Staff Working together



- Council and staff work closely to ensure the success of the municipality
- Council provides democratic representation, policy direction, political leadership and makes decisions
- Staff manage municipal programs and resources, provide advice to council, and implement council's decisions

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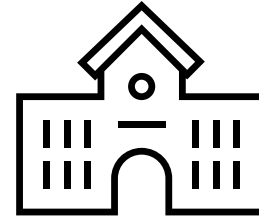
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School Board Trustees



- Locally-elected representatives on school boards
- Help establish policy direction
- Participate in decision making to benefit the entire school board

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