Council Highlights

Middlesex County Council Meeting Highlights – January 14, 2025

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▶ **Glendon Drive Roundabout Progress Update**

The Committee of the Whole received an update on the construction status of the new Glendon Drive roundabout, located at the intersection of Glendon Drive and Vanneck Road/Jeffries Road/Coldstream Road. Construction of the Glendon Drive Roundabout began in September 2024 and reached a major milestone with the roundabout becoming fully operational by mid-November. Following a winter shutdown in December, work will resume in spring 2025 and is scheduled for final completion by August. For more information on the roundabout, visit the Glendon Drive Roundabout webpage.

▶ **Middlesex County to Host Cambodian Delegation as part of PMI-WILL Project**

Middlesex County will host a Cambodian delegation in February 2025 as part of the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) Project. Staff provided an overview of the project, and a summary of achievements completed to date. Since joining the project in February 2022, Middlesex County and the Town of Truro, in Nova Scotia, were selected to work with Cambodia to promote gender equality and women's leadership in local governance. Middlesex has actively contributed through workshops and exchanges focused on gender mainstreaming and capacity building over the last two years. A team of Governors and Deputy Governors for the local government partners in Cambodia will be participating in an exchange to Canada from February 24-28. The project is fully funded by the Canadian federal government through Global Affairs Canada. For more information, see the PMI-WILL Project Update presentation.

▶ **Rapid Response Unit (RRU) Boosts Emergency Care in Middlesex and London**

Staff from Middlesex-London Paramedic Service (MLPS), provided an update on the new Rapid Response Unit (RRU) program, first launched in November 2024. The RRU program includes two specialized vehicles, each staffed by a single Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP) and equipped with advanced medical supplies. The units prioritize the most critical emergencies, improving advanced care delivery. Within its first 30 days, the RRU's responded to 623 critical Priority 4 calls, including 40 cardiac arrests and successfully resuscitating 26 patients. Response times for critical calls have improved by 20%, and access to advanced care increased by 42%. The RRU program enhances paramedic utilization, patient outcomes, ambulance availability, and service delivery. For more information, see the MLPS RRU Update.

▶ **Council directs staff to proceed with an Official Plan Update**

Following a Special Meeting under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, Council approved updating the Middlesex County Official Plan to align with the 2024 Provincial Planning Statement. The update will address changes in Ontario's land use framework, focusing on agriculture, housing, employment growth, and infrastructure planning. Next steps will include extensive consultation with municipal partners, Indigenous communities, and the public through workshops and engagement. A draft amendment is expected before summer, with final adoption anticipated in October. The updated Official Plan will guide sustainable growth, attract investment, and support strategic goals of the region. For more information, see the County Official Plan Update – Section 26 Meeting report.

Recommendations made by the Committee of the Whole at the January 14, 2025 meeting will be considered by County Council at its next regular meeting on February 11, 2025. The Legislative Services Department maintains the official record for all County government proceedings.

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