

Middlesex County Council Meeting Highlights – October 22, 2024

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► **The Wardens Quarterly Activity Report**

County Council received an update from Warden Aina DeViet on her activity in the role of Warden. During this reporting period, the Warden attended many community events including the Mud Creek Bluegrass Festival, the Dorchester Pride Celebration, Ailsa Craig's 150th Anniversary Celebration and the annual Middlesex Plowing Match. At the AMO Conference, Warden DeViet led delegations with various provincial ministries to emphasize important community issues, such long-term care, community transportation, library services, land ambulance dispatch, and EarlyON and childcare. For more information, please see the [Warden's Activity Report](#).

► **Middlesex County Completes Major Broadband Expansion with SWIFT**

The Committee of the Whole received an update that the Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) broadband expansion project has been successfully completed. The goal of SWIFT, a non-profit, municipally led broadband expansion project, was to improve internet connectivity in underserved communities and rural areas across Southwestern Ontario. In 2017, Middlesex County contributed \$784,063 to the project, with the expectation that the infrastructure built would be valued at a number at least four times that amount. The final infrastructure investment totaled \$15.2 million, representing 19.4 times the original contribution. The project, which involved seven implementation phases, resulted in the construction of 225.2 kilometers of fibre optic network and the connection of over 1,800 properties in the County. For more information, see the [SWIFT Project Completion and Results](#) report.

► **Committee awards Request for Proposal for Engineering Services for Komoka Rd. Bridge Rehabilitation**

The Committee of the Whole approved a recommendation to award a contract for engineering services on the Komoka Rd. Bridge Rehabilitation Project to Dillon Consulting Limited. The Komoka Road bridge is located southeast of Egremont drive over the Sydenham River. Dillon Consulting Limited will provide engineering services which include designing a rehabilitation program and providing contract administration functions for the project. For more information, see the [Award of Request for Proposal #ENG-2024-01 Report](#).

Recommendations made by the Committee of the Whole at the October 22, 2024 meeting will be considered by County Council at its next regular meeting on November 12, 2024. The Legislative Services Department maintains the official record for all County government proceedings.

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