

Mayor DeViet **Town Hall Meeting**

Municipality of Middlesex Centre

April 29, 2024



Agenda

- Municipal Highlights
 - Financial Position
 - Commitment to Innovation and Service
 - Engaging our Community
 - Municipal Office Renovation
- Infrastructure
 - Master Servicing Plans
 - Large Projects
- Economic Development
- Current Updates
 - Recent Provincial Announcements
 - County Updates
 - Upcoming Events
- Your Questions



Middlesex Centre's Strategic Priorities



VISION:
A thriving, progressive and welcoming community that honours our rural roots and embraces our natural spaces.

MISSION:
To deliver the highest standard in municipal services in a sustainable, professional and innovative manner.

VALUES:
Respect. Cooperation. Innovation. Integrity.

ENGAGED COMMUNITY

BALANCED GROWTH

VIBRANT LOCAL ECONOMY

SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

RESPONSIVE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Municipal Highlights




The secret is out...



MXC on the Globe & Mail's Canada's Most Livable Cities List (2023)



Middlesex Centre: Good Financial Position


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Budget 2024

Municipality of Middlesex Centre

December 20, 2023


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Asset Management Plan
Municipality of Middlesex Centre

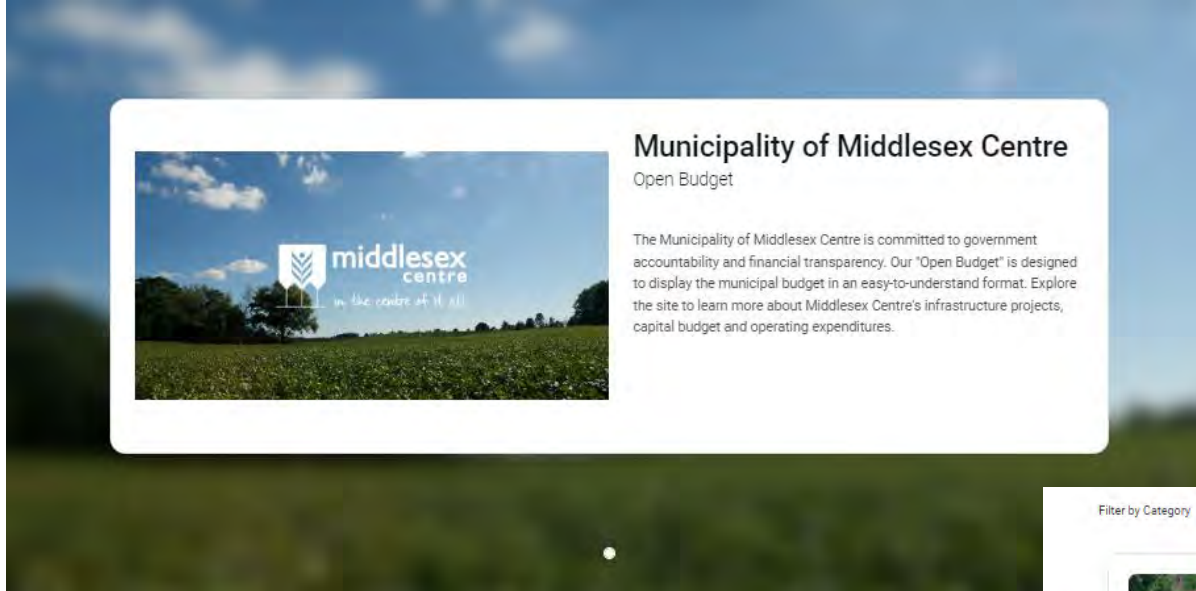

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Budget 2024: Open & Accountable Process



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Welcome to Open Budget

Learn more about Middlesex Centre's budgeting process and our new budget visualization software.

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Draft Budget

2024 Proposed Capital Budget

The 2024 draft capital budget is in development and has not been approved by Council. Capital projects are the acquisition, construction or improvement of major...

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Draft Budget

2024 Proposed Operating Budget

The 2024 draft operating budget is in development and has not been approved by Council. Operating expenses are the costs associated with the day-to-day activities o...

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Budget 2024

- Budget Working Group included staff and Councillors Berze and Cates; met over the Fall
- Council received the Capital and Operating Budgets in November and December. Budget was approved at the December 20, 2023, meeting
 - 3.22% tax rate increase for 2024 (2.5% in 2023)
 - Operating Budget = \$49 Million
 - Capital Budget = \$31 Million
- Full budget at middlesexcentre.ca/budget

Middlesex Centre's 2024 Budget

- addresses increasing costs due to inflation with no service level cuts
- ensures funding for needed infrastructure construction & repair
- responds to priorities & changes in legislation coming from the Province

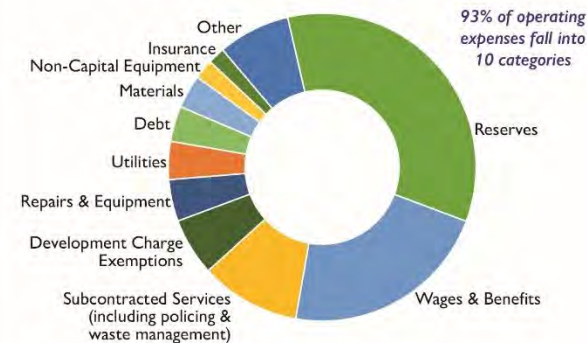
\$79.89
million
total budget

3.22%
municipal
tax rate increase

49%
of municipal
revenue from taxes

Major Operating Expenses

Total Operating Budget: \$49.32 million



Major Capital Projects

Total Capital Budget: \$30.57 million

- \$10.5 million**
Road, Bridge, Sidewalk & Other Transportation Projects
- \$5.8 million**
Water, Wastewater & Stormwater Projects
- \$10.2 million**
Municipal Facilities Upgrades and Improvements
- \$3.1 million**
Municipal Fleet Maintenance & Replacement Vehicles (all depts, including Fire Services)
- \$0.9 million**
Park & Sports Courts/Fields Improvements

What does this mean to residents?



\$83 / year ▲

Tax increase on residential property, unchanged assessment of \$400,000



\$52 / year ▲

Tax increase on farm property, unchanged assessment of \$1 million

Also on the bill...

Note that municipal tax amounts may increase or decrease if your property's MPAC assessment changes. Also note that Middlesex Centre collects taxes on behalf of Middlesex County and the school boards as part of your property tax bill.

Full budget available at middlesexcentre.ca/budget2024





Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

- Middlesex Centre achieved the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for 2022 and 2023
- Award recognizes municipalities that demonstrate the highest principles of governmental budgeting
- Positive comments from Council, staff and the public





PJ Marshall Innovation Award

- Peter J. Marshall Innovation Award Jury presented its highest award to the Municipality of Middlesex Centre for building efficient shared services through technology
- Presented at 2023 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in London





Measuring GHG Emissions from Wastewater Treatment

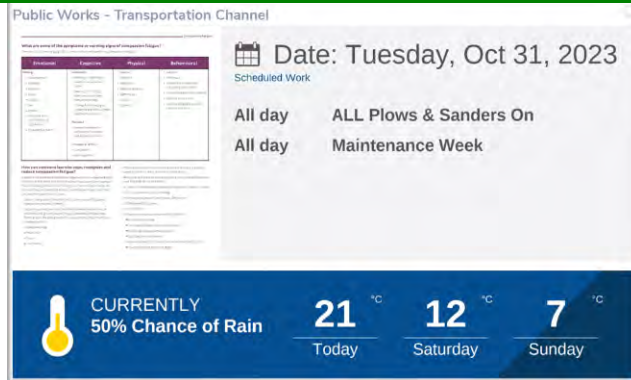
- Toronto Metropolitan University and other partners are coming together to study the accuracy and reliable quantification of greenhouse gases (GHG) in municipal wastewater systems over the next three years.
- Research will take place in several communities across Canada, including Middlesex Centre.
- The partnership received a \$1.5 million grant from Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) for this research.





Commitment to Continuous Improvement

Internal Digital Communication Boards – Public Works



In-Ground Dog Waste Containers – Community Services



Portable Emergency Shelter – Fire & Emergency Services



New Ice Management Technology – Community Services





Commitment to Accessibility

Komoka Wellness Centre –
Rick Hansen Foundation Certification



Across all Facilities –
Dementia-Friendly Community Supporter





Recent projects in Middlesex Centre





Recreation Programs

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Older Adults (55+) - Fitness

Fall 2023

Chair Yoga with Peter (Fall #2) [Register Now](#) [View Details](#)

Course Code: KCC-22
Location: Community Centres - Komoka Community Centre - Meeting Room
Date Range: Fri Nov 10, 2023 - Fri Dec 22, 2023
Time: 09:30AM - 10:30AM
Sessions: 7
[View Enrollment Totals](#)

Status: Online Registration Open, General Registration Open

Chair Yoga with Peter (Komoka Fall #1) [View Details](#)

Course Code: KCC-19

\$56 for 7 classes (ages 55 and under)
\$42 for 7 classes (ages 55 and older)

Fall Pickleball at the Komoka Community Centre

"Pickleball with Peter" is now available on Thursday nights at the Komoka Community Centre!

6:00pm - 7:30pm &
7:30pm - 9:00pm
November 9 - December 21

Registration will open at 9:00am (first come, first serve)

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Fall Recreation Programs at Middlesex Centre

Exciting new recreation programs are continuing this fall!

From Tai Chi to yoga to line dancing, we have programs for all ages at locations across Middlesex Centre.

Register today!

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Community Movie Nights

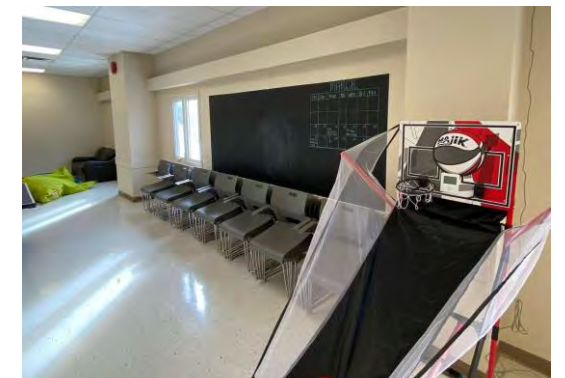
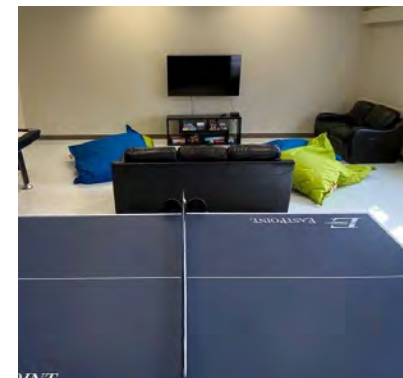
- Partnership with local Optimist Clubs
- Very well received in 2023
- More nights planned for this year. Watch for dates coming soon!





Ilderton Youth Centre

- Partnership with Boys and Girls Club of London
- Drop-in and Specialty Programs
- Donations from local companies providing additional resources



Coming Soon! Komoka Youth Centre!



Seniors Active Living Centres

- Middlesex Centre welcomed the Hon. Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, to the Bryanston Community Centre in March.
- Minister Cho announced funding support for the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) Program in Middlesex Centre.
- Funding will allow for seniors programs – physical, cultural and social – to run out of all community centres, offering recreational programming across the municipality.





Seniors Programs

Alzheimer Society
SOUTHWEST PARTNERS

REDUCING THE RISK

Join us for a **FREE 3-week series** where you will learn how you can reduce your risk of dementia. In these sessions, we will go over the various risk factors for dementia and learn the important lifestyle tips and strategies that can reduce those risks. A wide range of brain health topics will be covered including brain exercises, healthy eating, physical activity, managing stress and much more!

Ilderton Seniors Centre:
Mondays, October 16, 23, 30
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Ilderton Community Centre
13168 Ilderton Rd.
Ilderton, ON, N0M 2A0

To register, please scan the QR code
OR visit Middlesex Centre's website:
<https://www.middlesexcentre.ca>

For support with online registration contact:
Sean Hanlon
Recreation Coordinator
519-601-8022 ext. 5110

Your partner in dementia care in Elgin

New Program!

Line Dancing

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Learn Tai Chi

Balance. Flexibility. Strength. Relaxation.

Based on a sequence of 108 slow naturally flowing movements, Tai Chi is a centuries-old Chinese exercise designed to relax the body and mind, improve concentration, and develop balance, flexibility and strength. Classes are led by qualified instructors from the Canadian Tai Chi Academy - London.

- 13-week session runs February 1 to May 16, 2024
- Thursdays from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
- Ilderton Community Centre (Main Hall)
- \$104 per session plus tax (for 13 classes)

Join us for a **FREE Open House on February 1, 2024, from 1:30 - 3:30 pm at the Ilderton Community Centre!**

To register, visit [middlesexcentre.ca/rec-programs](https://www.middlesexcentre.ca/rec-programs) or call 519-601-8022.

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Intro to Line Dancing

Ilderton Seniors Centre

Learn some new moves on a variety of music and start with fitness and body movement, mental, and social interaction. Instructor has years of experience throughout Ontario. Supplies provided after each class.

[middlesexcentre.ca/rec-programs](https://www.middlesexcentre.ca/rec-programs)
22 ext 5110

INTRODUCTION TO SKETCHING

New program for seniors 55+

Join us a 10-week sketching program guided by a local artist.

Learn how to create realistic drawings using graphite pencils. We will cover proportions, angles, plane shifts, value, and texture through drawing a variety of subjects.

This is the set of foundational skills all aspiring artists should learn and which will help in any future artistic pursuits. Supplies provided.

Classes offered at community centres across Middlesex Centre:
Mondays - Ilderton Seniors Centre
Tuesdays - Delaware
Thursdays - Bryanston
Fridays - Komoka

Dates: Week of Apr 15 to Jun 24
Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Cost: \$100 + HST (10 classes)

To register, visit [middlesexcentre.ca/rec-programs](https://www.middlesexcentre.ca/rec-programs) 519-601-8022 ext. 5110

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FRAUD PREVENTION FOR SENIORS

and strategies to protect yourself from being the victim. These **FREE** information sessions, hosted by the Ilderton Centre.

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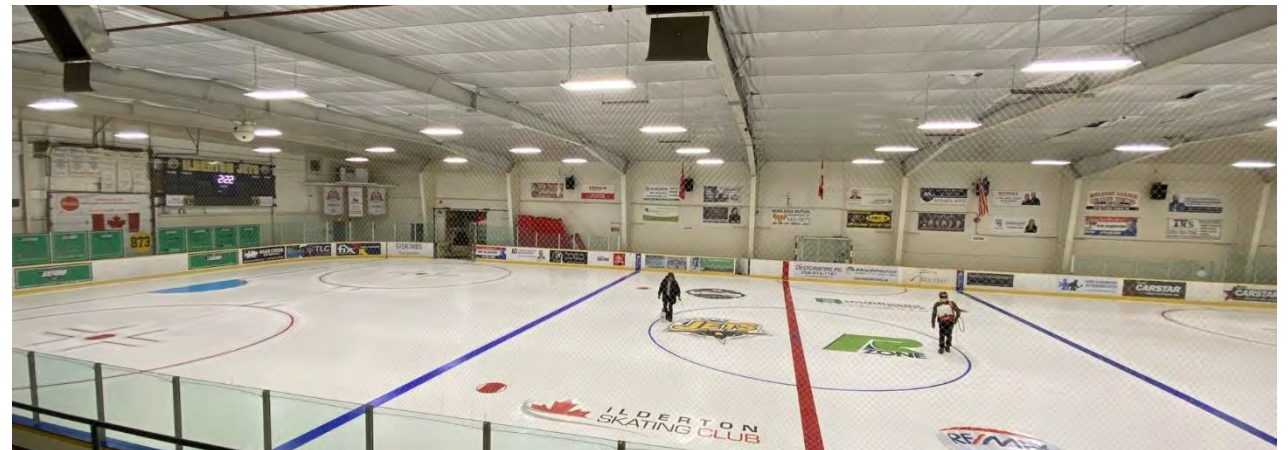
November 20
"Password and Internet Safety"
1:00 - 2:15 p.m.
Ilderton Community Centre

Contact Us:
519-601-8022 Ext. 5110

Register at
[middlesexcentre.ca/rec-programs](https://www.middlesexcentre.ca/rec-programs)



Ilderton Arena – Renovations Coming





Parks & Trails





New Playgrounds this Spring



- Komoka Park
- Funding: Municipal budget & donation from Komoka-Kilworth Optimists and Middlesex Paving



- Meadowcreek Park
- Funding: Government of Ontario and Ontario Trillium Foundation



Design for Happiness: Unity Square



Unity Square





Municipal Office Renovation



- Renovation adds new council chambers, additional offices
- Addresses accessibility issues (universal washrooms), HVAC, roofing, etc.
- Funded through existing reserve funds – expected to have no impact on residential or business tax rates



Municipal Office Renovation



Infrastructure



Master Plans

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TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN



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MIDDLESEX CENTRE
SERVICING MASTER PLAN





Glendon Dr: Paving the Way for an Active Community

- Traffic circles and other means to improve traffic flow
- Sidewalks for active transportation
- Medians
- Streetscaping
- Construction at Vanneck, Coldstream, Jefferies & Glendon intersection underway in 2024





Middlesex Centre Roadwork 2024

- Hyde Park Rd. reconstruction from Elginfield Rd. to 15 Mile Rd.
- Bridge rehabilitation at three sites:
 - 9 Mile Road between Highbury Avenue and Adelaide Street North.
 - Medway Road between Hyde Park Road and Denfield Road.
 - Coldstream Road between Melrose Drive and Oxbow Drive.
- Ongoing culvert replacements
- Resurfacing of roads (asphalt & tar & chip) – locations will be announced later in the spring/summer (middlesexcentre.ca/projects)

Thank-you for your patience while the municipality undertakes these important projects to protect the functionality of our road system.



Oxford & Gideon Roundabout

- City of London project
- In addition to roundabout, will add new cycle tracks and sidewalk, pedestrian crossings, landscaping and streetlighting, and replace extend underground infrastructure
- Construction to start in Spring 2024





Development Charges Study

- In 2024, we are updating the Development Charges (DC) Study, as legislated under the Development Charges Act.
- Development charges provide for the recovery of growth-related capital expenditures from new development.
- Update involves reviewing growth forecasts and long-term capital needs to determine the DC fees going forward.
- Currently in progress, with public meeting set for May 22.



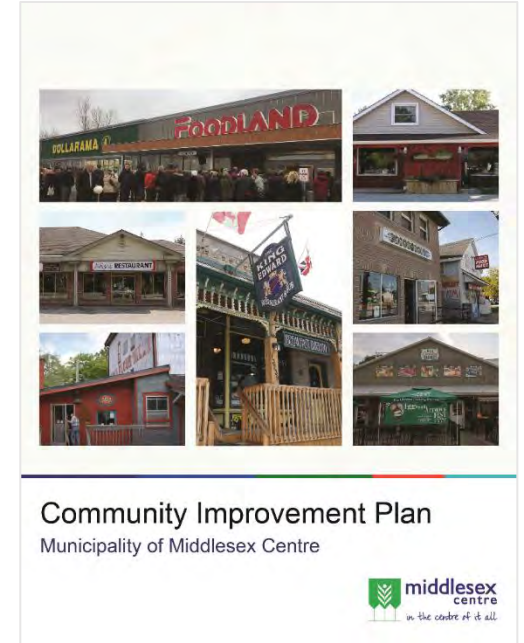
Middlesex Centre
DC Charges Study

Economic Development



Community Improvement Plan (CIP)

- In November 2020, a new CIP was adopted that was expanded to include all areas of the municipality
- Economic incentives for:
 - Façade & Signage
 - Accessibility Retrofits
 - Energy Efficiency
 - And more
- Intake in Feb. and Mar. with simple application process.
- This year, Council approved funding totalling \$31,066 for 11 local businesses.
- The grants will support improvements to façades and signage, energy efficiency and accessibility, with a total project value of \$298,928.





Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

- New Middlesex Centre Economic Development Advisory Committee
- This committee provides advice council on initiatives to attract, expand and retain business investments in the municipality.
- We are looking for community members - cross section of businesses representatives from all sectors and all areas of Middlesex Centre.
- To learn more and apply, visit middlesexcentre.ca/edac or contact the Municipal Clerk.
- Deadline to apply is April 30th





Municipality purchases former Ilderton CIBC Building

- At the April 10, 2024, meeting, Council authorized the purchase of the former Ilderton CIBC Building located at 13211 Ilderton Road.
- Given its prime location, the municipality wished to secure the property for future economic development and business opportunities along the Ilderton main street.
- There is no set plan for the property at this time. Staff will report back to Council with options at a later meeting.
- Council approved a 2024 budget amendment to allow the purchase cost of \$475,000 (plus applicable taxes and fees) to be taken from the Build Middlesex Centre Reserve Fund.

Current Updates



Provincial Announcements

- **New Elementary School for Middlesex Centre**
 - The Ministry of Education has approved a new Catholic elementary school and childcare centre for Kilworth-Komoka, and a new public elementary school and childcare in nearby Lucan.
- **Provincial By-Election**
 - A provincial by-election has been called for the Lambton—Kent—Middlesex the electoral district.
 - Election day is May 2, 2024.
 - Don't forget to vote!



County Updates

- **2024 Budget Highlights**
 - Focus on providing essential services to residents and managing the financial impact on taxpayers
 - Tax rate increase of 2.93% ensures services can keep pace with the needs of our community
- **A Look Ahead**
 - Economic Development Corporation
 - Development Charges – growth funds a portion of growth; applicable to roads infrastructure
 - County Loan Program – refocus the program on growth infrastructure (e.g. water and wastewater) and support long-term assessment diversification





Middlesex County OPP Detachment Board

- Police services boards oversee how policing is provided in their local community. They contribute to their community's safety and well-being by working with local citizens and organizations to make sure their community receives the appropriate policing it needs.
- New in our area for 2024.
- Participating Municipalities
 - Township of Adelaide Metcalfe
 - Township of Lucan Biddulph
 - Municipality of Middlesex Centre
 - Village of Newbury
 - Municipality of North Middlesex
 - Municipality of Southwest Middlesex
 - Municipality of Thames Centre





What's coming up - Community

- **Emergency Preparedness Week** – May 5 to 11
- **Komoka Community Market Opening Day** – May 18, Komoka Wellness Centre
- **Middlesex Centre Pollinator Team Compost Sale** – May 18, Komoka Wellness Centre
- **Public Works Display – Touch a Truck!** – May 18, Komoka Wellness Centre
- **Ilderton Farmers Market Opening Day** – June 8, Community Bible Church Parking Lot
- **134th Annual Poplar Hill Picnic** – June 8, Poplar Hill Park

Your Questions



Your Questions

- **Question:** Info and timing of roundabout at 5 corners Komoka/Kilworth (Glendon/Jefferies/Vanneck)
- **Question:** What is your view on protecting culture, heritage and archives in the municipality and county?
- **Question:** Biking Infrastructure
- **Question:** Update on Old River Road
- Others?



Staying in Touch

- **Middlesex Centre website, social media, monthly newsletter**
 - middlesexcentre.ca
 - @MiddlesexCentre (Facebook/Twitter/Instagram)
 - also in The Middlesex Banner and the local Villager publications
- **Mayor & Council – We're here to help!**
 - Council contact information: middlesexcentre.ca/mayor-council
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