

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

February 3, 2021

Lambton County Council was in session via electronic meeting at 9:00 a.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: Veen/Hand: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss the following:

- a) the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated November 25, 2020.
- b) a report on labour negotiations between The Corporation of the County of Lambton and Unifor 65 and to provide and receive any communications relevant thereto, pursuant to s. 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- c) to report to, and seek instructions from, Council on information supplied to the County in confidence from the Province of Ontario in regards to a proposed agreement under the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative, pursuant to the provisions of ss. 239(2)(h) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session

The Clerk noted that County Council adopted the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated November 25, 2020 and received an update on labour negotiations and a Collective Agreement between the County and Unifor 65. Council also provided staff with instructions relating to a proposed agreement and affordable housing development under the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative.

Medical Officer of Health Update on COVID-19

Dr. Sudit Ranade, Medical Officer of Health, provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic in Lambton County and responded to questions from County Councillors with

respect to same. The [video stream](https://lambton.civicweb.net/document/95642?splitscreen=true&media=true) of the meeting can be watched at the following web address: <https://lambton.civicweb.net/document/95642?splitscreen=true&media=true>

Delegations

#2 Rombouts/Ferguson: That we invite the delegations within the Bar to speak to County Council.

Carried.

Enbridge Gas

Steven Jelic, Director, Southwest Region Operations, Enbridge Gas, Darryl Arnold, Manager, London/Sarnia Operations, Enbridge Gas, and Brian Lennie, Senior Advisor, Municipal Affairs & Stakeholder Relations, presented to Council regarding upcoming projects in Lambton County.

#3: Weber/Broad: That County Council support Enbridge's 2021-22 Gas Storage Enhancement Project and provide Enbridge with a letter confirming its support.

Carried.

Brock Street and London Road, Sarnia Traffic Issues

Robert Dickieson, resident of City of Sarnia, presented to Council regarding traffic concerns at the intersection of Brock Street and London Road in Sarnia. The presentation can viewed at the following link: [Brock Street and London Road Intersection County of Lambton Presentation](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8p2fpHCVISc&feature=youtu.be) (or URL address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8p2fpHCVISc&feature=youtu.be>)

Sarnians Making Affordable Living in Lambton (S.M.A.L.L.) Tiny Homes Initiative

Jennifer McCann, Co-Founder, Sarnians Making Affordable Living in Lambton (S.M.A.L.L.), presented to County Council regarding a Tiny Homes initiative to give people who normally cannot afford to purchase a house an opportunity to own a home. Mr. David Waters, Chief Executive Officer, Habitat for Humanity Sarnia/Lambton, also assisted with the presentation.

#4: Arnold/Weber: That staff report to Council on how the concept of tiny homes could be incorporated into the Lambton County Official Plan.

Carried.

Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) Update

Stephen Thompson, Chief Executive Officer, Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) and Katherine Walker, Chair, SLEP, provided an update to County Council regarding SLEP's activities and plans.

Tourism Sarnia-Lambton (TSL) Update

Mark Perrin, Executive Director, Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, provided an update to County Council regarding Tourism Sarnia-Lambton's activities and plans.

The Warden called for a five minute recess.

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Call to Order

The Warden called the meeting back to order at 11:35 a.m.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated November 25, 2020, the Inaugural Session of Lambton County Council minutes dated December 2, 2020, and the Special Meeting of Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated January 20, 2021 were presented.

#5: White/Loosley: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated November 25, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

#6: Weber/Cook: That the Inaugural Session of Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated December 2, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

#7: Broad/Stark: That the Special Meeting of Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated January 20, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Annual General Meeting of The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation

February 3, 2021

The Annual General Meeting of The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation (CLCDC) was held electronically and was called to order at 11:36 a.m. on the above date.

#8: Arnold/Weber: That Kevin Marriott be appointed as Chair of the meeting.

Carried.

Introduction of Board Members

The Chair of the Board commenced by introducing its members to the Board and the Staff Advisory Committee who were present for the Annual General Meeting as follows: Board members Kevin Marriott, Mike Bradley, and Bev Hand; and staff members, Larry Palarchio, and Ron Van Horne; and Dr. Katherine Albion, Executive Director. Other members who were not present were also introduced as follows: Alison Ewart, Vice-Chair of the Board, and Directors Judy Morris, Lisa Cechetto, Tom Strifler, and Miriam Capretz.

Approval of the Agenda

#9: Veen/Miller: That the agenda for the Annual General Meeting of The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation be approved as presented.

Carried.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were made.

Presentation of Financial Statements

Larry Palarchio, General Manager, Finance, Facilities and Court Services provided an update on the Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2020.

#10: Broad/Bird: That The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2020 be approved.

Carried.

Update from Executive Director

Dr. Katherine Albion, Executive Director, provided an update to members regarding activities at the Western Sarnia-Lambton Research Park.

Confirmation of Officers and Directors

#11: Bradley/Loosley:

a) That the following positions be confirmed for the Board:

- a. Mike Bradley (Chair)
- b. Alison Ewart (Vice Chair)
- c. Kevin Marriott (Director)
- d. Bev Hand (Director)
- e. Judy Morris (Director)
- f. Lisa Cechetto (Director)
- g. Tom Strifler (Director)
- h. Miriam Capretz (Director)

b) That the following positions be confirmed for the Board:

- a. Secretary, Ron Van Horne
- b. Treasurer, Larry Palarchio

Carried.

Appointment of Auditors for 2021

#12: Veen/Napper: That BDO Canada LLP - Sarnia be appointed as auditors to The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation for 2021.

Carried.

Adjournment

#13: Veen/Loosley: That the Chair declare the Annual General Meeting of The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation be adjourned.

Carried.

Time: 11:54 a.m.

Regular Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Regular Session at 11:54 a.m.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 02-12-21 An email from Kathy Alexander, Executive Director, Bluewater Health Foundation, dated January 25, 2021, providing additional information with respect to Bluewater Health's request for funding to assist with capital projects.

#14: Boushy/White: That correspondence CC 02-12-21 be received and filed.

Carried.

Councillor Weber left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Information Reports

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated February 3, 2021 Regarding Gypsy Moth Aerial Spray Program Cost Estimate

#15: Bird/Bradley:

- a) That the County spray the following three County managed areas this spring: the Lambton Heritage forest area behind the Community Building, the Lambton Heritage forest area off of Port Franks Road, and the Lambton Heritage Museum.
- b) That the price of the spraying be between \$82,000 and \$92,000 and not exceed \$95,000 including taxes.
- c) That this be communicated and confirmed with Zimmer Air no later than March 1, 2021.

Tabled.

#16: Bradley/White: That motion #15 of this day's minutes be tabled to the end of the meeting to allow for Council to deal with the recommendations in the Report dated January 20, 2021 regarding Gypsy Moth Impacts on County Lands - Follow Up during Item 14 d) of this day's Council agenda, being the Committee A.M. minutes dated January 20, 2021.

Carried.

#17: Broad/Cook: That Information Report dated February 3, 2021 regarding Gypsy Moth Aerial Spray Program Cost Estimate be received and filed.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

#18: Rombouts/White: That the the following information items be received and filed:

- a) Creative County Committee minutes dated September 24, 2020.
- b) Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) Board Minutes dated November 17, 2020 and December 10, 2020.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated February 3, 2021 Regarding the Treasurer's Statutory Report on Funding of Non-Cash Expenses Included in the 2021 Budget

#19: Arnold/Cook:

- a) That for the 2021 Budget and taxation year, funded amortization be augmented by a \$5,500,000 contribution to the Amortization Reserve as specified in the October 19, 2011 Report entitled "Funding of Amortization Expenses".
- b) That the \$4,814,000 from the Amortization Reserve be applied against the TCA projects included in the DRAFT 2021 Budget that were scored the highest according to the County's Project "Scoring Guide".
- c) That this report be accepted and its recommendations be approved and applied to the County's 2021 Budget in compliance with the requirement of O.Reg 284/09.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

#20: Arnold/Veen: That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

- a) Striking Committee Minutes dated December 2, 2020.
- b) Committee A.M. minutes dated December 2, 2020.

- c) Committee P.M. minutes dated December 2, 2020.

Carried.

Ms. J. Rombouts presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated January 20, 2021.

#21: Loosley/Stark: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated January 20, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. B. White presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated January 20, 2021.

#22: White/Boushy: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated January 20, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Items Tabled from a Previous Meeting

Tabled motion #13 and #14 of the Lambton County Council minutes dated October 7, 2020 regarding resuming Committee A.M. and P.M. meetings in person

#23: Boushy/Rombouts: That tabled motion #13 and #14 of the Lambton County Council minutes dated October 7, 2020 regarding Resuming Committee (A.M. & P.M.) In Person Report dated September 2, 2020 be tabled to the June 2, 2021.

Carried.

Tabled motion #15 of this day's minutes regarding the Gypsy Moth Aerial Spray Program

#24: Arnold/Loosley: That tabled motion #15 of this day's minutes regarding the Gypsy Moth Aerial Spray Program be lifted from the table.

Carried.

#25: Bird/Bradley:

- a) That the County only spray the following three County managed areas this spring: the Lambton Heritage forest area behind the Community Building, the Lambton Heritage forest area off of Port Franks Road, and the Lambton Heritage Museum.
- b) That the price of the spraying be between \$82,000 and \$92,000 and not exceed \$95,000 including taxes.
- c) That this be communicated and confirmed with Zimmer Air no later than March 1, 2021.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Arnold was requested by Councillor Bird on motion #3 of this day's minutes.

S. Arnold	No (3)
M. Bird	Yes (3)
D. Boushy	Yes (3)
M. Bradley	No (3)
A. Broad	No (1)
D. Cook	No (2)
D. Ferguson	No (1)
B. Hand	No (1)
B. Loosley	Yes (2)
K. Marriott	Yes (1)
S. Miller	No (2)
L. Napper	No (3)
J. Rombouts	No (2)
M. Stark	No (3)
I. Veen	No (1)
B. Weber	Absent
B. White	No (3)

Yeas - 9; Nays - 25.

Motion Defeated.

Other Business

Local Conservation Authorities

Warden Marriott informed Council that Brian McDougall, General Manager, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, will present to Council at the April 7, 2021 Council meeting.

Small Business Sector in Tax Levies

Councillor Bradley requested that 2021 Tax Policy report due in April or May of this year include options for the Small Business sector.

Brock Street and London Road Intersection, Sarnia

Councillor White asked staff to provide an update on infrastructure plans for the re-design of London Road, if any, regarding Mr. Robert Dickieson's presentation at the beginning of this day's meeting.

Mr. Jason Cole, General Manager, Infrastructure & Development Services informed Council that there are currently no plans for this specific road or intersection.

Small Business Grants

Councillor Arnold and Councillor Loosley encouraged Councillors to reach out to their local small businesses to make them aware of four Provincial and Federal grants that are available for them to apply for.

Passing of Former Petroila Councillor, Mary Pat Gleeson

The recent passing of former Petroila Councillor Mary Pat Gleeson was noted. She was a strong Community advocate and will be deeply missed.

By-Laws

#26: Veen/Ferguson: That By-Laws #1 and #2 of 2021, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#27: Ferguson/Veen: That By-Laws #1 and #2 of 2021, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#28: Broad/Napper: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 12:47 p.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
County Clerk