

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

November 24, 2021

Lambton County Council was in session via electronic meeting at 9:15 a.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present.

Honourary County Council Member Mr. Nick Monsour was also in attendance for the Open Session portion of the meeting.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this land on which we are gathered today is part of the ancestral land of the Chippewa, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples, referred to collectively as the Anishinaabeg. It is through the connection of the Anishinaabeg with the spirit of the land, water and air that we recognize their unique cultures, traditions, and values. Together as treaty people, we have a shared responsibility to act with respect for the environment that sustains all life, protecting the future for those generations to come.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

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

- a) to review the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated November 3, 2021, pursuant to s. 239 (2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to review the Committee P.M. (Closed Session) minutes dated November 17, 2021, pursuant to s. 239 (2)(d) 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 3, 2021 as well as the Committee P.M. (Closed Session) minutes dated November 17, 2021.

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](#) of the meeting can be watched on the Lambton County website.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated November 3, 2021 were presented.

#2: Napper/Veen: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated November 3, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 11-28-21 A letter from Fred Hahn, President of CUPE Ontario, received November 2, 2021 regarding CUPE's concern with OMERS' investment performance over the past decade. CUPE is asking Lambton County Council to consider the following resolution:

1. That Lambton County Council call for an immediate, comprehensive and independent third-party expert review of OMERS' investment performance and practices over the past ten years, conducted by the OMERS Pension Plan's sponsors and stakeholders. Such a review would, at a minimum:
 - a. Compare OMERS plan-level, and asset class-level performance to other comparable defined benefit pension plans and funds, OMERS internal benchmarks, and market-based benchmarks.
 - b. Examine OMERS decision-making processes around the timing of various investment decisions.
 - c. Assess the risk management policies and protocols that were in place and determine if they were followed and/or if they were sufficient to protect the plan from undue risk.
 - d. Assess whether the disclosures provided to the OMERS Administrative and Sponsorship Boards were sufficient evidence to allow the Boards to respond appropriately and in a timely manner.
 - e. Examine executive compensation, investment fees and investment costs at OMERS in comparison to other major defined benefit pension plans and funds.

- f. Examine other relevant issues identified by the third-party expert review.
 - g. Make recommendations for changes at OMERS to ensure stronger returns moving forward.
 - h. Issue their final report and recommendations in a timely manner.
 - i. Publicly release its full report and recommendations to ensure that it is available to OMERS sponsors, stakeholders, and plan members.
2. That Lambton County Council further call on the OMERS Administrative Corporation to:
- a. Provide all requested data, documentation and information required of the review panel to fulfill its mandate.
 - b. Establish a step-by-step plan, with OMERS sponsors and stakeholders, to implement any recommendations set out in the review report.

#3: Broad/Bradley: That correspondence CC 11-28-21 be received and filed.

Carried.

CC 11-33-21 A letter from Judy Smith, CMO, Director Municipal Governance, Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, dated November 10, 2021 regarding a resolution from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent as passed at its November 8, 2021 Council meeting, to support the following resolution from Huron County:

WHEREAS the County of Huron has established a “Huron County Homelessness Task Force” to address the rapidly increasing issue of homelessness in the County.

THAT the County of Huron, due to the substantial increase in chronic homelessness not only in Huron County but across Ontario and Canada, requests the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to identify Homelessness a “Provincial” and “National Crisis” across the Province of Ontario and Canada.

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada acknowledge that lack of resources to support addiction and mental health programs to be a leading cause of homelessness.

AND FURTHER THAT the County of Huron requests the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada to provide further financial support for housing and homelessness programs as well as increase funding to mental health and addiction services.

#4: Bradley/White: That County Council endorse the recommendation in correspondence CC 11-33-21.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Miller was requested by Councillor Bradley on motion #4 of this day's minutes.

Councillor	Vote
S. Arnold	Yes (3)
M. Bird	Yes (3)
D. Boushy	Yes (3)
M. Bradley	Yes (3)
A. Broad	Yes (1)
D. Cook	Yes (2)
D. Ferguson	Yes (1)
B. Hand	Yes (1)
B. Loosley	Yes (2)
K. Marriott	Yes (1)
S. Miller	Yes (2)
L. Napper	Yes (3)
J. Rombouts	Yes (2)
M. Stark	Yes (3)
I. Veen	Yes (1)
B. Weber	Yes (3)
B. White	Yes (3)

Yeas – 37; Nays – 0.

Motion Carried.

Information Reports

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated November 24, 2021 Regarding Update for 2022 County Budget Deliberations: Future Capital Needs/Provincial Downloading Report

#5: Miller/Broad: That Information Report dated November 24, 2021 regarding Update for 2022 County Budget Deliberations: Future Capital Needs/Provincial Downloading Report be received and filed.

Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

#6: Broad/Veen: That the following Information Reports from the Social Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated November 24, 2021 regarding Homelessness System Response to COVID-19.
- b) Information Report dated November 24, 2021 regarding Child Care and Early Years Workforce Funding.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated November 24, 2021 Regarding Investment with Bioindustrial Innovation Canada

#7: Bradley/Weber:

- a) That the County Treasurer redeem (i.e. sell) The Corporation of the County of Lambton's full shareholdings portfolio Origin Materials held with Bioindustrial Innovation Canada as soon as reasonably possible.
- b) That the revenue generated from the sale stipulated in paragraph a) above be deposited into an internal Economic Development Reserve Fund.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

Ms. J. Rombouts presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated November 17, 2021.

#8: Rombouts/Napper: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated November 17, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. B. White presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated November 17, 2021.

#9: White/Ferguson: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated November 17, 2021 be amended so that motion #9, concerning *Information Report dated November 17, 2021 Regarding Discrimination Survey Research Analysis Report - Local Immigration Partnership (LIP)*, be amended so that the report noted therein also be distributed to the Lambton College President's Task Force on Immigration and that the minutes be accepted as amended.

Carried.

Other Business

Homelessness System Response to COVID-19

#10: Bradley/White: That County of Lambton staff solicit public input on the County's housing and homelessness initiatives through electronic means, such as through a communication medium like Speak Up Sarnia, and report back to Council on that public input at its February 2, 2022 meeting.

Carried.

EMS Review of Operations

Staff advised that an EMS Service Review is being completed and once it is finalized a report will be brought to Council, likely at the January 19, 2022 Committee A.M. meeting for Council's approval at the February 2, 2022 Council meeting.

By-Laws

#11: Napper/Cook: That By-Law #22 of 2021, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#12: Cook/Napper: That By-Law #22 of 2021, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#13: Loosley/Veen: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 10:44 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
County Clerk