

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

January 16, 2008

Lambton County Council was in session in the Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 12:30 p.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

Delegations

#1: McCharles/Gillis: That we invite Mr. Stacey Nadhee, Sarnia Native Friendship Centre Committee, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding the establishment of a Friendship Centre.

Carried.

In-Camera

#1: McGugan/Perry: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning the proposed or pending acquisition/disposition of land by the Municipality and matters concerning litigation or potential litigation (updating Council on the status of two (2) litigation matters).

Carried.

Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into open session.

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated January 16, 2008

#2: Jamieson/Bilton: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

The County Clerk noted that there were no resolutions to report from the Closed Session meeting.

#3: Jamieson/Bilton: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated November 28, 2007 were presented.

#4: McCharles/Gillis: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence

A) Correspondence to Receive and File

1-8-08 A Resolution from the City of Waterloo, dated December 17, 2007, to call upon the Provincial and Federal Governments to re-examine how Municipalities are funded in regards to infrastructure and work together with a view to providing long term and sustainable infrastructure funding programs to assist all upper, lower and single tier Municipalities in addressing their infrastructure roles and responsibilities.

1-9-08 A Resolution from the City of Waterloo, dated December 17, 2007, to request the Province of Ontario to fully exempt all Ontario Municipalities from paying PST, with the understanding that the savings realized be mandated to fund existing infrastructure renewal in local Municipalities.

#5: Boushy/Bradley: That County Council support correspondence 1-8-08 and 1-9-08 from the City of Waterloo dated December 17, 2007 regarding Infrastructure Funding and Provincial Sales Tax Exemption for Municipalities.

Carried.

1-11-08 A letter from the Ontario Medical Association, dated November 29, 2007, advising that it has been advocating for a ban on smoking in cars transporting children to help protect them from the negative health impacts of Second-Hand-Smoke (SHS). The OMA is asking for Council's support in this matter.

#6: Foubister/Gilliland: That County Council support the position of the Ontario Medical Association and that this support be communicated to our local MPPs as well.

Carried.

1-1-08 A memorandum from the Federation of Municipalities of Ontario (FCM), dated November 22, 2007, advising that the Government of Canada has given FCM \$550 million to establish the Green Municipal Fund (GMF), to provide long-term sustainable source of financing for Municipal Governments and their partners. FCM uses GMF to support environmental improvements in six sectors of municipal activity: brownfields, energy, planning, transportation, waste and water. FCM is seeking interested technical experts in each of the six sectors to join its GMF Peer Review Committee, to evaluate the proposed initiatives submitted by Canadian Municipalities and make recommendations for approval.

1-2-08 A letter from the Four Counties Health Services Foundation dated December, 2007, updating Council on a few of their accomplishments over the past five (5) years which includes the purchase of a new digital ultrasound machine, renovations to the emergency room (ER), construction of a helipad, renovation and equipment for the Four Counties Medical Clinic, the purchase of a Techlam bed and a new vitals monitor for the ER.

1-3-08 A copy of a letter to the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, from the Region of Durham, dated December 14, 2007, advising of its resolution that the Federal Government revamp the criteria for Employment Insurance to ensure that Employment Insurance acts as it was designed to be which is an insurance program to assist during periods of unemployment, and that the Premier of Ontario advocate on behalf of Ontario and the Municipalities to ensure that Ontario workers are eligible for benefits under the Employment Insurance Program.

1-4-08 A Resolution from the City of Ottawa, dated December 7, 2007, advising that the Council of the City of Ottawa petition the Provincial Government for the authority to create a hotel room tax, such that some of the municipal costs created by the tourism and hotel industries can be recouped.

1-5-08 A memorandum from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated January 2, 2008, advising that the Ministry has implemented a special Long Standing Service Recognition Program for locally elected municipal officials with twenty-five (25) years or more of service. The Ministry is requesting assistance in bringing forward the names of eligible Councillors. The following are the nomination criteria: i) 25 years or more of service on Municipal Council(s) as of December 1, 2007 (not necessarily consecutively; and, ii) currently serving on Council (nominees may have service on Council in more than one Municipality. Nominations for the year 2007 to be received by January 31, 2008.

1-6-08 Board Meeting Highlights from the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), dated December 18, 2007.

1-7-08 A letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated December 20, 2007, advising that the Station Park Townhomes project received a conditional funding commitment from the Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Division. This commitment is for \$816,000.00 for 12 units under the Affordable Housing Program - Wave 1 Rental and Supportive component.

1-10-08 A Resolution from the City of Owen Sound, dated January 7, 2008, advising that the City of Owen Sound supports the One Cent NOW! Campaign, and that the funding gained from the One Cent NOW! Campaign be disbursed to Municipalities to support local infrastructure.

1-12-08 A memorandum from Bev MacDougall, Chair of the Gallery Lambton Advisory Committee, dated January 8, 2008, reporting on the growing success of "First Friday" and the outcome of Gallery Lambton's participation in this initiative. "First Friday" is a cultural program that invites visitors to spend the 'first' Friday evening of each month in downtown Sarnia - moving from one venue to another, enjoying visual arts exhibits, musicians and other performing arts offerings in retail establishments, restaurants and galleries that choose to participate.

#7: Bilton/Perry: That the above correspondence items be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#8: McGugan/Foubister: That the following information reports be received and filed:

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

- a) Information Report dated January 16, 2008 Regarding the Health Promotion Activity Report - November & December 2007;
- b) Information Report dated January 16, 2008 Regarding the Ontario Works & ODSP Structural Deficit;

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

- a) Information Report dated January 16, 2008 Regarding Affordable Housing;
- b) Information Report dated January 16, 2008 Regarding Level of Care Classification;
- c) Information Report dated January 16, 2008 Regarding Emergency Expenditures;

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- a) Information Report dated January 16, 2008 Regarding the Revised Council Package.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

The following items were presented for County Council's information:

- a) Land Division Committee Minutes dated December 19, 2007; and,
- b) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated November 13 and 20, and December 11, 2007.

Reports Requiring a Motion

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated January 16, 2007 Regarding the Oil Museum of Canada

#9: Perry/MacDougall: That County Council approval one-time expenditures of \$150,000.00 for the Oil Museum of Canada, in 2008.

Deferred.

#10: Napper/Bradley: That the matter be deferred to the next meeting of County Council to allow staff to bring back a further report regarding the proposed budget for the celebration, as well as potential sources of funding.

Carried.

Report dated January 16, 2008 Regarding Library Donations

#11: Gillis/MacDougall: That the donations be gratefully accepted and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's Recognition Policy.

Carried.

Report dated January 16, 2008 Regarding Museums' Collection Management Report

#12: Jamieson/McCharles: That the Curator's Collection Management Report be accepted as presented and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's Recognition Policy.

Carried.

Report dated January 16, 2008 Regarding Eligibility Criteria - AHP Rental Housing Policy

#13: MacDougall/Minielly: That the attached Eligibility Criteria - AHP Rental Housing Policy, Index No. 2.017, be approved.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated January 16, 2008 Regarding Known Impacts On and Revised Schedule for 2008 Budget

#14: Minielly/McGugan: That this report be incorporated into the County's 2008 Draft Budget documentation as background information for those deliberations.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

Ms. B. MacDougall presented the Woodlot Committee minutes dated December 19, 2007.

#15: MacDougall/McGugan: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motion #1).
Carried.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Mike Bradley gave Notice of Motion at the Lambton County Council meeting of November 28, 2007 as follows:

"That, given significant budgetary pressures at the lower tier Municipalities within the County of Lambton, and given the commitment of the Province of Ontario to upload various Social Services program costs, that as a gesture of the County's commitment to pass these costs savings to the lower tier, that grants be provided based on proportionate levy assessments, equaling the amount received from the Province of Ontario in 2008."

#16: Bradley/Foubister: That this matter be deferred until the size of surplus for 2007 is reported by staff to Council.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Re: Budgeting for the Ontario Works Caseload

#17: Bradley/Gillis: That staff, in the future, produce an annual report regarding the projected growth in the caseload for the upcoming budget year, including a breakdown of what the associated costs are projected to be, for the consideration of Council when it is setting the annual budget.

Carried.

Re: County-Wide Truck By-Law

#18: Bradley/McCharles: That staff prepare a report in 2008 with County-wide input from the public and local Municipalities, regarding trucks permitted on County Roads. The report should include the following:

- a) history of road downloads;
- b) petitions in the past;
- c) traffic counts; and,
- d) types of vehicles/when such vehicles travel on the roads, et cetera.

Carried.

Re: Televising Council Meetings

#19: Bradley/MacDougall: That Cogeco be invited back to County Council to televise the proceedings and that the invitation to do so be copied to the CRTC.

Carried.

Councillor Todd Case spoke regarding a meeting held recently by The Fair Funding for Small Communities in Ontario. This group is lobbying senior levels of government for additional funding. The group will be contacting all Municipalities to invite them to their next meeting.

Councillor Don McGugan and Warden Burns spoke to County Council with respect to the report dated January 16, 2008 regarding Homelessness and noted that the issues raised had been resolved.

By-Laws

#20: Bilton/Boushy: That By-Laws #1 and #2 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#21: Bradley/Foubister: That we invite Ms. Corrine Nauta, Chief Building Official, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding By-Law #1 of 2008.

Carried.

#22: Arnold/Bradley: That By-Law #1 of 2008 be tabled, to allow staff to produce a report regarding the proposed changes.

Carried.

#23: Perry/McGugan: That By-Law #2 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 12:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Time: 1:45 p.m.

Jim Burns
Warden

Linda Ross
County Clerk
General Manager, Corporate Services