

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

September 3, 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 except D. McGugan.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: Foubister/MacDougall: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning litigation or potential litigation (updating Council on two (2) matters), and a matter concerning labour relations and employee negotiations.

Carried.

Open Session

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

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated September 3, 2008

#2: Napper/Perry: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

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

#3: Napper/Perry: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated August 20, 2008 were presented.

#4: Foubister/McCharles: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated August 20, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence

9-2-08 A resolution from the Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey, dated July 28, 2008, requesting support to ask the Provincial and Federal Governments to protect Canada's water resources from export discussion and to protect Canada's fresh water lakes and rivers from being used as toxic dumps for the mining and oil refinery industries.

#5: Perry/Arnold: That we support the resolution from the Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey to ask the Provincial and Federal Governments to protect Canada's water resources from export discussion and to protect Canada's fresh water lakes and rivers from being used as toxic dumps for the mining and oil refinery industries.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

9-1-08 An email from Mr. Bob Fowler, Secretary of the Ontario Property and Environmental Rights Alliance, dated July 24, 2008, advising that oral and written appeals to the Greenbelt Task Force for a detailed prior study of social and economic consequences likely to emerge from the Greenbelt Act, have been ignored. Mr. Fowler is attaching a resolution from the Town of Grimsby on its decision to adopt the Greenbelt Resolution.

9-3-08 A copy of a letter from Erie St. Clair LHIN to Mr. Ken Herrington, Manager, Senior Services, dated July 30, 2008, advising that it has approved base budget funding support for the 2008/09 fiscal year.

9-5-08 Southwest Economic Alliance (SWEA) 2008 Conference - Program-at-a-Glance for September 24 - 25, 2008.

9-6-08 A letter from Gary Ruckle, Customer Operations Manager, Hydro One, dated August 20, 2008, reporting on actions taken in response to the motion presented by Councillor Don McGugan, Mayor of the Township of Brooke-Alvinston, at the July 2, 2008 County Council meeting, which expressed dissatisfaction with the quality of electrical services in Lambton. Mr. Jake Zink, Hydro One Forestry Manager and Mr. Ruckle met with Mayor McGugan to review power outage restoration processes, asset maintenance programs and forestry trimming cycles. Mr. Ruckle conducted a similar discussion with Councillor Gord Minielly and spoke with Councillor Steve Arnold on the same issues.

9-7-08 A letter from Mr. Thomas J. Bell, Resident of North Lambton Lodge, dated August 25, 2008, responding to the discussion held at the County Council meeting of Wednesday, August 20, 2008 regarding the letter sent by Ms. June Lazenby (correspondence 8-13-08) concerning the rebuild/renovations at North Lambton Lodge. Mr. Bell states that any member of County Council is welcome to visit the Home, as the building is clean, in good repair and that any problems that may arise are looked after right away.

9-8-08 A letter from Joy Hogg from Harrietta, Michigan, dated August 26, 2008, voicing her concerns regarding the poor publicity received on the rebuild/renovations at North Lambton Lodge. Both her parents are residents of North Lambton Lodge, and have received great care. The Home is clean, sweet smelling and a lovely facility.

9-9-08 A copy of a letter from Mr. Jack Townsend, resident, North Lambton Lodge, to The Observer, voicing his concerns that the article concerning North Lambton Lodge is incorrect. Mr. Townsend states that North Lambton Lodge is a wonderful facility. It is eat-off-the-floor clean, the staff are great, the TLC is outstanding and the meals are better than just good.

#6: Foubister/Jamieson: That the above correspondence items be received and filed.
Carried.

Information Reports

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

#7: Bradley/Napper: That the following information reports for the Infrastructure and Development Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding Municipal Waste Disposal Quantities;
- b) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding a Request for a Flashing Stop at County Road #4 (Petrolia Line) and Brigden Road;
- c) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding Emergency Management Monthly Activity;
- d) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding Auto Sales & Home Occupations in Agricultural Areas;

- e) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding Planning & Development Services Department Approval Authority Activity;
- f) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding the Planning and Development Services Department 2nd Quarter Statistics;
- g) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding Planning and Development Services Department Work in Progress;
- h) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding Building Services Department 2nd Quarter Statistics; and,
- i) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding the Facilities Services Department Activity Report.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

#8: Gillis/Bilton: That the following information reports for the Corporate Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding the Sophos Antivirus System Update;
- b) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding the Immigration Portal Update;
- c) Information Report Dated September 3, 2008 Regarding IT Activities Update;
- d) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding the OMERS 2009 Contribution Rates;
- e) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding the Health and Safety Report - 2nd Quarter 2008;
- f) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding the Training Report 2nd Quarter 2008; and,
- g) Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding the 2009 Budget Schedule.

Carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding North Lambton Lodge

#9: Arnold/Perry: That a work log/status report be kept, of the floor repairs at North Lambton Lodge and be brought to Council on a regular basis until the repairs are completed.

Carried.

#10: Jamieson/Kirkland: That the information report dated September 3, 2008 regarding North Lambton Lodge be received and filed.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

The following item was presented to County Council for its information:

- a) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Board of Directors - Minutes dated June 12 and July 10, 2008.

Reports Requiring a Motion

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding Correspondence 9-4-08 Posted Speed Limit County Road #7 (Lakeshore Road)

#11: Jamieson/Bilton: That correspondence 9-4-08 be received and filed; and further,

That staff prepare correspondence to Mr. Cantin stating that there will be no further reduction in the posted speed (70 kmph) on County Road #7 (Lakeshore Road) through Camlachie.

Defeated.

#12: Napper/MacDougall: That the speed limit on County Road #7 (Lakeshore Road) be reduced to 50 kmph and that the OPP be requested to increase enforcement of the revised speed.

Carried.

Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding County Tree Cover

- * #13: Bradley/Boushy: That the staff report with respect to the Wellington County Green Legacy be received and filed.

Tabled.

- * See page 9.

#14: MacDougall/Gillis: That the report dated September 3, 2008 regarding County Tree Cover, be tabled.

Carried.

#15: MacDougall/Gillis: That we invite representatives from Wellington County to come and speak regarding their programme and, in particular, how partnerships with parties beyond the County can be developed.

Carried.

Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding the County Heritage Forest, Port Franks

#16: MacDougall/Minielly: That the County accept the proposal by Mr. Wayne Nelson to pick litter along the public right-of-way in the vicinity of the County Heritage Forest in Port Franks in return for an annual donation of \$300 to the Port Franks Community Police Committee, such donation to be funded from the Land Management Fund; and further,

That the Infrastructure and Development Services Division be authorized to review the arrangement annually to ensure it meets the needs of the management plan to be developed for the County Heritage Forest.

Carried.

Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding Union Gas Limited, Franchise Agreement Renewal

#17: Kirkland/Perry: That Lambton County Council approve the draft By-Law and franchise agreement and authorize the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Municipal Franchises Act; and further,

That Lambton County Council request that the Ontario Energy Board make an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the draft By-Law and franchise agreement pertaining to The Corporation of the County of Lambton is not necessary pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act.

Carried.

Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding the Appointment of and Inspector

#18: Gillis/Jamieson: That By-Law No. 43 of 2008 being “A By-Law to Appoint a Chief Building Official and Inspectors for the County of Lambton” be accepted as presented.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding 2008 - 2nd Quarter Budget to Actual Variance Analysis

#19: Minielly/MacDougall: That the 2008 2nd Quarter Variance Report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program

#20: Minielly/Napper: That Nasr Limited be recommended for funding under the Rental and Supportive component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program (AHP) in the amount of \$1,173,000.00 for seventeen (17) units.

Carried.

Items Tabled from Previous Meetings

Information Report dated September 3, 2008 Regarding Legal Fees (see Motion #11 of the August 20, 2008 Lambton County Council (Open Session) Minutes)

#21: Gilliland/Arnold: That we lift from the table motion #11 of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated August 20, 2008.

Carried.

#22: Arnold/Gilliland: That we table the information report dated September 3, 2008 regarding legal fees.

Defeated.

#23: Bradley/Jamieson: That the information report dated September 3, 2008 regarding Legal Fees be received and filed.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Mike Bradley served Notice of Motion at the August 20th, 2008 County Council meeting as follows:

“That an ombudsman system be put in place for the three (3) Long-Term Care Homes.”

Councillor Bradley requested that the Notice of Motion be deferred.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Todd Case inquired regarding the tracking of overtime and banked vacation time. Mr. Chris Doyle, Corporate Manager, Human Resources Services spoke to the matter.

Councillor Carolyn Jamieson, Chair of the Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Committee, spoke to County Council regarding the minutes of the Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Committee dated September 3, 2008, that was distributed on the Councillors' desks. The minutes will be included in the Council package for the September 17th, 2008 meeting for review.

Councillor Bev MacDougall spoke to County Council concerning the deterioration of asphalt on County roads and Lakeshore Road in particular, and the dangers such deterioration poses for cyclists.

Councillor Steve Arnold spoke regarding the Lambton County Plowing Match held on Saturday, August 30th, 2008 in the Township of Enniskillen.

Councillor Arnold also spoke to the minutes of the Senior Administration Review Committee dated September 1, 2008 distributed to County Councillors.

By-Laws

#24: Jamieson/Kirkland: That By-Laws #43 to #45 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#25: McCharles/MacDougall: That By-Laws #43 and #45 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 2:15 p.m.

Jim Burns
Warden

Linda Creaghe
County Clerk
General Manager, Corporate Services

- * That the Woodlot Committee along with other interested parties be directed to work on a report to bring back to Council regarding the issues raised by Wellington County and that Terms of Reference be developed by the committee for Council's consideration regarding the committee's mandate see Council February 4, 2009, mot. #16.