MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

October 15, 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 M. Bradley.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: Boushy/Gillilland: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning the acquisition/disposition of land by the Municipality.

Carried.

Open Session

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

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated October 15, 2008

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

Carried.

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

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

Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated October 1, 2008 were presented.

#4: Bilton/MacDougall: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated October 1, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

10-6-08 A letter from the County of Brant, dated September 19, 2008, advising that it approved a recommendation of the Corporate Development Committee to endorse and support the resolution received from the County of Lambton with respect to the organization of an Ontario Economic and Environmental Summit.

10-7-08 A letter from the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce, dated September 26, 2008, advising that at its meeting of September 25, 2008, the Board of Directors passed a motion that the Chamber agree to extend the current contract with Tourism Sarnia-Lambton and the County of Lambton for ninety (90) days, to expire June 30, 2009, under the present terms and conditions.

10-8-08 A News Release from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.), dated September 9, 2008, advising that A.M.O. called upon national party leaders to ensure the needs of Canada's Municipalities and property taxpayers are front and centre as Canadians go to the polls on October 14, 2008. A.M.O.'s immediate priorities for the next Parliament are:

a) Establishing Fairness, Employment Insurance and Immigration;
b) Investing in our Social Foundation; and,
c) Growing Infrastructure.

10-10-08 A letter from the City of Woodstock, dated October 6, 2008, requesting support of its resolution that the Government of Ontario provide full exemption of provincial sales tax on goods and services for Ontario Police Services similar to the GST exemption and that the Government of Ontario provide the same exemption for annual licence fees for municipal police vehicles as provided to the Ontario Provincial Police and to fire vehicles.

10-12-08 A letter from the Sarnia-Lambton Community Health Study, dated September 23, 2008, extending sincere appreciation for the generous in-kind contribution for the County of Lambton Community Health Study provided by the County. This contribution will enable the Board to move forward with Phase II of the Health Study. Phase II will embark on a comprehensive literature review of existing petrochemical industrial environmental exposure studies.

10-13-08 A letter from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, dated September 23, 2008, advising that the Ontario Government established the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence in 2006 to award outstanding farmer innovators. This five-year, $2.5 million award program encourages the development of new prosperity in the rural communities and on farms recognizing innovations that add value to existing products, creates jobs and drive economic growth. Individuals and groups representing agri-food businesses and organizations are invited to submit applications. Further details on eligibility, innovation categories, assessment criteria, application process and selection process can be found at www.ontario.ca/ agrifoodinnovation.

10-14-08 A memorandum from The Corporation of the Town of Hanover, received October 6, 2008, requesting support of its resolution to call upon Federal Party Leaders to explain to Ontario's citizens how, if they were elected, they would bring fairness to Ontario through the funding of Employment Insurance, Equalization Payments, Infrastructure, Regional Economic Development, Job Loss, Housing and Homelessness and Immigration.

10-16-08 A resolution from the Township of Greater Madawaska, received October 1, 2008, requesting support of its resolution to petition the Province of Ontario to review the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation operations regarding service to the residents of Ontario and the review the property assessment model with a view to implementing a system that sets the value of the property at the time of sale, then fixes the price with annual COLA adjustments until the next sale of the property.

#5: Foubister/Napper: That the above correspondence items be received and filed.
Carried.

Correspondence from Member Municipalities

10-9-08 A letter from the Village of Point Edward, dated September 26, 2008, requesting the County of Lambton's support of its resolution to ask that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Jim Watson, initiate an immediate review of the payment scheme for Municipalities in respect of all international bridges and tunnels. The Village of Point Edward is also requesting that the Minister incorporate the following points into the mandate of such a review:

1. The Province of Ontario should re-evaluate the appropriateness of the current maximum payment amount for the 2008 taxation year;

2. The regulation should be reformed so that the annual payments are more responsive to actual economic circumstances;

3. Payments should be evaluated and set on an annual basis to account for rising costs and inflation; and,

4. Municipalities throughout the Province should be afforded an opportunity, on an annual basis, to inform the Province of circumstances that could necessitate greater annual increases than otherwise provided for.

#6: Case/Gillis: That the County of Lambton support the resolution from the Village of Point Edward to request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Jim Watson, initiate an immediate review of the payment scheme for Municipalities in respect of all international bridges and tunnels and that the Minister incorporate the following points into the mandate of such a review:

1. The Province of Ontario should re-evaluate the appropriateness of the current maximum payment amount for the 2008 taxation year;

2. The regulation should be reformed so that the annual payments are more responsive to actual economic circumstances;

3. Payments should be evaluated and set on an annual basis to account for rising costs and inflation; and,

4. Municipalities throughout the Province should be afforded an opportunity, on an annual basis, to inform the Province of circumstances that could necessitate greater annual increases than otherwise provided for.

Carried.

Information Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Item 9 A) b) - Information Report dated October 15, 2008 Regarding 700 Cathcart Boulevard - Neighbouring Property Issues

#7: Gillis/MacDougall: That the County not proceed with sending the correspondence as suggested in the report of staff.

Carried.

#8: Foubister/McCharles: That the following information reports for the Community Services Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated October 15, 2008 regarding the Cultural Advisory Committee;

c) Information Report dated October 15, 2008 regarding an Environmental Review at Marshall Gowland Manor;

d) Information Report dated October 15, 2008 regarding 1000 London Road; and,

e) Information Report dated October 15, 2008 regarding Flooring at North Lambton Lodge.

Carried.

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

#9: Minielly/Jamieson: That the following information reports from the Social and Health Services Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report regarding Best Start Child Care - Additional Funding;

b) Information Report regarding the Social Planning Council;

c) Information Report regarding Provincial Budget Approvals;

d) Information Report regarding the Community In Action Fund;

e) Information Report regarding Emergency Expenditure - HVAC Compressor; and,

f) Information Report dated October 15, 2008 regarding the Clinical Services Review - Report on Implementation.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

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

a) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated September 2nd and 23rd, 2008.

Reports Requiring a Motion

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated October 15, 2008 Regarding Library Donations

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

Carried.

Report dated October 15, 2008 Regarding the Museums Collection Management Report

#11: McGugan/Gilliland: 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 October 15, 2008 Regarding the Housing Project Coordinator Position

#12: Jamieson/MacDougall: That the part-time Project Co-ordinator position be extended until the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program is completed and the position be funded through administrative funding received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH).

Carried.

Report dated October 15, 2008 Regarding the Sale of Property

#13: Gillis/Arnold: That a By-Law declaring 730 Cathcart Boulevard surplus to the County of Lambton's needs be prepared and approved by County Council.

Carried.

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated October 15, 2008 Regarding Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program Funding - Correspondence 10-15-08

#14: MacDougall/Kirkland: That $1,508.00 of the 2% increase received from the Province for the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program be allocated to the SEED line of the Homelessness budget; and further,

That staff be authorized to disperse the funds accordingly in the current year; and finally,

That $503.00 of the 2% increase received from the Province for the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program be allocated to the 2009 budget year.

Carried.

Report dated October 15, 2008 Regarding Homelessness Prevention - Funding Request

#15: Arnold/Foubister: That The Inn of The Good Shepherd's request for funding to implement the RedPath Program at a cost of $4,140.00 be granted; and further,

That this grant request be funded from the SEED line of the Homelessness budget; and finally,

That staff be authorized to disperse the funds accordingly.

Carried.

Report dated October 15, 2008 Regarding the 2009 Budget and Ontario Works Caseload Projections

#16: Gillis/McGugan: That County Council instruct staff to prepare the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program draft budgets based on parameters which have the potential to impact caseload and expenditures; and further,

That the parameters used to set the budgets be incorporated into the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program budget overviews.

Carried.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated October 15, 2008 Regarding Hill Street (County Road #4) - Proposed Roadway Widening

* #17: Foubister/Jamieson: That the addition of a westbound lane on County Road #4 (Hill St.) from the Intersection of Queen St./Nash Dr. to approximately 85m east of Brooktree Dr., be referred to the 2009 Capital Budget.

Tabled.

#18: Arnold/Gilliland: That the matter be tabled to allow staff time to meet with St. Clair Council to listen to their concerns.

Carried.

Report dated October 15, 2008 Regarding the County - Waste Management Agreement

#19: Case/Gillis: That County Council authorize the execution of an Escrow Agreement, Expansion Agreement and Extension Agreement with Waste Management of Canada Corporation with respect to the Warwick Landfill Expansion;

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute these agreements as well as any other documents required; and further,

That the appropriate By-Law be presented to County Council for its consideration.

Carried.

* See page 9.

Report dated October 15, 2008 Regarding a Road Widening Dedication - Lakeshore Road (County Road #7)

#20: Bilton/Napper: That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to dedicate and register the following Transfer/Deed and that the appropriate By-Law be presented to County Council for its consideration:

> Part of Lots 44 and 45, Front Concession, City of Sarnia, more particularly described as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 25R-9472 dated May 1st, 2008.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Mike Bradley served the following Notice of Motion at the January 16, 2008 (the matter was deferred until the size of surplus for 2007 was reported by staff to Council);

> ***"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."***

#21: Boushy/Arnold: That the matter be tabled until after the release of the Fiscal Capacity and Municipal Services Advisory Report.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Re: Procedure for Dealing with Property Disposal

#22: Napper/Arnold: That the procedure for dealing with property disposal be referred to the Council Restructuring Sub-Committee for consideration.

Carried.

Ms. Lola Dudley, Manager, Housing Services, reminded County Councillors of the Housing Forum being hosted by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Ministry of Housing and the County of Lambton, to be held on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at the Holiday Inn - Point Edward. All are welcome to attend.

By-Laws

#23: Foubister/Boushy: That By-Laws #50 to #52 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#24: Gilliland/Gillis: That By-Laws #50 to #52 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 12:50 p.m.

Jim Burns
Warden

Linda Creaghe
County Clerk
General Manager, Corporate Services

* a) Lift from the table motion #17 of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated October 15, 2008 regarding County Road #4 (Hill Street) - Proposed Roadway Widening.

b) That staff proceed with the construction of the proposed westbound lane on County Road #4 (Hill Street) as defined in staff's memo of October 15th, 2008.

c) That the granular shoulders between Polymoore Drive and Hwy 40 be improved.

d) That "Share the Roadway" signage be installed between Queen Street/Nash Drive and Nova Corporation.

e) That staff continue to review and evaluate the traffic volumes and level of service in this area in accordance with the standard departmental practice. - see Committee A.M. August 20, 2009, mot. #7.