

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

June 2, 2010

Lambton County Council was in session in Committee Room #3, Wyoming, Ontario, at 1:00 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: MacDougall/Gillis: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning labour relations and employee negotiations and 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. Council then reconvened at 1:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated June 2, 2010

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

Carried.

The County Clerk noted that there were two (2) resolutions to report from the Closed Session meeting dated May 5, 2010 as follows:

(A) From the Committee P.M. Minutes dated April 21, 2010:

"CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

In-Camera Report dated April 21, 2010 Regarding the Ratification of the Collective Agreement with LCEA/CNFIU

#15: Perry/McGugan: That the Committee recommend to County Council that the collective agreement between The Corporation of the County of Lambton and the Lambton County Employees' Association/Canadian National Federation of Independent Unions, Local 3020 be ratified, for a term commencing on January 1, 2010 and terminating on December 31, 2012.

Carried.

In-Camera Report dated April 21, 2010 Regarding the Ratification of the Collective Agreement with CUPE 1291

#16: McCharles/Gillis: That the Committee recommend to County Council that the collective agreement between The Corporation of the County of Lambton and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 1291 be ratified, for a term commencing on January 1, 2010 and terminating on December 31, 2012.

Carried."

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

Delegations

Councillor Gord Perry spoke to County Council concerning the Millions Step Pedometer Challenge for Councillors.

Monthly Staff Presentations re: Activities and Issues

#4: Bradley/Kirkland: That we invite Mr. John Innes, General Manager, Financial Services, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding defaulted POA fines and the impact to the tax roll.

Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated May 5, 2010 were presented.

#5: Napper/Minielly: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated May 5, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence

6-8-10 An email from Mr. Jeff Plain, Community Legal Assistance Sarnia Volunteer, dated April 29, 2010, advising that under the leadership and guidance of Mr. Andrew Bolter and his staff, they are developing an initiative that will address accessibility to legal services for off-reserve First Nation members.

Discussions with the legal community have identified an existing apprehension and lack of trust in the legal processes amongst some First Nation individuals. CLAS proposes that an off-site location will be beneficial in offering advice, education and support to individuals prior to attending CLAS. Working in conjunction with existing agencies, this may allow a change in attitude toward the justice system and be of benefit to the community at large.

#6: Bradley/Arnold: That we endorse correspondence 6-8-10 from Mr. Jeff Plain, Community Legal Assistance Sarnia Volunteer concerning the initiative to address accessibility to legal services for off-reserve First Nation members.

Carried.

6-9-10 An email from Mr. Jeff May, Pharmacist, dated May 13, 2010, advising that the Ontario Government recently announced a proposed cut of \$750 million to front line health care in Ontario, threatening access to neighbourhood health care in all of our communities. These deep funding cuts will leave many local pharmacies with no option but to reduce service hours, lay off pharmacists and other staff, and reduce health services that Ontarians rely upon, particularly seniors and people with chronic health conditions. Some pharmacies will be forced to close permanently. Mr. May is asking Council to consider passing a motion to support community pharmacies and the valuable front line health care they provide to residents.

#7: Case/McCharles: That the Province be requested to meet with the pharmacists and work out a solution acceptable to both parties.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

6-10-10 Implementation Update from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, dated May 17, 2010, concerning developments related to the implementation of the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007* (LTCHA). The LTCHA will replace the *Homes for the Aged and Rest Homes Act*, the *Nursing Homes Act* and the *Charitable Institutions Act*, to become the single legislative authority over LTC Homes. The Ministry is launching a number of initiatives both before and after July 1, 2010.

#8: Bradley/Bilton: That correspondence 6-10-10 be received and filed.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

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

- a) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated April 13 and 20, 2010.

Committee Minutes

Mr. S. Arnold presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated May 19, 2010.

#9: Arnold/Foubister: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated May 19, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Ms. C. Jamieson presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated May 19, 2010.

#10: Jamieson/Boushy: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated May 19, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Steve Arnold informed Council that the Township of St. Clair would like to host this year's annual Council Steak Fry Barbecue, to be held on Wednesday, September 1st, 2010.

Councillor Carolyn Jamieson spoke to County Council regarding the recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference and the rehabilitation of the Toronto waterfront. The County and local organizations have done a superb job with protecting its waterfront, especially when compared to other regions.

Councillor Gord Perry reminded Council that on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., the Oil Springs Historical Trail / Old Mill Trail will be opened. All are invited to attend.

Councillor Lonny Napper invited Councillors to attend the Open House this Saturday, June 5th, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to see the new addition to the fire station and the unveiling of the new fire truck.

Councillor John McCharles invited Councillors to the opening of the new Farmers Market in Petrolia this Saturday, June 5th, 2010.

Information Reports

#11: Foubister/Gillis: That the following information reports from the Social Services Division and the Cultural Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated June 2, 2010 Regarding the Tender for the Construction of Affordable Housing, 993 Maxwell Street, Sarnia; and,

- b) Information Report dated June 2, 2010 Regarding Gallery Lambton Design Build Update.

Carried.

By-Laws

#12: Minielly/McCharles: That By-Laws #28 and #29 of 2010, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#13: Perry/Kirkland: That By-Laws #28 and #29 of 2010, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#14: Foubister/Kirkland: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next meeting of County Council be held on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 with the In-Camera Session to commence at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room #3.

Carried.

Time: 1:52 p.m.

Jim Burns
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
County Clerk
General Manager, Corporate Services