

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

July 7, 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. Boushy and D. Kirkland.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: Napper/Perry: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual and a matter concerning labour relations and employee negotiations.

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: Jamieson/Perry: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

The County Clerk noted that there was one resolution to report from the Closed Session meeting.

(A) **From the Council Minutes of June 2, 2010:**

"CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

In-Camera Report dated June 2, 2010 Regarding the Ratification of the Collective Agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 2557

#2: Jamieson/Foubister: That the collective agreement between the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 2557 be ratified, for a term commencing on January 1, 2009 and terminating on December 31, 2012.

Carried."

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

Carried.

Delegations

#4: Gillis/McGugan: That all delegations be invited within the Bar, to speak to County Council.

Carried.

Ms. Tracy Rogers and Ms. Margaret Capes, North Lambton Social Services Centre, spoke to County Council concerning the possibility of rural communities losing vital services.

#5: Gillis/Arnold: That the County endorse and support the work which is performed by the North Lambton Social Services Centre.

Carried.

#6: Arnold/Bradley: That the request be referred to staff for a report regarding the possibility of the County funding any shortfalls created as a result of the United Way's change in policy.

Carried.

Ms. Frances Buszko, Campaign Director, updated County Council on the status of the fundraising efforts for the new Art Gallery.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated June 2, 2010 were presented.

#7: McCharles/Foubister: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated June 2, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

7-2-10 A memorandum from The Corporation of the City of Kingston, dated May 19, 2010, advising that Kingston Access Services operates buses as a parallel transit to Kingston Transit for disabled residents and that the Access Bus is the only option for transportation for most people with disabilities. During the recent Access Bus strike, accessibility to parallel transit was denied to citizens. Therefore, the City of Kingston is requesting support of its resolution to declare all parallel transit an essential service.

7-3-10 A memorandum from the Land Use Council, dated May 28, 2010, advising that it opposes the process by which Ontario's Species at Risk Act (SARA) was drafted, legislated, implemented and piggy-backed onto a number of equally insidious land use statutes. The LUC also believes empowering an appointed Committee to expand by secret vote the official list of allegedly endangered species clearly demeans claimed government respect for regulatory transparency and accountability. The Ontario Government has empowered a select eleven (11) member Committee to decide in secret when and where pre-selected wildlife species and their habitat(s) are to be protected. These decisions ultimately impact use, mortgage worth, market value and municipal tax potential of privately owned land.

7-7-10 A Bulletin from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, dated May 2010, advising that effective July 1, 2010, the long-term care resident co-payment rates will increase from the current rate of \$53.07 to \$53.23, an increase of \$0.16, consistent with the rate of inflation. The Comfort Allowance will increase from the current rate of \$128/month to \$130/month effective November 1, 2010. Under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007, a resident of a basic long-stay or interim bed may apply to receive a reduction in his/her Long-Term Care Home (LTCH) co-payment. Residents with reduced rates expiring on June 30, 2010 are required to apply for a new rate reduction by July 30, 2010 in order to have a new reduced rate effective July 1, 2010.

7-8-10 A letter from The Honourable Rob Merrifield, P.C., M.P., Minister of State Transport, dated June 15, 2010, writing in response to the County of Lambton's correspondence of September 2, 2009 pertaining to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Plan. During and after the recent review of Canada Post, the Federal Government received significant feedback from Canadians on the postal system. On September 12, 2009, the Federal Government announced the Canadian Postal Service Charter, which reflects this input and clearly establishes specific expectations for Canada Post. The Service Charter confirms that the provision of postal services to rural regions of the country is an integral part of Canada Post's universal service. The government is maintaining the existing moratorium on the closure of rural post offices and continues to believe that Canada Post should remain a Crown corporation to ensure it is well positioned to meet its public policy obligations while providing valuable mail services for Canadians.

#8: Minielly/Gilliland: That the above correspondence items be received and filed.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

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

- a) Land Division Committee Minutes dated June 1, 2010.

Committee Minutes

Mr. S. Arnold presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated June 16, 2010.

#9: Arnold/Gillis: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated June 16, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. J. McCharles presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 16, 2010.

#10: McCharles/Foubister: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 16, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Don McGugan informed Council that he was recently at the Gemini Sportsplex in Strathroy, where the Innovation Awards for Agriculture for Southwestern Ontario were being presented. Seven (7) of the region's seventeen (17) award winners were from Lambton County. Mr. McGugan also thanked Mr. Bryan Boyle, Regional Information Coordinator, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, for helping with the applications.

Councillor McGugan also spoke to Council regarding the coyote problem in the Brooke-Alvinston area. A letter will be distributed to County Council for consideration at its meeting September 1, 2010. The matter is truly provincial in scope.

The Lambton County Pork Producers Annual Charity Barbecue will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2010 at the Brooke, Alvinston, Inwood Community Centre, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are still available.

The Lambton County Cattlemen's Association Annual Beef Barbecue will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at the Brooke, Alvinston, Inwood Community Centre, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Councillor Gord Perry spoke to County Council regarding the Millions Step Pedometer Challenge for Councillors. Since June, Councillors have walked 1,250,000 steps. He challenged Councillors to remain active for the balance of the summer.

Councillor Lonny Napper informed County Council that he received a letter from the Commissioner of Major League Baseball stating that Mr. Steve McGrail of Wyoming, Ontario, has been named the 2010 Major League Baseball's "All Star Among Us" and will be honoured at the All Star Game on July 13, 2010 in California, for making contributions to better the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve McGrail were congratulated for their efforts creating the fundraiser, "Kylie's Kause" in honour of their daughter Kylie who died at the age of two days old. Kylie was born eleven (11) weeks prematurely, and since her death, the McGrails have raised over \$170,000.00 for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St. Joseph's Hospital in London, Ontario.

The Warden will send letters of congratulations to both the Innovation Awards for Agriculture for Southwestern Ontario winners and the McGrails for their achievements.

Councillor Carolyn Jamieson invited everyone to visit Grand Bend and view the work recently completed for their Main Street.

By-Laws

#11: Jamieson/MacDougall: That By-Laws #30 and #31 of 2010, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#12: MacDougall/Jamieson: That By-Laws #30 and #31 of 2010, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#13: Foubister/Napper: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the **next meeting of County Council be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 with the In-Camera Session to commence at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room #3.**

Carried.

Time: 1:50 p.m.

Jim Burns
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
County Clerk
General Manager, Corporate Services