

**MINUTES**  
**WOODLOT COMMITTEE**

**March 29, 2011**

A meeting was held at the County Building at 10:00 a.m. on the above date.

**Present**

Chair B. MacDougall. Warden S. Arnold. Members J. Foubister and B. Weber. Also present were Woodlot Officer C. Nauta, Deputy-Secretary-Treasurer T. Dewsbury, J. Kutyba, General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services and R. G. Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer.

**Absent**

None.

B. MacDougall stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the staff report as presented. She asked committee how they wished to proceed and then asked for a recommendation so that consideration of it by the committee could follow.

Foubister/Arnold: That the three recommendations contained in the report be accepted.  
Carried.

Discussion took place regarding the services that are provided to the County by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and how that would integrate with the first and second recommendations in the report. C. Nauta explained the current process and illustrated how the two recommendations would complement this. Discussion took place about the possible duplication of services if this scenario is adopted. J. Kutyba explained the rationale of the purchase of services recommendation and indicated that there is a very good working relationship between the County and St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and this move would only enhance it. B. Weber asked if any of the lower tier municipalities have staff already performing this service and S. Arnold replied that it is a County By-Law and therefore dealt with at the County staffing level. S. Arnold indicated this issue needs to be explored in greater detail and would like to know what the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority proposal contains.

B. MacDougall asked, in reference to the second recommendation, who would be preparing the report and J. Kutyba indicated that staff would do so. Discussion took place on revenue sources for cost recovery and budget implications. J. Foubister would like the report to include the daily duties, or job description, of the proposed position.

B. Weber feels that the only way to increase tree cover in Lambton County is by the planting of wind rows, tree rows and corridor plantings as large agricultural properties are not going to be used to plant trees. He asked if staff had approached the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority to provide a proposal.

Discussion took place on leases on County owned property. S. Arnold informed committee about the Township of St. Clair properties which have leases on them. He feels that research must be undertaken by County staff in order to ensure that appropriate revenue is being obtained. He stated that large corporations need to realize that there is a cost to doing business involving County properties and right-of-ways.

B. MacDougall stated that it is the goal of the Lambton Tree Legacy Committee to increase the tree canopy in Lambton County and that the Committee wants to work and/or with the utility companies to assist with this goal. Discussion took place regarding median planting on the 400 series highways. S. Arnold feels that it is important that the County partner with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority to develop a program that will be suitable for everyone. B. Weber asked if the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority could be included in the second recommendation in the report. S. Arnold suggested that a friendly amendment be allowed, in order to include this suggestion, to the second recommendation.

Arnold/Foubister: That the second recommendation on the staff report dated March 29, 2011 be amended as follows:

- a) That staff work with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority to discuss an agreement regarding services to be purchased for the administration of the County's Woodlands Conservation By-Law, and that a report regarding the same be brought back to Land Division Committee for further consideration.

Carried

B. MacDougall asked when the report will be ready to be circulated to the committee and J. Kutyba replied that it will be ready for the June 7, 2011 meeting.

### Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

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Bev MacDougall  
Chair

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Terrie Dewsbury  
Deputy-Secretary-Treasurer