

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

May 4, 2011

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 M. Bradley, J. Foubister, A. Gillis and D. Kirkland.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: Councillor John McCharles declared a pecuniary interest with respect to motion #14 of the In-Camera Committee A.M. minutes dated April 20, 2011 and motion #18 of the In-Camera Committee P.M. minutes dated April 20, 2011. Councillor Jim Burns declared a pecuniary interest with respect to motion #15 of the In-Camera Committee A.M. minutes dated April 20, 2011 and motion #19 of the In-Camera Committee P.M. minutes dated April 20, 2011.

In-Camera

#1: Davis-Dagg/MacDougall: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning litigation or potential litigation affecting the Municipality and matters subject to solicitor-client privilege, a matter concerning the proposed acquisition/disposition of land and personal matters about identifiable individuals (i.e. including employees) and labour relations.

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. All members present except J. Foubister, A. Gillis and D. Kirkland.

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated May 4, 2011

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

Carried.

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

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

Carried.

Delegations

#4: MacDougall/McCharles: That we invite the delegates within the Bar, to speak to County Council.

Carried.

Ms. Natalie Welniak, Outreach and Education Advisor, Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD), addressed County Council regarding the role of the OIPRD.

Mr. Gary Switzer, CEO, Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), addressed County Council on the role and function of the Erie St. Clair LHIN, with particular regard to "Access to Care", which defines current LHIN initiatives.

Presentations

Mr. John Whitesall, Managing Partner of OrgCode Inc. and Mr. Terry McCallum, Housing Program Officer, County of Lambton, gave a presentation to County Council regarding the County of Lambton's Affordable Housing Plan.

Mr. Doug Ball, Manager, Social Planning and Program Support, County of Lambton, gave a presentation to County Council regarding the Local Immigration Partnership settlement strategy and the current immigration/newcomer attraction activities within the County.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) Minutes dated March 2, 2011 and (Open Session) Minutes dated March 16, 2011 – Budget were presented.

#5: McCharles/Gilliland: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) Minutes dated March 2, 2011 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

#6: Case/Bradley: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) Minutes dated March 16, 2011 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

PLA 5-7-11 A copy of a news release by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), dated March 25, 2011, advising that the CFIA is taking further action to slow the spread of the invasive emerald ash borer in Canada by increasing the regulated areas. The news release also includes background information and map of the regulated areas under ministerial order in 2011.

CC 5-8-11 A copy of a letter dated April 15, 2011, from Ms. Sandra Kranc, City Clerk, The Corporation of the City of Oshawa, advising that the Municipality has adopted the following recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee:

"That the Minister of Education amend the Education Act to declare voting day for municipal elections in the Province of Ontario as a Professional Activity Day.

"That this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities, local MPP's, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario and all school boards in the City of Oshawa."

CC 5-10-11 A copy of a fax received April 16, 2011, from Mr. Clinton Shane Ekdahl, Founder of "Day of the Honey Bee", advising that this year to date, there are 134 municipal governments across 10 provinces that have issued proclamations in support of "Day of the Honey Bee". The letter also requests that Council declares May 29, 2011 as the second annual "Day of the Honey Bee".

CC 5-11-11 A copy of a letter of introduction, dated March 31, 2011, from Ms. Melanie Paradis, Director, Lands, Resources and Consultations Branch, Métis Nation of Ontario, outlining who the Métis are as a Nation, and outlining how the "Duty to Consult" applies to Aboriginal people.

CC 5-13-11 A copy of a letter dated April 21, 2011, from Ms. Ann Wright, Deputy Clerk/Executive Assistant for the Town of Ingersoll, advising of the unanimous adoption, after a recorded vote, of the following resolution on April 11, 2011:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Ingersoll sees it fit to eliminate incentives given by municipalities as part of health care recruitment as it is seen as a Provincial responsibility;

AND FURTHER THAT municipalities request the Province to develop and implement a plan to attract health care professionals including physicians in a fair and equitable manner without cost to municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council for the Town of Ingersoll respectfully requests that all municipalities in the Province of Ontario consider supporting the resolution from the Town of Ingersoll;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Federal Minister of Health; Premier Dalton McGuinty; Ontario Minister of Health Deb Matthews; Christine Elliott; Ontario PC Health Critic and, France Gelinus, Ontario NDP Health Critic.

#7: Bradley/MacDougall: That correspondence PLA 5-7-11, CC 5-8-11, CC 5-10-11, CC 5-11-11 and CC 5-13-11 be received and filed.

Carried.

CC 5-3-11 A copy of a letter dated April 4, 2011, from Mr. Brian Knott, City Solicitor/Clerk, The Corporation of the City of Sarnia, advising of the adoption of a resolution by Sarnia City Council at the March 28, 2011 meeting, regarding Sharing of Services by Local Governments:

"That Staff be directed to explore the possibility of sharing services with other municipalities in Lambton County, with full cost recovery; and

That a letter be sent to each municipality in Lambton County, along with a letter to Lambton County Council, asking if they are interested in pursuing this direction and what services, with a response date requested by the end of April 2011; and

That once those responses are received, City Staff can then prepare a report, and City Council can then discuss the next step on proceeding if there is interest with our neighbouring communities."

#8: Bradley/Napper: That we support the resolution from the City of Sarnia, as detailed in correspondence CC 5-3-11, formally requesting that County Council Staff explore the possibility of sharing services with other municipalities in Lambton County, with full cost recovery.

Carried.

CC 5-12-11 A copy of a letter dated April 19, 2011, from Mr. Brian Knott, City Clerk/Solicitor, City of Sarnia, advising of the adoption of the following resolution on April 18, 2011:

"THAT Sarnia City Council officially opposes the closure of Sarnia Jail and requests a meeting with Premier Dalton McGuinty and the Sarnia Jail Stakeholder Committee to outline the ramifications, the human, economic and social impacts and the significant decrease of service to the residents of Sarnia Lambton; and

THAT the Province complete a review of the decision to close the Sarnia Jail comprised of a multi-disciplinary team made up of representatives from the Provincial Ministries of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Ministry of the Attorney General, Aboriginal Affairs, Community and Social Services representation from the Sarnia community; and

THAT the Province releases to the community a copy of the cost/benefits analysis used to make the current decision; and

THAT the Province engage in open dialogue and work with the community on any changes that will take place to the Sarnia Jail and local justice services; and

THAT this Notice of Motion be circulated to all communities in Lambton County and to the County of Lambton Council for their consideration and support."

#9: Bradley/Napper: That the County of Lambton support correspondence CC 5-12-11 from the City of Sarnia regarding the closure of the Sarnia Jail.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

The following items were presented to County Council for its information:

- a) General Managers' Update - Minutes dated February 15, February 22, March 15 and March 22, 2011.
- b) Land Division Committee Minutes dated March 8, 2011.
- c) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Minutes dated January 13 and February 10, 2011.

Committee Minutes

Ms. B. MacDougall presented the Woodlot Committee minutes dated March 29, 2011.

#10: MacDougall/Burns: That the Woodlot Committee minutes dated March 29, 2011 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. T. Case presented the Striking Committee minutes dated March 16, 2011.

#11: Case/Davis-Dagg: That the Striking Committee minutes dated March 16, 2011 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. J. McCharles presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated April 20, 2011.

#12: McCharles/Gilliland: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated April 20, 2011 be accepted as presented, with the amendment that Councillor Gilliland was present at the meeting.

Carried.

Mr. T. Case presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated April 20, 2011.

#13: Case/Davis-Dagg: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated April 20, 2011 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

A motion was brought forward by Mayor Bradley to reconsider motion #11 of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) Minutes dated February 2, 2011, with respect to correspondence 2-13-11 regarding County-wide planning for an aging population.

#14: Burns/M/McCharles: That motion #11 of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) Minutes dated February 2, 2011, with respect to Mayor Bradley's correspondence, 2-13-11, regarding County-wide planning for an aging population be reconsidered.

Carried.

#15: Bradley/MacDougall: That County Council suspend Rule 21.6 of the Rules of Procedure, that being "**When a motion to reconsider a decided matter is adopted, the matter will not be discussed until the following meeting of Council**", to allow Council to debate the matter this day.

Carried.

#16: Bradley/McCharles: That Lambton County staff be asked to investigate the Gatekeeper Programme presently in place in the Niagara Region and report back to Lambton County Council on the implementation of such a programme in Lambton County.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

a) Councillor MacDougall commented on the Newcomer Portal Logo's simplicity and "fresh look".

#17: McDougall/McGugan: That the County undertake an analysis to possibly adopt the Newcomer Portal Logo for its own branding purposes.

Carried.

By-Laws

#18: Boushy/MacDougall: That By-Laws #14 to #23 of 2011, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#19: MacDougall/Boushy: That By-Laws #14 to #23 of 2011, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#20: MacDougall/Veen: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting of County Council be to held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Carried.

Time: 2:55 p.m.

Steve Arnold
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
County Clerk
General Manager, Corporate Services