

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

July 6, 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 B. Bilton, E. Davis-Dagg and B. Weber.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: Burns/Kirkland: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss personal matters about identifiable individuals (i.e. including employees), a matter concerning labour relations and employee negotiations, a matter concerning litigation or potential litigation and a matter subject to solicitor-client privilege.

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 B. Bilton and B. Weber.

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated June 1, 2011

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

Carried.

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

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

Carried.

Delegations

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

Carried.

Mrs. Christine Heffer addressed County Council regarding the effects of Lyme Disease on society and M.P.P. Bob Bailey's Lyme Disease Petition.

#5: McGugan/Gillis: That County Council support M.P.P. Bob Bailey's petition requesting that the Provincial Government increase public awareness, educate physicians about Lyme Disease, replace testing methods and allow people infected with Lyme disease to receive treatment in Ontario.

Carried.

Presentations

Ms. Gayle Montgomery, Circles Coordinator, County of Lambton, Ms. Wendy Asher, Dean of Human Services, Lambton College/Circles Ally/Guiding Coalition member and Ms. Charlene Gordon, Circles Leader, spoke to County Council and gave an update on the Circles Initiative, a program in Lambton County which has recently reached its second anniversary.

Mr. Gord Hume addressed County Council to seek approval on key strategic directions prior to the implementation of the detailed Cultural Strategic Plan.

#6: Bradley/MacDougall:

- a) That the Cultural Plan for Lambton County be accepted as distributed.
- b) That staff be directed to develop an implementation plan for County Council prior to the 2012 Budget.
- c) That staff prepare and implement a communications strategy to share the vision set out in the Cultural Plan across the Lambton community.

Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) Minutes dated June 1, 2011 were presented.

#7: Foubister/Gillis: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) Minutes dated June 1, 2011 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

7-8-11 A copy of an email dated May 27, 2011 from Ms. Ginette Martin-Stephan, Deputy Clerk, Township of North Stormont, addressed to all Ontario Municipalities, advising that at a meeting of Council on May 24, 2011, Resolution #274 was passed regarding the wildfires that ravaged the community of Slave Lake, Alberta: "THAT Council authorize a donation of \$100.00 to the Town of Slave Lake to help compensate them in their recent fire; THAT this resolution be forwarded to all other Ontario Municipalities; and THAT they be asked to match this donation".

7-9-11 A copy of a letter dated June 14, 2011, addressed to The Right Honourable Dalton McGuinty, from Mr. Wayne Orr, Chief Administrative Officer, The Township of South Frontenac, advising that Council passed the following resolution at their meeting on June 7, 2011: "WHEREAS the Province has the authority to introduce measures to control the sale of products in Ontario, and WHEREAS the Province has set waste diversion rates for municipalities, THEREFORE the Township of South Frontenac requests that the Province introduce legislation that limits the sale of goods sold in Ontario to those which are completely recyclable or compostable and packaged in materials that are completely recyclable or compostable. FUTHERMORE that this resolution be circulated to other municipalities for their support".

The letter also states that The Township of South Frontenac and the Province have set aggressive diversion rates from landfill. Success will only be achieved by reducing the amount of product and packaging that is produced that is not completely recyclable.

#8: Bradley/Davis-Dagg: That correspondence 7-8-11 and 7-9-11 be received and filed.

Carried.

7-10-11 A copy of a letter dated May 31, 2011 from C. Saunders, City Clerk, City of London, advising that the Municipal Council, at its session held on May 30, 2011, passed a resolution, to include the following actions, in response to the anticipated shut-down of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) television transmitter in London:

"THAT the Mayor be requested to write to the CBC requesting reconsideration of their decision to shut down their over the air television transmission to the London market without installing over the air digital transmission to replace it;

THAT the Mayor be requested to write to the Federal Minister Telecommunications (CRTC) to request reconsideration of the CBC's decision noted above;

THAT other Southwestern Ontario municipalities affected by this decision, as well as the Southwest Economic Alliance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the London Economic Development and local school boards, be requested to support London's request;

THAT local and area Members of Parliament and Members of the legislative Assembly of Ontario be requested to support the City's request; it being noted that London is designated as a French language service provider in the areas of Ontario Works and housing by virtue of its role as Consolidated Municipal Service Manager in those areas; and THAT London delegates attending the FCM Annual General Meeting be requested to advocate on this matter during the appropriate policy sessions in June".

#9: Bradley/Davis-Dagg: That County Council support the City of London's request that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation reconsider its decision to shut down the CBC television transmitter in London, Ontario.

Carried.

Correspondence from Member Municipalities

A copy of an email (subsequently numbered 7-11-11) dated June 9, 2011, from Mayor Bradley, City of Sarnia, to Warden Arnold, suggesting that Lambton County Council support the UNESCO Coalition of Canadian Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination. Mayor Bradley's email also states that the proponent noted that endorsement would fit in with the Immigration Strategies led by the County of Lambton and send a clear message on inclusion; 40 municipalities have signed including London and Windsor. Mayor Bradley also requests that the highlights of this report be placed on the next agenda, along with the following proposed resolution, an example of which is supplied by UNESCO:

Given that:

1. The Canadian Commission for UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) is calling on municipalities to join a Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination and be part of UNESCO's international coalition launched in 2004; and
2. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities endorses the Call for a Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination and encourages its members to join; and

Whereas:

3. Municipal governments in Canada, along with other levels of government, have responsibilities under Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as federal, provincial and territorial human rights codes, and therefore have an important role to play in combating racism and discrimination and fostering equality and respect for all citizens;

Be it resolved that:

4. The Corporation of the County of Lambton agrees to join the Coalition of Canadian Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination and, in joining the Coalition, endorses the Common Commitments and agrees to develop or adapt its own unique Plan of Action accordingly.
5. These Common Commitments and The Corporation of the County of Lambton's unique Plan of Action will be an integral part of the County's vision, strategies and policies.

6. In developing or adapting and implementing its own unique Plan of Action toward progressive realization of the Common Commitments, The Corporation of the County of Lambton will cooperate with other organizations and jurisdictions, including all levels of government, Aboriginal peoples, public and private sector institutions, and civil society organizations, all of whom have responsibilities in the area of human rights.

7. The Corporation of the County of Lambton will set its priorities, actions and timelines and allocate resources according to its unique circumstances, and within its means and jurisdiction. The County of Lambton will exchange its expertise and share best practices with other municipalities involved in the Coalition and will report publicly on an annual basis on actions undertaken toward the realization of these Common Commitments.

#10: Bradley/Foubister: That staff prepare a report to Council on the implications of joining the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination, particularly in light of UNESCO'S current definition of "discrimination".

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

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

- a) General Managers' Update - Minutes dated May 10, 2011.
- b) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Minutes dated May 12, 2011.

Committee Minutes

Mr. J. Foubister presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated June 15, 2011.

#11: Bradley/McCharles: That motion # 6 of the Committee A.M. minutes dated June 15, 2011 be amended to reflect that that the Withdrawal Management Centre funding specifically be one-time project financing and be re-worded as follows:

"That \$250,000 be included in the 2012 budget for consideration as the County's contribution of one-time project funding to the Withdrawal Management Centre".

Carried.

Re: Motion # 9 - Report dated June 15, 2011 Regarding Bed Bugs Support - 100% Funding Announcement

#12: Bradley/McGugan: That staff provide a further report regarding what other Health Units in the Province are doing to assist the poor in dealing with bedbugs, and what monitoring programmes they may have in place for multi-residential dwellings."

Carried.

#13: Foubister/Napper: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated June 15, 2011 be accepted as amended.

Carried.

Mr. T. Case presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 15, 2011.

#14: Case/Burns: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 15, 2011 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mrs. B. MacDougall presented the Woodlot Committee minutes dated June 14, 2011.

#15: McDougall/McGugan: That the Woodlot Committee minutes dated June 14, 2011 be accepted as presented.

A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Davis-Dagg, was requested by Councillor McGugan regarding Motion #15 of this day's minutes.

S. Arnold	Yes	(3)
D. Boushy	Yes	(3)
M. Bradley	Yes	(3)
J. Burns	Yes	(1)
T. Case	Yes	(2)
E. Davis-Dagg	No	(2)
J. Foubister	Yes	(3)
P. Gilliland	Yes	(2)
A.M. Gillis	No	(3)
D. Kirkland	Yes	(1)
B. MacDougall	Yes	(3)
J. McCharles	Yes	(2)
D. McGugan	No	(1)
L. Napper	No	(3)
I. Veen	No	(1)

Yeas - 23; Nays - 10.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Councillor Gilliland requested that staff provide County Council with the background reports referenced in the Woodlot Committee minutes dated March 29, 2011 on the disposition of a legal action regarding two woodlots on Rokeby Line, St. Clair Township.
- b) Mayor Napper advised that the Town of Plympton-Wyoming will be hosting the annual barbecue event as a Fish Fry after the September 7, 2011 meeting of County Council.
- c) Councillor McGugan advised of 10 regional awards for the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Food Excellence, 4 of which are in Lambton County (Al McColl Farms, Hog-Tied Farms Ltd, MacKellar Farms and Steve Vokes). The Warden will forward congratulatory letters to recipients.
- d) Councillor McGugan advised County Council that Mr. Bryan Boyle will be retiring July 31, 2011 and will not be replaced.

#16: McGugan/Napper:

- a) That a letter be sent to the Honourable Carol Mitchell, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding the need to replace Mr. Boyle's position locally.
- b) That a delegation from County Council requests a meeting with the Minister to discuss this issue at the AMO conference in August 2011.

Carried.

By-Laws

#17: Gillis/Napper: That By-Laws #25 and #26 of 2011, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#18: Napper/Gillis: That By-Laws #25 and #26 of 2011, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#19: Foubister/Veen: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting of County Council be to held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

Carried.

Time: 2:55 p.m.

Steve Arnold
Warden

Jim Kutyba, P.Eng.
General Manager, Infrastructure & Development
Services Division/Deputy Chief Administrative Officer