

**MINUTES**  
**LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**October 2, 2013**

Lambton County Council was in session in Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 1:00 p.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present except S. Arnold, J. Foubister, and D. Kirkland.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: Councillor Davis-Dagg and Councillor Bilton declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the delegation of Mr. James Armstrong, regarding the subject of funds for the anti-wind turbines lobbyists in the Drennan v. K2 Wind et al action. The Councillors also declared a pecuniary interest on tabled motion #9 of the Committee A.M. minutes dated September 18, 2013 and tabled motion #7 of Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated September 4, 2013 also with regards to the support in the Drennan v. K2 Wind et al action. Both Councillors own lands on which windmills are or may be located.

In-Camera Committee Room #3

#1: MacDougall/Marriott: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning a report addressing a labour relations issue, the subject matter of which could reasonably be attributed to identifiable individuals including any communications necessary for this purpose pursuant to section 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

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 October 2, 2013

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

Carried.

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

#3: Boushy/Gillis: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

Delegations

#4: Gillis/Gilliland: That we invite the delegations within the Bar to speak to County Council.

Carried.

Mr. James Armstrong, a resident of the Township of Dawn-Euphemia, spoke before County Council on the subject of funds for the anti-wind turbines lobbyists. Mr. Armstrong does not believe that Lambton County taxpayer money should be used to fight this cause. Mr. Armstrong provided websites and an article to back up his opinion. He agrees with the recommendations made by County staff and the comments made by some of the Councillors in The Observer, in that County Council should not get involved with this matter.

Ms. Lisa Widdifield, Outreach Coordinator, Across Languages Interpretation and Translation Services (AL), advised that through collaboration with the Sarnia-Lambton Local Immigration Partnership and many Lambton area service providers, a need for interpretation services was recognized. As a result of generous funding from the Sarnia Lambton United Way, AL is now able to offer services for free to non or limited English speaking people in the County.

### Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated September 4, 2013 were presented.

#5: Weber/Napper: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated September 4, 2013 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

### Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 10-02-13 A letter to Mayors and Councils from Mr. Fred Hahn, President, CUPE Ontario, dated August 22, 2013, asking to endorse a day of recognition for those that provide care to children in your community.

The Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC), the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and our other labour partners representing child care workers across Ontario are asking that Wednesday, October 30, 2013, be proclaimed as *Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day* in accordance with the resolution:

**WHEREAS** years of research confirms the benefits of high quality child care for young children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development and later life outcomes; and

**WHEREAS** child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of parents, child care workers and the broader community by supporting quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the economic and social life of their community; and

**WHEREAS** many studies show trained and knowledgeable Early Childhood Educators and child care staff are the most important element in quality child care, and that good wages and working conditions are associated with higher job satisfaction and morale, lower staff turnover which leads to high quality education and care;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** October 30, 2013 be designated the 13th annual "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

#6: Weber/Veen: That correspondence CC 10-02-13 be received and filed.

Carried.

#### Resolution

CC 10-09-13 A request for support from Serge Lavoie, President, Southwest Economic Alliance, regarding a resolution for better inter-city transportation options in Southwestern Ontario as well as an online petition designed to engage the general public in the transportation issue. The resolution reads:

**WHEREAS** the communities of Southwestern Ontario are alarmed at the declining level of passenger transportation options available in the region.

**WHEREAS** the Southwest Economic Alliance (SWEA) Regional Transportation Advocacy Initiative Committee held a meeting on Thursday, August 8, 2013 at which it developed an Action Plan for the initiative and its key objectives.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Cutbacks to VIA Rail passenger service in Southwestern Ontario are a central and critical issue and SWEA, on behalf of the communities of the region, should:
  - c. Demand re-investments and service enhancements in the short term.
  - d. Advocate, for a renewed commitment to passenger rail service across Canada.

2. Lack of inter-city transportation options within the region is an equally critical issue. The following are the key requests that SWEA shall make to the provincial government on behalf of the communities of the region:
  - d. That the provincial government support demands to improve VIA Rail services along both main lines.
  - e. That the provincial government immediately address regional passenger transportation issues beyond the current Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area focus.
  - f. That the provincial government support the establishment of an all-party committee of the Ontario legislature to immediately study regional transportation needs in Southwestern Ontario.

Councillor Bradley advised that a date has been set by SWEA for a Regional Transportation Summit. It will take place on Thursday, November 14, 2013 in London, ON. It is a summit aimed at bringing together representatives from all levels of government, transportation companies and community based transportation advocacy groups.

#7: Bradley/McCharles: That Lambton County Council support resolution CC 10-09-13 for better inter-city transportation options in Southwestern Ontario be endorsed.  
Carried.

### Information Reports

#### **CAO**

#### Attrition Management

#8: MacDougall/Gillis: That the Information Report dated October 2, 2013 regarding Attrition Management be received and filed.  
Carried.

#### City/County Agreement

#9: Bilton/MacDougall: That the memo dated October 2, 2013 regarding the City/County Agreement be received and the agreement be renewed for another 5 years.  
Carried.

#### Social Media in Emergencies

#10: MacDougall/Gillis: That the Information Report dated October 2, 2013 regarding Social Media in Emergencies be received and filed.  
Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

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

- a) Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership Board Minutes dated May 28, 2013.
- b) The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation Minutes dated May 28, 2013 and the Special Joint Meeting of the Boards dated May 28, 2013.

Committee Minutes

Mr. K. Marriott presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated September 18, 2013.

#11: Davis-Dagg/Bradley: That motion #4 of the Committee A.M. minutes dated September 18, 2013 regarding the Report dated September 18, 2013 concerning Transverse Rumble Strips at Intersections Follow-Up be tabled until staff can report further regarding the associated costs of installing flashing lights.

Carried.

#12: Marriott/Boushy: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated September 18, 2013 be accepted as amended.

Carried.

Ms. A. M. Gillis presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated September 18, 2013.

#13: Bradley/Marriott: That motion #3 of the Committee P.M. minutes dated September 18, 2013 regarding the Report dated September 28, 2013 concerning Draft Woodlands Hearings Board Rules of Procedure as well as By-Law #29 of 2013 being "A By-Law Regarding Procedure for Applications under the Woodlands conservation and Preservation By-Law" be referred to Committee A.M. for further consideration. The tentatively set meeting of Thursday, October 10, 2013 for the training session will be rescheduled until the new rules have been adopted.

Carried.

#14: Gillis/MacDougall: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated September 18, 2013 be accepted as amended.

Carried.

### Items Tabled from Previous Meetings

#15: Napper/Veen: That motion #7 of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated September 4, 2013 regarding the request for expenditure of \$20,000 to seek Intervenor status in the Drennan v. K2 Wind et al action and motion #9 of Committee A.M. minutes dated September 18, 2013 regarding Intervenor status in the litigation action known as Drennan v. K2 Wind et al, be lifted from the table.

Carried.

#16: Napper/Marriott: That motion #7 of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated September 4, 2013 and motion #9 of Committee A.M. minutes dated September 18, 2013 be deferred until the last meeting of County Council on November 27, 2013 for consideration at that time.

Carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### Attrition Management Report

A discussion was held regarding the savings impact from the positions affected through attrition management.

#### Annual County Councillors BBQ

Councillor McGugan spoke regarding the cancellation of the annual event which was to be held Wednesday, October 2, 2103.

#### Infrastructure Investment Grant

All are invited to the Inwood Library at 6504 James Street, Inwood, ON, on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. for the grand opening. Entertainment and a light lunch will be provided.

#### Warden's Annual Charity Picnic

Warden Case thanked Council and staff for its support of the Warden's charity golf tournament and picnic which was held September 19, 2013.

#### By-Laws

By-Law #29 of 2013 being A By-Law Regarding Procedure for Applications Under the Woodlands Conservation and Preservation By-Law be referred to Committee A.M. for further consideration as directed in Motion #13 of this day's minutes.

#17: Gilliland/McCharles: That By-Law #30 of 2013, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#18: Veen/Weber: That By-Law #30 of 2013, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#19: Boushy/Gillis: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2013, with the In-Camera session to commence at 1:00 p.m.

Carried.

Time: 2:15 p.m.

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Todd Case  
Warden

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David Cribbs  
County Clerk  
General Manager, Corporate Services