

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

May 6, 2015

Lambton County Council was in session in Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 9:30 a.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera Committee Room #3

#1: Weber/Gillis: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss the following:

- a) to receive a report pertaining to the potential acquisition or disposition of the establishment or other economic relationships pertaining to real property, specifically the Bayside Mall, located within the geographic area of the City of Sarnia, including any communications necessary for this purpose, pursuant to section 239(2)(c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) a matter to be considered for the purpose of the potential purchase of land within the geographical area of the Municipality of Lambton Shores pursuant to section 239(2)(c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated May 6, 2015

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

Carried.

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

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

Carried.

Delegations

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

Carried.

Mr. Justin Johnson, Municipal Relations Representative, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) spoke to County Council regarding "Understanding Property Assessment in Ontario" and how MPAC assesses properties as well as methods used to resolve assessment concerns.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated March 4 and 18, 2015 were presented.

#5: Weber/Gillis: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated March 4 and 18, 2015 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 05-02-15 A letter from Judith Morris, President and CEO and Brian Farley, 1st Vice Chair, Board of Governors, Lambton College dated March 5, 2015 regarding a statement made during a presentation to County Council. They would like to correct the statement President Morris made indicating that she believed the tour of Bayside Mall was organized with the assistance of the City of Sarnia staff. Upon review of records from a year ago, it was determined that the meeting was set up with the assistance of the County of Lambton.

CC 05-03-15 A letter from Micheline Dube, FBCL President and CEO, The Federal Bridge Corporation Limited dated February 23, 2015 regarding The Federal Bridge Corporation Limited (FBCL) Amalgamation. St. Mary's River Bridge Company (SMRBC) has amalgamated with the Blue Water Bridge Authority (BWBA). As a result of this amalgamation, the Canadian ownership of the Blue Water Bridge, the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge, the Seaway International Bridge Crossing and the Thousand Islands International Bridge are the direct responsibility of FBCL. FBCL will work directly with its partners as per the various international agreements and will move towards reviewing the whole of its operations as one portfolio.

CC 05-05-15 A letter from Chief Thomas Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation dated March 18, 2015 regarding proposed additions to Reserve - Part Lot 61, Lake Road East Concession, Bosanquet Township (7041 Lakeshore Road, Forest, ON). The Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation have submitted an Addition to Reserve request to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada to add Part Lot 61, Lake Road East Concession to Reserve status and would like the County of Lambton to indicate whether they have concerns regarding the transfer of the noted lands.

CC 05-14-15 A letter from Kim Love, Mayor, Township of Madawaska Valley dated April 7, 2015 regarding a resolution recently passed at a regular meeting of Council concerning rising hydro rates. The Township of Madawaska is asking that Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario prevent rate increases from being implemented and to bring the rates down to a more reasonable level quickly. The Township of Madawaska Valley is asking that Lambton County Council endorse this resolution and send it to the appropriate representatives at Queen's park.

#6: Veen/Arnold: That correspondence CC 05-02-15, CC 05-03-15, CC 05-05-15, and CC 05-14-15 be received and filed.

Carried.

Correspondence from Member Municipalities

CC 05-06-15 An email from Councillor Bradley, City of Sarnia, dated March 24, 2015 regarding a nomination for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board. Councillor Bradley would like to nominate Councillor Gillis, City of Sarnia to serve on the FCM Board for the June 2015 election at the Annual FCM meeting. Deadline for submission of nominations is May 19, 2015.

#7: Bradley/Arnold: That Councillor Anne Marie Gillis be nominated and supported by the County of Lambton as per correspondence CC 05-06-15 concerning the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors election in June 2015.

Carried.

Information Reports

CAO

Information Report dated May 6, 2015 Regarding County Logo

#8: Veen/Marriott: That the Information Report dated May 6, 2015 from the CAO's office regarding the County Logo 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 meeting minutes dated January 20 and February 15, 2015.
- b) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Board meeting minutes dated January 22, 2015.

- c) County of Lambton Community Development Committee minutes dated January 30, 2015.

Reports Requiring a Motion

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated May 6, 2015 Regarding the Tax Policy Being Proposed for 2015

#9: Case/Gillis:

- a) That there be no change to the broad property class ratios for all classes of property for the 2015 taxation year.
- b) That the discount rate for New Construction continue to be 0%.
- c) That the existing discounts for land under development of 30% and 35% be continued.
- d) That all available and applicable capping options/tools be employed in 2015.
- e) That the Ministry of Finance be pursued to develop an exit strategy and protocol which will allow Municipalities to opt out of Capping and tax all properties at their Current Value Assets.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

Mr. K. Marriott presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated April 15, 2015.

#10: Marriott/Broad: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated April 15, 2015 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. L. Napper presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated April 15, 2015.

#11: Bradley/Gillis: That motion #4 of the Committee P.M. minutes dated April 15, 2015 regarding the adoption of the proposed By-Law No. 21 be amended concerning the hiring of an integrity commissioner. It is to be amended to reflect that the recommendation for hiring of an integrity commissioner will be presented to County Council for the final decision.

Carried.

#12: Napper/MacKenzie: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated April 15, 2015 be accepted as amended.

Carried.

Mr. B. Weber presented the Striking Committee minutes dated April 15, 2015.

#13: Weber/Broad: That the Striking Committee minutes dated April 15, 2015 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Items Tabled from Previous Meeting

#14: McGugan/Gilliland: That Council invite Mr. Campbell Patterson, owner of Campbell Patterson Communications (CPC) and Project Manager on the Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Network Project within the bar to speak to Council.

Carried.

#15: Gillis/Bradley: That the motion to allow Mr. Campbell Patterson to speak to County Council be deferred until the next meeting of County Council.

Defeated.

#16: Bradley/Napper: That a special public meeting with an independent facilitator be arranged either in the evening or a Saturday morning within the next 60 days allowing a full discussion with interested stakeholders. The intent is that the public meeting will lead County Council to a formal decision for funding.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

Councillor Arnold asked that an update on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Conference being held in Sarnia, ON in June of 2015 be emailed to County Councillors.

Auditor General's Winter Highway Maintenance Report 2015

#17: Bradley/Broad: That staff bring back a report prior to the July 8, 2015 County Council meeting regarding the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario Winter Highway Maintenance Special Report 2015 concerning highways and highway maintenance in Lambton County.

Carried.

Job Vacancies

#18: Broad/Gilliland: That staff postpone hiring of replacement employees at the Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery until a report is brought back explaining the need for the hiring of these positions.

Carried.

Budget Availability

Councillor Gillis inquired as to whether the 2015 Final Budget was available digitally on the County of Lambton website or another means to access the document by the public is available.

By-Laws

#19: Veen/Gillis: That By-Laws #14 to #22 of 2015, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#20: Veen/MacKenzie: That By-Laws #14 to #22 of 2015, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#21: Broad/Marriott: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday June 3, 2015 with the In-Camera session to commence at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 11:25 a.m.

Bev MacDougall
Warden

David Cribbs
County Clerk