

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

July 8, 2015

Lambton County Council was in session in Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 9:00 a.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present except I. Veen.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

Delegations

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

Carried.

Ms. Diane Thompson, Ms. Courtney Black and Ms. Sharlet Dunkly, all residents of Social Housing cancelled their request to speak in front of County Council regarding issues that are currently trying to be resolved due to personal health issues.

Mr. Tom Gazda, a partner with the human resources consulting firm of Gazda Houlne & Associates, presented a general overview of current County compensation and staff evaluation practices, which served as a companion report to related in-camera materials, also of today's date.

In-Camera Committee Room #3

#2: Broad/McGugan: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss the following:

- a) to receive reports from an external consultant and officers of the Corporation pertaining to employment and labour relation issues, including issues involving the terms of employment, assessment and compensation of identifiable persons, as well as for providing instructions to officers of the Corporation, including any communications necessary for these purposes, pursuant to section 239(2)(b) and 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 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated July 8, 2015

#3: Boushy/Weber: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

The County Clerk noted that the matter regarding staff compensation and evaluation practices was referred to the special budget meeting to be held later this year.

#4: Cook/Marriott: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated June 3, 2015 were presented.

#5: McCharles/Case: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated June 3, 2015 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 07-11-15 A letter from Marie France-Lalonde, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development dated May 25, 2015 regarding the 2015 Rural Ontario Municipal Association/Ontario Good Roads Association (ROMA/OGRA) Conference. Ms. Lalonde appreciated the meeting to discuss the update on the heavy-haul corridor initiative in Sarnia-Lambton as well as the concern about high-speed internet access for rural areas. Ms. Lalonde also wanted to inform the County of Lambton that it will be receiving \$254,138 annually for the next three years through the formula-based component of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

CC 07-12-15 An email from Randy Hope, Mayor/CEO, Municipality of Chatham-Kent dated June 23, 2015 regarding a resolution recently supported by Chatham-Kent Council. The resolution concerns Hydro One and asks that the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) member counties call on the Provincial Government to:

- Stop the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One as a wholly public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians;
- Strengthen Hydro One by investing in the next generation of workers and upgrading aging infrastructure;
- Respect the autonomy and local decision-making powers of local distribution companies by not forcing these companies into mergers and sales;

That the Municipality maintain ownership and control of its local distribution company and that the Provincial Government will negotiate with a Municipality/LDC to negotiate the selling of the customer assets within the municipality's boundary.

CC 07-13-15 A letter from Bob Chiarelli, Minister, Ministry of Energy dated June 18, 2015 regarding an update on the initiatives the Ontario government is asking to give municipalities more information and control around local energy planning. As the Ministry continues to implement Ontario's 2013 Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP), some important changes have been made to increase the role of municipalities in the development of energy projects. The changes are reflected in the Minister's letter. It is believed that these initiatives and activities demonstrate the Ontario government's desire to work with municipalities on energy issues.

CC 07-14-15 A letter from Rory Ring, President and CEO, Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce dated June 30, 2015 regarding the public meeting concerning the SouthWest Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) project held June 23, 2015. The Chamber of Commerce strongly urges Council to postpone its decision until the Small Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (SILEC) proposal is received and reviewed and proper due diligence on all proposals is conducted.

CC 07-15-15 A letter from Shelly Reed, Chairperson, Tweed Disaster Relief Committee, Municipality of Tweed, dated June 10, 2015 regarding fundraising efforts. In April, 2014 serious flooding around Stoco Lake and adjoining waterways resulted in thousands of dollars' worth of damage to local homeowners and businesses. The region was declared a "Disaster Area" for the purpose of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP). Under this program, the province will top up funds raised to the amount that is needed to pay eligible claims at 90 percent up to a maximum of 2:\$1 ration. Ms. Reed, on behalf of the Tweed Disaster Relief Committee, is asking municipal councils across the province to support the fundraising efforts by making a donation.

#6: McGugan/Weber: That correspondence CC 07-11-15, CC 07-12-15, CC 07-13-15, CC 07-14-15 and CC 07-15-15 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated July 8, 2015 Regarding Gallery Comparatives

#7: Bradley/McGugan: That the Information Report dated July 8, 2015 regarding Gallery Comparatives be received and filed.

Carried.

#8: Bradley/Broad: That a special budget meeting be held at least 2 months in advance of the budget deliberations for 2016.

Carried.

Councillor Broad informed Council that he would bring a Notice of Motion directing staff that money raised from taxation not exceed 1.15 million dollars for the Judith and Norman Alix Art Gallery in 2016.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated July 8, 2015 Regarding Results of the SouthWestern Integrated Fibre Technology Project Public Meeting

* **#9:** Bradley/Napper:

- a) That motion #14 of the Lambton County Council 2015 Budget minutes dated March 18, 2015 be lifted from the table.
- b) That the requested funding be transferred to a separate reserve pending completion of the business and financial plans;
- c) That Council support be conditional upon confirmation of senior government funding;
- d) That Council support also be conditional on funds being spent on "last mile" connectivity;
- e) And finally, that Council have final consideration of the project, once the above noted concerns have been addressed and reported back to them by staff.

Carried.

CAO

Information Report dated July 8, 2015 Regarding Core Services Report

** **#10:** Bradley/Broad: That the Information Report dated July 8, 2015 regarding the Core Services Report be referred to the special budget meeting which is to be held later this year.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

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

*Referred to the 2016 Budget Process. See motion # 5 of the LCC (OS) minutes dated November 18, 2015.

**Report was received and filed. See motion #12 of the LCC (OS) minutes dated November 18, 2015.

- a) Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership Board of Directors Meeting minutes dated May 26, 2015.
- b) Woodlands Hearings Board minutes dated June 16, 2015.

Reports Requiring a Motion

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated July 8, 2015 Regarding the Request for Proposals for the Provision of Services of an Integrity Commissioner to County Council

#11: Case/Bradley:

- a) That Council accept the Proposal from Aird & Berlis LLP as its preferred Proponent, Aird & Berlis' Proposal being the highest scoring proposal received that meets Council's requirements for the services of an Integrity Commission as stipulated in the County's Request for Proposal dated May 29, 2015.
- b) That staff be directed to negotiate a suitable final agreement with Aird & Berlis LLP consistent with the requirements of the RFP and the response received.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

Mr. K. Marriott presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated June 17, 2015.

#12: Marriott/McCharles: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated June 17, 2015 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. L. Napper presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 17, 2015.

Re: Motion #3: Report dated June 17, 2015 Regarding Student Placement and Compensation Report

#13: Bradley/Gillis: That motion #3 of the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 17, 2015 regarding the Student Placement and Compensation Report be deleted and the original motion being "That in the event that an unpaid internship is offered to a non-secondary or non-post-secondary intern, a \$500 honorarium be provided to the intern in recognition of the individual's contribution to the organization" stand.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Cook was requested by Councillor Arnold on motion #13 of this day's minutes:

S. Arnold Yes (3)
D. Boushy..... Yes (3)
M. Bradley Yes (3)
A. Broad Yes (1)
A. Bruziewicz..... Yes (3)
T. Case..... No (2)
D. Cook No (2)
P. Gilliland No (2)
A.M. Gillis Yes (3)
B. MacDougall..... Yes (3)
L. MacKenzie Yes (1)
K. Marriott..... No (1)
J. McCharles Yes (2)
D. McGugan Yes (1)
L. Napper Yes (3)
I. Veen..... Absent
B. Weber No (3)

Yeas - 26; Nays - 10.

Motion carried.

#14: Bradley/Gillis: That staff establish a policy with guidelines as to how the honorarium is to be delivered or administered for Council's future consideration.

Carried.

Re: Motion #4: Removal of Prayer from the Warden's Election

#15: Bradley/Gillis: That the representatives that were chosen from each Municipal Group to review the Rules of Procedure also review the process to be followed for the Warden's Election and report back to Council regarding the same. Those members are as follows:

Group A - Brooke-Alvinston, Dawn-Euphemia and St. Clair
Group B - Sarnia
Group C - Enniskillen, Oil Springs, Petrolia and Point Edward
Group D - Lambton Shores, Plympton-Wyoming and Warwick

P. Gilliland
M. Bradley
J. McCharles
B. Weber

Carried.

Re: Motion #9: Report dated June 17, 2015 Regarding 10-Year Capital Asset Management and Funding Plan

#16: Arnold/Gillis: That motion #9 regarding the report dated June 17, 2015 concerning the 10-Year Capital Asset Management and Funding Plan be amended to include the words "a portion of the" so the recommendation now reads:

b) That Lambton County Council provide staff with the authority to implement the funding strategy outlined in the 10 Year Capital Funding Plan commencing with the 2016 County budget specifically through:

i. The redirection of a portion of the \$1.5M in Levy Taxation which has been used to fund the contribution to Bluewater Hospital;

Carried.

#17: Bradley/Cook: That motion #9, as amended, of the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 17, 2015 regarding the 10-Year Capital Asset Management and Funding Plan be deferred to the special budget meeting to take place later this year.

Carried.

#18: Napper/MacKenzie: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 17, 2015 be accepted as amended.

Carried.

In Chair Veen's absence, Warden Bev MacDougall presented the Audit Committee minutes dated June 30, 2015.

#19: Case/MacKenzie: That the Audit Committee minutes dated June 30, 2015 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Broad provided a Notice of Motion for discussion at the County Council meeting of Wednesday, October 7, 2015 regarding the removal of the minimum farm parcel size from the Lambton County Official Plan, as follows:

"That Lambton County Council request County staff to prepare a report, to be returned back to Council for the Oct. 7th 2015 County Council meeting, on removing the 40 hectares (100 acres) minimum farm parcel size from the Lambton County Official Plan since the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement makes no reference to a minimum farm parcel size of 40 hectares as provincial policy and the effects, if any, to the lower tier municipalities Official Plans."

#20: Broad/Bradley: That staff prepare a report and bring the issue back for discussion at the County Council meeting of October 7, 2015.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Annual Meeting and Conference

Councillor McGugan thanked the organizing committee for the conference he recently attended in the community.

The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation

Councillor McGugan requested a report or presentation/update on the status of The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation.

August Meeting of Committees

Councillor McGugan requested that the August 19, 2015 meetings of Committee A.M. and P.M. be moved to August 20th due to the conflict with the upcoming Association of Municipalities Ontario Annual General Meeting and Conference which takes place August 16 - 19, 2015 in Niagara Falls, ON.

Lambton Cattlemen's 31st Annual Beef BBQ

Councillor McGugan invited everyone to attend the Lambton Cattlemen's 31st Annual Beef BBQ on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 from 5:30 pm. - 7:00 p.m. at the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre.

Celebrating 150 Years

Councillor McCharles invited all to help celebrate the VanTuyl and Fairbank Hardware store's 150th anniversary on July 10, 2015. The business will be marking the occasion with guided tours and displays showing artifacts from some of the store's earlier days.

New Museum Open in Camlachie

Councillor Napper invited Council to visit the Plympton-Wyoming Historical Society's new museum at 6745 Camlachie Road, Camlachie, ON. A new exhibit called "Early Settlers" and an expansion of the military exhibit can be seen on Saturdays and Sundays during July and August.

By-Laws

#21: Napper/Cook: That By-Laws #24 to #26 of 2015, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#22: Gilliland/McCharles: That By-Laws #24 to #26 of 2015, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#23: Broad/Marriott: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday September 2, 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