

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

May 4, 2016

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 D. Boushy and M. Bradley.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: Councillor Gillis declared a pecuniary interest with agenda item #8 Correspondence A) c) CC 05-19-16 from the Township of North Stormont regarding the Ontario Energy Board hearing being held to recover costs of expanding natural gas service to Ontario communities.

Mr. Jason Cole was welcomed into the position of General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services.

Presentation

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

Carried.

Mr. Terry May, former Deputy Chief of the Oil Springs Fire Department was recognized by Warden MacDougall and Lambton County Council for his bravery during a recent fire in which he saved a person's life.

Delegation

Tracy Pringle, Account Manager, Zone 1, Municipal and Stake Holders Relations, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) discussed with County Council several topics including the 2016 reassessment year and the new release of Municipal Connect.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated March 2 and March 16, 2016 were presented.

#2: Gillis/Veen: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated March 2 and 16, 2016 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 05-06-16 An email from David Ullrich, Executive Director, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and Mike Shriberg, Regional Executive Director, Great Lakes, The National Wildlife Federation dated March 9, 2016 regarding the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge.

This pledge declares your support for monarch habitat restoration and your commitment to encourage all residents to do the same. Within one year, pledge signers commit to take at least 3 actions to ensure that future generations have the chance to enjoy this iconic butterfly.

CC 05-17-16 A letter from Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry dated April 7, 2016 in reply to the County's letter regarding the City of Waukesha's application to divert water from Lake Michigan under the *Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement* and Compact. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry shares the County's interest in protecting the waters of the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin and remains committed to implementing the terms under the Agreement.

Ontario understands the importance of freshwater and is an advocate for the sustainable management of these resources. All comments received will be considered in preparation for the Regional Body's Declaration of Finding meeting on April 21, 2016.

CC 05-19-16 An email from Ginette Martin-Stephan, Deputy Clerk, Township of North Stormont dated April 14, 2016 regarding the Ontario Energy Board holding a hearing of Union Gas Limited's Application (EB-2015-0179) to expand natural gas service to certain rural and remote communities. Council for the Township of North Stormont passed a resolution asking that the Ontario Energy Board examine the proposal to expand natural gas services and make it available to all of Eastern Ontario rural areas. It is vital for economic development and to business expansion and retention as well as the increase of employability in Eastern Ontario.

CC 05-20-16 A letter from Tara Mieske, Clerk/Planning Manager, Township of North Frontenac dated April 13, 2016 regarding Independent Electrical System Operator Review of Request for Proposal Process for the Award of Renewable Energy Contracts. The Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac passed a resolution requesting:

1. That the Municipal Support Resolution become a mandatory requirement in the IESO process;

2. That the rules be amended to require that the resolution related to this support must be considered in an open Council meeting held after the community engagement meeting organized by the proponent;
3. That full details of the project, including siting of project elements and site consideration reports, are required to be made available at the community engagement meeting and to the Council before the resolution is considered;
4. That the terms of any municipal agreement related to the project also need to be discussed in open Council and that such agreements cannot contain terms that limit the municipality's ability to exercise Municipal Act powers relative to the project;
5. That the process includes the requirement for the municipality to provide comments on the project directly to the IESO;
6. That any points for Aboriginal participation in a given power project be limited to the First Nation who has a comprehensive claim on the land where the project will be built;
7. That any announcements of the successful bidders include an explanation of the points awarded to each bid.

#3: Napper/McGugan: That correspondence CC 05-20-16 be supported by Lambton County Council and a letter of support be sent.

Carried.

CC 05-21-16 A letter from Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock dated April 7, 2016 regarding her efforts as MPP and PC Critic for Women's Issues, to call on the provincial government to take immediate steps to combat human trafficking in Ontario and to raise public awareness of this horrid crime. MPP Laurie Scott is asking for support of Bill 158, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016* for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services and front line agencies.

#4: Gillis/McCharles: That correspondence CC 05-21-16 be supported by Lambton County Council and a letter of support be sent.

Carried.

CC 05-22-16 A resolution from Heather Bouw, Deputy Clerk, Municipality of Dutton Dunwich dated April 15, 2016 regarding changes requested to IESO Process. Dutton Dunwich Council passed a resolution requesting that:

1. That the "Municipal Support Resolution" becomes a mandatory requirement in the IESO process;
2. That any points for Aboriginal participation in a given power project be limited to the First Nation who has a comprehensive claim on the land where the project will be built;

3. That any announcement of the successful bidders includes an explanation of the points awarded to each bid.

#5: McCharles/Marriott: That correspondence CC 05-06-16, CC 05-17-16, CC 05-19-16 and CC 05-22-16 be received and filed.

Carried.

Correspondence from Member Municipalities

CC 05-18-16 A letter from Amanda Gubbels, Clerk/Deputy Administrator, Township of Warwick dated April 14, 2016 regarding physician recruitment. At the regular meeting of Council, Warwick Township approved a resolution requesting that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario. Also, that the Minister return to the table with Ontario's doctors and work together through mediation-arbitration to reach a fair deal that protects the quality, patient-focused care Ontario families deserve.

#6: Veen/Cook: That correspondence CC 05-18-16 be supported by Lambton County Council and a letter of support be sent.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

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

- a) Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership minutes dated January 22 and February 23, 2016;
- b) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Board of Directors minutes dated January 28, 2016; and,
- c) The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation minutes dated March 9, 2016.

Committee Minutes

Mr. B. Weber presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated April 20, 2016.

#7: Weber/Marriott: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated April 20, 2016 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Councillor Napper thanked Chris Doyle, General Manager, Long-Term Care for his years of public service with Lambton County.

Mr. J. McCharles presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated April 20, 2016.

#8: McCharles/Broad: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated April 20, 2016 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Case's Notice of Motion presented at the March 2, 2016 meeting of County Council was deferred to the May 4, 2016 meeting for consideration.

#9: Case/Gillis: That staff for Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) be asked to prepare a report for Council's consideration regarding the governance model of SLEP. The report should address the following:

1. The number of directors on the Board and the sectors they represent;
2. The term of appointments as per the by-laws and the process used to select potential candidates;
3. The turnover of Board membership and various positions held by members of the Board over the last 10 years;
4. A survey of the Board structures of other similar organizations in the province including London, Kitchener/Waterloo, Kingston and Windsor/Essex.

And that a report be brought back for Council's information to the next regular meeting of County Council.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board Nomination

Councillor Gillis is seeking a motion by Council to endorse her nomination to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board for a period starting June 2016, ending June 2017. A Council resolution of support along with the nomination form must be submitted prior to May 17, 2016.

#10: Case/McGugan: That County Council endorse the nomination of Anne Marie Gillis to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board for a period starting June 2016, ending June 2017 and that a Council resolution of support along with the nomination form be submitted prior to May 17, 2016.

Carried.

Lambton Federation of Agriculture

Councillor McGugan distributed information on behalf of the Lambton Federation of Agriculture regarding the important role of agriculture both locally and nationally.

Autistic Children in Ontario

Councillor McGugan distributed information for the benefit of Council regarding changes in provincial support for autistic programs in Ontario. It was requested that a strongly worded letter from the Warden on behalf of this Council be sent to provincial officials expressing dismay regarding the cutbacks and urging that the funding be restored.

#11: McGugan/Case: That a letter from the Warden on behalf of Lambton County Council be sent to provincial officials expressing dismay at the cutbacks for autistic children in Ontario and demand that the funding be restored.

Carried.

Expansion of Natural Gas Services

#12: Arnold/Cook: That correspondence be sent to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) asking that the OEB examine the proposal to expand natural gas services and make it available to all of Lambton County residents and businesses.

Carried.

Fires in Fort McMurray, Alberta

Councillor Gillis spoke regarding the disastrous fires happening in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

#13: Gillis/Arnold: That a letter be sent to the government in the Fort McMurray region offering the support of Lambton County.

Carried.

Flag Presentations

#14: Arnold/Weber: That County invite the First Nations Communities to present their flags for presentation and display in the Lambton County Council chambers.

Carried.

By-Laws

#15: Bruziewicz/Cook: That By-Laws #10 and #11 of 2016, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#16: Gilliland/Veen: That By-Laws #10 and #11 of 2016, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#17: Napper/Veen: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday June 1, 2016 with the in-Camera session to commence at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Bev MacDougall
Warden

David Cribbs
County Clerk