

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

March 7, 2018

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: Councillor Cook declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 8 B) b) of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) agenda dated March 7, 2018 referring to the Community Living Sarnia-Lambton grant request.

Correspondence

CC 03-01-18 A letter from Mr. Michael Kooy, Board Chair and Ms. Shirley de Silva, President & CEO, Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce, dated February 27, 2018, regarding Commercial Vacancy Rebate Survey Results. On January 24, 2018, the Chamber was asked by the County to consult its members on the proposed elimination of the CVR. The Chamber advises that due to the short consultation period and the feedback received, it does not feel that there has been adequate time to educate and consult local businesses on this issue and recommends that Council postpone a decision on the CVR until more thorough consultations and education of businesses have been conducted.

CC 03-02-18 A letter from Mr. Michael Kooy, Board Chair and Ms. Shirley de Silva, President & CEO, Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce, dated February 27, 2018, regarding the County of Lambton's 2018 Proposed Budget. The Chamber congratulates County Council and staff for working so diligently to return a fiscally responsible budget that does not ignore the current and emerging funding constraints from upper tier governments, and addressing cost control and budget increases. However, the Chamber feels that the approach to keeping budget increases small, may have an impact on future budgets. The Chamber would be pleased to work with the County to assist with the identification and assessment of practical approaches that foster and sustain the delivery of quality public services that are valued by all Lambton residents.

#1: MacDougall/Bruziewicz: That correspondence CC 03-01-18 and CC 03-02-18 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Update Regarding the County's Asset Management Plan - Impact of Draft 2018 Budget

#2: Cook/Marriott: That the Information Report dated March 7, 2018 regarding the County's Asset Management Plan - Impact of Draft 2018 Budget be received and filed.
Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

FINANCE FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated March 7, 2018 Regarding the Treasurer's Statutory Report on Funding of Non-Cash Expenses Included in the 2018 Budget

#3: Case/Cook:

- a) That for the 2018 Budget and taxation year, funded amortization be augmented by a \$3,543,000 contribution to the Amortization Reserve as specified in the October 19, 2011 Report entitled "Funding of Amortization Expenses".
- b) That the \$2,955,000 collected and credited to the Amortization Reserve in the County's 2017 Budget be applied against 2018 TCA projects that are scored the highest according to the County's "Scoring Guide".
- c) That this Report be accepted and its recommendations be approved and applied to the County's 2018 Budget in compliance with the requirement of O.Reg 284/09.

Carried.

Report dated March 7, 2018 Regarding Tax Policy Being Proposed for 2018

#4: Arnold/Marriott: That items a) add "Farm Class" and b) amend to add "and Farm Class be reduced to 0.226" in the report dated March 7, 2018 regarding Tax Policy Being Proposed for 2018 be amended by adding "Farm Class" so it now reads:

- a) That the current Broad Class Ratios for all Classes other than the Multi-Residential Class and Farm Class be maintained.
- b) That the Tax Class Ratio for the Multi-Residential Class be reduced to 2.00 and Farm Class be reduced to 0.226.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Gilliland was requested by Councillor Marriott on motion #4 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.....	Yes (2)
D. Cook	No (2)
P. Gilliland	Yes (2)
A.M. Gillis	Yes (3)
B. Hand	Yes (1)
B. MacDougall.....	Yes (3)
K. Marriott.....	Yes (1)
J. McCharles	No (2)
D. McGugan	No (1)
L. Napper	No (3)
I. Veen.....	Absent
B. Weber	No (3)

Yeas - 25; Nays - 11.

Motion Carried.

* #5: Bradley/Bruziewicz: That items g) and h) of the report dated March 7, 2018 regarding Tax Policy Being Proposed for 2018 be tabled until the April 4, 2018 meeting of County Council to allow for public input.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Napper was requested by Councillor Bruziewicz on motion #5 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.....	Yes (2)
D. Cook	No (2)
P. Gilliland	Yes (2)
A.M. Gillis	Yes (3)
B. Hand	Yes (1)
B. MacDougall.....	No (3)

*Motion was lifted from the table. See motion #18 LCC (OS) minutes dated April 4, 2018. Rebate program to be offered for 2 more years. See motion #19 LCC (OS) minutes dated April 4, 2018

K. Marriott..... Yes (1)
J. McCharles No (2)
D. McGugan No (1)
L. Napper No (3)
I. Veen..... Absent
B. Weber No (3)

Yeas - 22; Nays - 14.

Motion Carried.

Report dated March 7, 2018 Regarding Tax Policy Being Proposed for 2018

#6: MacDougall/Gillis: That the report dated March 7, 2018 regarding Tax Policy Being Proposed for 2018 be accepted as amended so it now reads:

- a) That the current Broad Class Ratios for all Classes other than the Multi-Residential Class and Farm Class be maintained.
- b) That the Tax Class Ratio for the Multi-Residential Class be reduced to 2.00 and Farm Class be reduced to 0.226.
- c) That the discount rate for New Construction continue to be 0%.
- d) That the existing discounts for land under development of 30% and 35% be continued.
- e) That all available and applicable capping options/tools be employed in 2018.
- f) That staff report back to Council as to whether the County of Lambton has met the threshold requirements to initiate the process of eliminating the need to provide capping protection.

Carried.

Report dated March 7, 2018 Regarding Proposed Policy: Council Grants to other Public Sector Institutions not associated with Lambton County

#7: Bradley/Broad:

- a) That Principle (i) - Residence of the Council Grants Policy be amended to read "That other than public sector organizations such as hospitals and colleges, the party requesting the grant shall reside and conduct business within the geographic boundaries of Lambton County;".

- b) That Principle (iii) - Core Services of the Council Grants Policy be amended to read "The requested grant should be for activities which are consistent with or ancillary to the County's core services...".
 - c) That the principles of the County's Council Grants Policy as amended be reaffirmed by Council as its criteria for considering the merits of requests to provide support to third-party entities, including other public sector institutions.
- Carried.

#8: Broad/Case: That for 2018, 1 million dollars from the Opportunities and Contingencies Reserve and / or the current amount in that fund be allocated to a hospital capital grant fund and for 2019 that 1 million dollars be allocated to such hospital capital grant fund.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Napper was requested by Councillor Broad on motion #8 of this day's minutes:

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

Yeas - 15; Nays - 21.

Motion Defeated.

#9: Arnold/Gilliland: that for 2018, 1 million dollars be allocated to a hospital grant fund, however, for 2019 and forward that 50% (i.e. 1% of the 2% that is allocated to the Opportunities and Contingencies Reserve every year), be allocated to a hospital grant fund.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor McCharles was requested by Councillor Broad on motion #9 of this day's minutes:

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

Yeas - 13; Nays - 23.

Motion Defeated.

The Warden called for a 10 minute recess.

Council reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

2018 Budget Deliberations

Lambton County Council went into the 2018 Budget Session.

John Innes, General Manager, Finance, Facilities and Court Services provided a brief overview regarding the process to be followed.

Council commenced the 2018 budget process with a consideration of grants requested and staff reports referred to Budget. Council made resolutions on an exception basis, as recorded on the attached minutes dated Wednesday, March 7, 2018 numbers 1 - 13.

- * #10: Bradley/Bruziewicz: That motion #12 of the attached Budget minutes, requesting the 2018 Levy be restricted to a net inflationary target of 1.8% be tabled until March 22, 2018.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor MacDougall was requested by Councillor McGugan on motion #10 of this day's minutes.

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

Yeas - 22; Nays - 14.

Motion Carried.

Upon adoption of the tabling motion, staff were requested to prepare a report on the process to meet the 1.8% net inflationary target using a 50% reduction in expenses and 50% coverage through reserves.

Other Business

Reinstatement of Ferry Service

#11: McGugan/Arnold: That a letter of support from the Warden and Lambton County Council be sent regarding support of the reinstatement of ferry service between Sombra, ON and Marine City, MI.

Carried.

*Motion was lifted from the table. See motion #2 of the LCC (OS) minutes dated March 22, 2018

By-Laws

#12: Gillis/Hand: That By-Law #10 of 2018, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#13: Hand/Gillis: That By-Law #10 of 2018, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#14: MacDougall/Boushy: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and budget deliberations for 2018 will continue for County Council on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 12:25 p.m.

Bill Weber
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
County Clerk
General Manager, Corporate Services

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1	Case, Todd McGugan, Don	County Grants That Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital be granted \$1,050,000 over 10 years to assist with acquiring a new X-Ray Suite for Diagnostic Imaging.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:	105,000	105,000	0.144	A	27	9																																																						
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2	Bradley, Mike	County Grants	Operating:	45,000			A	34	0
	Gillis, Anne Marie	That Community Living Sarnia-Lambton be granted \$45,000 from the Contingency and Opportunities Reserve to purchase a 2017/18 Dodge Caravan.	Non-TCA: TCA:						
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								Case, Todd	2
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3	McGugan, Don Bruziewicz, Andy	County Grants That Deker Bauer Foundation be granted \$80,674 for temporary funding of its operations and the funding be found through savings in County Department operational expense reductions. A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Gillis, was requested by Councillor McGugan.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:				D	4	32
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4	Bruziewicz, Andy Napper, Lonny	County Grants That the Deker Bauer Foundation be granted \$80,674 for temporary funding of its operations.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:	80,674	80,674	0.111	D	6	30																																																																								
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5	Bradley, Mike Gilliland, Peter	County Grants That the Sarnia-Lambton Crime Stoppers grant request for \$13,000 for the reinstatement of the operational funding previously supplied by Council, be denied.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:				A	34	2																																																						
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6	Bradley, Mike Cook, Doug	County Council That a letter be sent to the Ontario Provincial Police requesting that its funding and support to Sarnia-Lambton Crime Stoppers be reinstated.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:				A		

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7	Hand, Bev Case, Todd	County Grants That Tourism Sarnia-Lambton be granted an additional \$35,000, for 2018 only, to cover additional operating expenses.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:	35,000	35,000	0.048	A	20	16																																																						
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10	Boushy, Dave Arnold, Steve	County Council That the recommendations regarding the Multi-Use Convention Centre as presented to Lambton County Council on November 1st, 2017 be approved as follows provided that there be no costs to the County. a) That Council establish a Project Steering Committee, including representation from relevant community stakeholders, to further investigate the establishment of a multi-use convention centre in the Sarnia/Point Edward area. b) That Council direct staff to investigate the cost of engaging a consultant to undertake a market analysis and feasibility study for a potential multi-use convention centre in the Sarnia/Point Edward area. c) That Council direct staff to pursue an application in partnership with relevant community stakeholders to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport through the Tourism Development Fund for financial support with consultant and project management fees associated with the further investigation of the multi-use convention centre proposal. A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Napper, was requested by Councillor	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:				A	31	5
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11	MacDougall, Bev Gillis, Anne Marie	Homelessness/Child Poverty That the Hub and Home for Good Programs recommendations presented at Committee P.M. on February 21st, 2018 be approved as follows: a) That Lambton County Council approve the provision of \$75,000 in one-time funding to the The Hub from the National Child Benefit/Social Assistance Restructuring Savings Reserve to facilitate continued operations while efforts continue to secure sustainable funding. A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Bruziewicz, was requested by Councillor McGugan.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:	75,000			A	36	0
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12	Marriott, Kevin Arnold, Steve	County Council That the Lambton County net levy be restricted to an inflationary increase of 1.8%.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:				T		

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13	Gillis, Anne Marie Bruziewicz, Andy	County Council That the contribution to the Contingencies and Opportunities Reserve be reduced from 2% of the previous year's County Levy requirement to 1% of the previous year's County Levy requirement, in 2018 only. A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Veen, was requested by Councillor McGugan.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:		-728,115	-1.000	D	18	18
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