

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE P.M.**

(Long-Term Care/Corporate Services/Finance, Facilities and Court Services/Social Services)

April 17, 2019

A meeting was held at the County Building at 1:00 p.m. on the above date.

Present

Chair I. Veen, Warden Bill Weber. Members: L. Napper, M. Bird, D. Boushy, D. Cook, B. Hand, S. Miller, and J. Rombouts. Various staff were present including the following General Managers: Ms. J. Joris, General Manager, Long-Term Care, Mr. J. Innes, General Manager, Finance, Facilities and Court Services, Ms. V. Colasanti, General Manager, Social Services, Mr. S. Thiffeault, General Manager, Corporate Services and Mr. R. G. Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent

None.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

LTC 05-02-19 A memorandum from Ralph Ganter, Chief Executive Officer, Erie St. Clair LHIN dated March 8, 2019 regarding a new board at Ontario Health. The new board will be assuming the oversight of Cancer Care Ontario, Health Quality Ontario, eHealth Ontario, Trillium Gift of Life Network, Health Shared Services Ontario, HealthForceOntario Marketing and Recruitment Agency, and all 14 LHINS.

LTC 05-03-19 A bulletin from Lisa Levin, Chief Executive Officer, AdvantAge Ontario dated March 8, 2019 regarding the announcement of the new Ontario Health Board of Directors, and includes a list of the board members.

#1: Weber/Hand: That correspondence LTC 05-02-19 and LTC 05-03-19 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Report

Information Report dated April 17, 2019 Regarding Occupancy 1st Quarter 2019

#2: Boushy/Cook: That Information Report dated April 17, 2019 regarding Occupancy 1st Quarter 2019 be received and filed.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated April 17, 2019 Regarding Quality Improvement Plan

#3: Miller/Hand:

- a) That Lambton County Council approve the 2019-2020 Quality Improvement Plan for Lambton Meadowview Villa.
- b) That Lambton County Council approve the 2019-2020 Quality Improvement Plan for Marshall Gowland Manor.
- c) That Lambton County Council approve the 2019-2020 Quality Improvement Plan for North Lambton Lodge.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated April 17, 2019 Regarding Amendment to 2019 Services and Fees Schedule - Increase to Building Inspection and By-Law Enforcement Fees

#4: Marriott/Rombouts:

- a) That the chargeable rate for "Building Inspection and By-Law Enforcement" services rendered to Lambton County Municipal Municipalities set out at page 5 of 27 in Schedule "A" of By-Law 4 of 2019, found under the subject heading "Building Services Department", be increased from \$60.00 per hour to \$65.00 per hour, effective July 1, 2019.
- b) That an appropriate By-Law amending By-Law No. 4 of 2019 be presented to County Council to implement the revised chargeable rate for the services described in paragraph a) above.

Carried.

Report dated April 17, 2019 Regarding County Open Data Policy

#5: Cook/Miller:

- a) That the attached Policy entitled Open Data Policy ("Policy") be approved.
- b) That Staff be authorized to implement the Policy and make available Lambton County generated non-confidential and non-proprietary data to the public in machine readable form via the County's internet site.

Carried.

Report dated April 17, 2019 Regarding Source Protection Committee - Lambton County Municipal Nominee(s)

#6: Cook/Weber:

- a) That County Council nominate one (1) or more of the individuals listed in Schedule "A" attached hereto as its municipal appointee to the Thames-Sydenham Region Source Protection Committee.
- b) That once nominated by County Staff, that Staff inform, in writing, the Thames-Sydenham Region and the individual(s) nominated of Council's nomination, by no later than May 2, 2019.

Carried.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

FIN 05-04-19 A letter from Gerry Marshall, Chair, Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology Inc. (SWIFT), dated February 25, 2019, thanking the County of Lambton's Financial Administration Services Department for a job well done with the 2018 Baker Tilly audit. The Board is extending its appreciation and gratitude to the Department for its ongoing financial efforts and ensuring that the process flowed smoothly and efficiently. As SWIFT continues to pursue its goal of delivering broadband to everyone in Southwestern Ontario, Niagara and Caledon, SWIFT is grateful for the Financial Administration Services Department's assistance.

FIN 05-05-19 An email from Ashley Sloan, Clerk's Assistant, Township of South Stormont, dated February 26, 2019, requesting endorsement of its resolution regarding the review of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) announced by the Provincial Government. The Township of South Stormont is requesting that although an interim payment has been received, the Municipality is expressing grave concern with the potential reduction and/or loss of the OMPF allotment in future years, and that the Provincial Government be petitioned to complete the OMPF review in an expeditious manner as future financial consideration ensures Municipal sustainability.

FIN 05-06-19 A letter from Allan Doheny, Assistant Deputy Minister, Provincial-Local Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, dated March 21, 2019, regarding the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). Mr. Doheny is advising that the government will be maintaining the current structure of the OMPF for 2019. This means that the program is the same as it was in 2018, while allowing for annual data updates and related adjustments. As in prior years, Transitional Assistance also continues to adjust. Allocation notices with funding details for each Municipality were sent to Municipal Treasurers on March 14, 2019. Consultations will continue through the OMPF Municipal Reference Group and the Ministry looks forward to the continued participation and feedback on the program.

FIN 05-13-19 A letter from Allan Doheny, Assistant Deputy Minister, Provincial-Local Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, dated April 9, 2019, advising of a number of important decisions for the 2019 taxation year related to education property tax rates, and municipal flexibility in setting property tax policy. The 2019 business education tax rates for the County of Lambton are attached. Regulations implementing the property tax policy decisions have been enacted and will be available on the e-laws website www.ontario.ca/laws.

FIN 05-14-19 An email from the Municipality of Grey Highlands, dated April 9, 2019, regarding the Provincial Government's review of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). The government advised that the overall spending envelope for the program would decrease, which would have a significant impact on future budgets and how funds are raised by Municipalities as funding will be reduced by an unspecified amount. The Municipality of Grey Highlands is very concerned with the potential reduction and/or loss of the OMPF allotment in future years and is requesting endorsement of its resolution to request the Provincial Government to complete the OMPF review in an expeditious manner.

#7: Cook/Miller: That correspondence FIN 05-04-19, FIN 05-05-19, FIN 05-06-19, FIN 05-13-19, and FIN 05-14-19 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Report

Information Report dated April 17, 2019 Regarding Council Remuneration and Related Expenses – 2018

#8: Hand/Rombouts: That Information Report dated April 17, 2019 regarding Council Remuneration and Related Expenses - 2018 be received and filed.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated April 17, 2019 Regarding Lambton County-wide Tax Policy being Proposed for 2019

#9: Weber/Marriott:

- a) That for all property classes except the Landfill class, there be no change to the broad property class ratios for these classes from those set by Council for the 2018 Taxation year.
- b) That the Tax Class Ratio for the Landfill Property Class be set at the maximum value as permitted in Subsection 10.2(3) as described in O.R. 385/98 as amended.
- 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 2019 as to continue to promote the move towards allowing the County of Lambton to meet the threshold for eliminating the need to provide capping protection. Lambton County-wide Tax Policy being Proposed for 2019 (page 12) April 17, 2019
- f) That the County of Lambton “exit” and cease Capping each of the three affected Tax Classes as soon as the Provincial thresholds have been met.
- g) That the County create a Small Scale Value Added to Farmland Commercial SubClass and a Small Scale Value Added to Farmland Industrial Sub-Class retroactively, effective January 1, 2018.
- h) That Council apply to the Province for a Regulation to phase out Vacancy Rebates in Lambton County by reducing the current amount of rebate by 33% in 2019, 66% in 2020 and then 100% in 2021, thereby eliminating Vacancy Rebates completely effective that year.

Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

#10: Boushy/Hand: That the following Information Reports from the Social Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated April 17, 2019 regarding Service Manager Annual Information Return.
- b) Information Report dated April 17, 2019 regarding Homeless Enumeration.

Carried.

Adjournment

#11: Napper/Rombouts: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the County Building, Wyoming, Ontario.

Carried.

Time: 1:35 p.m.

Ian Veen
Chair

Ronald G. Van Horne
Secretary