

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

November 6, 2019

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.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera Committee Room #3

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

- a) The Corporation of the County of Lambton's ongoing appeals before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal regarding its Official Plan pursuant to ss. 239(2)(e) and (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) a proposed collective agreement between The Corporation of the County of Lambton and ONA, pursuant to s. 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- c) to receive information in relation to the availability of property in the City of Sarnia and provide staff instructions in regards to the potential acquisition thereof, pursuant to s. 239(2)(c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- d) to provide information and seek instructions from Council pertaining to personal matters about identifiable individuals, labour relations, and litigation in respect to the operations of the County's Long-Term Care Homes pursuant to ss. 239(2)(b), (d) and (e) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- e) to update Council on ongoing negotiations for a new lease at Bayside Centre, City of Sarnia, and seek instructions in relation thereto, pursuant to ss. 239(2)(k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:55 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Silent Reflection

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session

The Clerk noted that County Council adopted the In-Camera Lambton County Council minutes dated October 2, 2019 as well as the In-Camera Committee P.M. minutes dated October 16, 2019. County Council also reviewed and discussed the availability of a property in the City of Sarnia; a proposed long-term lease agreement at Bayside Centre; and a proposed Collective Agreement between the County and Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) for Nurses at Lambton Meadowview Villa and North Lambton Lodge.

Council also discussed a proposed Notice of Motion concerning a potential third-party review of the Long-Term Care Homes' operations where Council decided to:

- a) Table the motion to the November 27, 2019 (Open Session) County Council meeting;
- b) Release the In-Camera Information Report dated November 6, 2019 regarding Long-Term Care Homes to the same meeting; and
- c) Provide an additional report on the potential costs of running a third-party review on the County's three Long-Term Care Homes.

#2: Veen/Loosley: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

Take Our Kids to Work Day

Warden Weber welcomed grade 9 students Tay Bedard, Ayla Coates, and Bryce Duffy, who attended the meeting as part of the Take Our Kids to Work Day program.

Presentations - Recognition of Donors

- a) Presentation of a recognition plaque to the Sarnia Community Foundation in recognition of their generous donation to Lambton Circles.
- b) Presentation of a recognition plaque to North Lambton Lodge Auxiliary in recognition of their generous donation and ongoing support to the people who live at North Lambton Lodge.
- c) Presentation of a recognition plaque to Marshall Gowland Manor Auxiliary in recognition of their generous donation and ongoing support to the people who live at Marshall Gowland Manor.

- d) Presentation of a recognition plaque to Lambton Meadowview Villa Auxiliary in recognition of their generous donation and ongoing support to the people who live at Lambton Meadowview Villa.
- e) Presentation of a recognition plaque to NOVA Chemicals in recognition of their generous donation and ongoing support to the Ontario Student Nutrition Program - Lambton.
- f) Presentation of a recognition plaque to Teletech Community Foundation in recognition of their generous donation and ongoing support to the Ontario Student Nutrition Program - Lambton.
- g) Presentation of a recognition plaque to Noelle's Gift in recognition of their generous donation and ongoing support to the Ontario Student Nutrition Program - Lambton.
- h) The Lambton County Library acknowledged the generous bequest received from Elva Ruth Keys for the Bright's Grove Library.
- i) The Lambton County Library acknowledged the generous bequest received from Otto and Kathleen (Cunningham) Schuldt, for the benefit of the Children's Department of the Petrolia Public Library (Robert M. Nicol Library).
- j) The Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery acknowledged the generous donation of three works of art for the collection and monetary donation from John Oravec and Marisa Bernardi.
- k) The Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery acknowledged the generous donation of one work of art for the collection from Kelly Wallace.
- l) The Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery acknowledged the donation of five works of art for the collection from Henry Cornelissen.
- m) The Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery acknowledged the generous monetary donation received from Fleck Law Charitable Fund (Carl Fleck and Pascale Daigneault) for the benefit of the art acquisition reserve fund.
- n) The Lambton Heritage Museum acknowledged the generous donation from Stuart Loriman for the conservation of the Goodison Steam Traction Engine.
- o) The Staff of the Lambton Heritage Museum acknowledged the generous donations from the Charles Fairbank Oil Properties Ltd. to be used for wagon rides and for the Robert Cochrane Memorial Fund.

- p) The Lambton Heritage Museum acknowledged the generous donation of artifacts for the collection from Ron Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer of the County of Lambton.

Delegations

#3: Hand/Loosley: That we invite the delegations within the Bar to speak to County Council.

Carried.

Mike Lapaine, President and CEO, Bluewater Health, provided Council with an update on the status of the Sarnia Lambton Ontario Health Team application.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated October 2, 2019 were presented.

#4: White/Marriott: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated October 2, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence from Member Municipalities

CC 11-07-19 A letter from Dianne Gould-Brown, City Clerk, City of Sarnia, dated September 30, 2019 regarding a request for support from Lambton County Council on a resolution as passed by the City of Sarnia at its September 9, 2019 Council meeting concerning the creation of a local joint body "jobs task force" to develop options to further assist with employment levels in Sarnia and all of Lambton County.

#5: Bradley/Stark: That County Council request Staff to provide a report on the viability of creating a local joint body "jobs task force" to develop options to further assist with employment levels in Sarnia and all of Lambton County.

Carried.

CC 11-08-19 A letter from Mike Bradley, Mayor, City of Sarnia, dated October 16, 2019 regarding homelessness plans and strategies for the winter 2019/2020.

Ms. Valerie Colasanti, General Manager, Social Services Division, provided an update regarding affordable housing and homelessness and advised that a report will be brought to County Council for its November 27, 2019 (Open Session) meeting.

CC 11-12-19 A letter from the Town of Petrolia, received September 19, 2019 requesting the elimination of vacancy rebates after 2019. (Correspondence dealt with later in the meeting during Committee P.M. minutes dated October 16, 2019. See motion #8 of this day's minutes).

#6: Bradley/Miller: That correspondence CC 11-08-19 and CC 11-12-19 be received and filed.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

The following item was presented to County Council for its information:

- a) Creative County Committee minutes dated June 27, 2019.

Committee Minutes

Mr. S. Arnold presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated October 16, 2019.

#7: Arnold/Loosley: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated October 16, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. I. Veen presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated October 16, 2019.

Re: Motion #6 of the Committee P.M. Minutes dated October 16, 2019 Regarding the Proposed Phase-Out of Vacancy Rebates

#8: Loosley/Stark: That motion #6 of the Committee P.M. minutes dated October 16, 2019 regarding the Proposed Phase-Out of Vacancy Rebates be amended so that motion now reads:

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 100% in 2020, thereby eliminating Vacancy Rebates completely, effective next year.

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

S. Arnold	Yes (3)
M. Bird	Yes (3)
D. Boushy	Yes (3)
M. Bradley	Yes (3)
A. Broad	Yes (1)

D. Cook	Yes (2)
D. Ferguson	Yes (1)
B. Hand	Yes (1)
B. Loosley	Yes (2)
K. Marriott	Yes (1)
S. Miller	Yes (2)
L. Napper	Yes (3)
J. Rombouts	Yes (2)
M. Stark	Yes (3)
I. Veen	Yes (1)
B. Weber	Yes (3)
B. White	Yes (3)

Yeas - 37; Nays - 0

Carried.

#9: Veen/Miller: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated October 16, 2019 be accepted as amended.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Loosley gave Notice of Motion at the October 16, 2019 Committee P.M. meeting proposing the elimination of vacancy rebates after 2019. (Notice of Motion dealt with earlier in the meeting during Committee P.M. minutes dated October 16, 2019. See motion #9 of this day's minutes).

Councillor Bird gave Notice of Motion dated October 22, 2019 requesting the support of County Council on the following resolution:

#10: Bird/Bradley:

- a) That County Council ask Staff to make an application to Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) for the 40-year-old Drainage Act to be updated and more appropriate for the Twenty-first Century, including the following points:
 - i. Make it law that all easements for municipal drainage must be registered and included on Title for every home, and land section;
 - ii. Give notice to the Law Society and the Real Estate Board obligating them, instead of the new home purchaser, to contact the appropriate municipality to check for any registered easements for the home or land in question; and

- iii. As this is a digital age, to make sure every detail is recorded electronically so that lawyers, realtors and the public can check these matters.

Defeated.

#11: Arnold/Stark: That Councillor Bird's motion be amended to isolate (ii.) so that the motion now reads:

That County Council send a letter to Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) requesting that they give notice to the Law Society and the Real Estate Board obligating them, instead of the new home purchaser, to contact the appropriate municipality to check for any registered easements or municipal drains for the home or land in question.

Defeated.

Councillor Bird gave Notice of Motion dated October 29, 2019 requesting the support of County Council on the following motion:

#12: Bird/Boushy: That Lambton County Council, in the name of safety and protection, ask staff to initiate an application to Infrastructure Ontario for a shared amount of what is needed to build one continuous sea wall along the Brights Grove public shoreline, which is also the North Lambton shoreline.

Defeated.

OTHER BUSINESS

Outstanding Business Achievement Awards

Councillor Loosley informed County Council that the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce held its 30th Outstanding Business Achievement Awards event on October 18th at the Sarnia Imperial Theatre and congratulated Laurissa Ellsworth, Director of Marketing, Arts & Communications, Town of Petrolia, for winning the Outstanding Customer Service - Individual award.

Village of 'Petrolea' (Petrolia) - First Oil Well

Councillor Loosley announced that the very first oil well was drilled in the Village of 'Petrolea' (Town of Petrolia) on this day, November 6th, in 1860.

By-Laws

#13: Cook/Ferguson: That By-Laws #36, #37, and #38 of 2019, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#14: Ferguson/Cook: That By-Laws #36, #37, and #38 of 2019, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#15: Hand/Ferguson: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 with the In-Camera session to commence at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 11:40 a.m.

Bill Weber
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
County Clerk