

**MINUTES**  
**LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**May 4, 2022**

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. The following members attended virtually: M. Bradley, A. Broad, D. Ferguson and M. Stark. Also present was J. Field, Alternate Member to Councillor B. Loosley, Town of Petrolia.

**Alternate Members**

Joel Field, Alternate Member to Councillor Brad Loosley, Town of Petrolia, was sworn in by the Clerk.

**Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that this land on which we are gathered today is part of the ancestral land of the Chippewa, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples, referred to collectively as the Anishinaabeg. It is through the connection of the Anishinaabeg with the spirit of the land, water and air that we recognize their unique cultures, traditions, and values. Together as treaty people, we have a shared responsibility to act with respect for the environment that sustains all life, protecting the future for those generations to come.

**Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest:** None.

**In-Camera**

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

- a) to review the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated April 6, 2022, pursuant to s. 239 (2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) a report seeking instructions from Council regarding personnel matters/negotiations (compensation), pursuant to s. 239(2)(b) and (d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Councillor B. White joined the meeting in person.

### Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:37 a.m.

### Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session

The Clerk noted that County Council adopted the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated April 6, 2022 and discussed personnel matters/negotiations regarding compensation.

### Medical Officer of Health Update on COVID-19

Dr. Sudit Ranade, Medical Officer of Health, provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic in Lambton County. The [video stream](#) of the meeting can be watched on the Lambton County website.

### Delegation

#2: Hand/Ferguson: That we invite the delegation within the Bar to speak to County Council.

Carried.

### No Parking along Country Road #7 (Lakeshore Road) Between Murphy Road and Telfer Road

Bonnie Dawson, Director, J.D. Lawn Service and Heather Dawson, Office Manager/Customer Relations, J.D. Lawn Service, presented to Council regarding the “No Parking” along County Road #7 (Lakeshore Road), between Murphy Road and Telfer Road.

#3: Bradley/Boushy: That Council support the following recommendation from the delegation: that service vehicles fall under the same classification as deliveries and also be exempt from the No Parking By-Law from Monday to Saturday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., subject to further discussion between the City of Sarnia and the County of Lambton and that staff follow-up with a report.

Carried.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated April 6, 2022 were presented.

#4: Hand/Miller: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated April 6, 2022 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 05-08-22 An email from Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator, Clerk's Division, Town of Georgina, dated March 31, 2022 regarding a resolution that was passed by the Town of Georgina to impose limitations upon the purchase of goods that can easily be traced to have originated from Russia, and requesting support of this position by other Ontario municipalities.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Town of Georgina unequivocally denounces Russia's unjustifiable war against Ukraine; AND THAT the Town of Georgina supports the sanctions which the Federal government of Canada has thus far imposed on Russia; AND THAT effective immediately and until a time when the sovereignty of Ukraine is once again unchallenged, the Town of Georgina will:**

- 1. Not purchase any products (ie plywood, fertilizer, steel, furniture or machinery) which can be easily traced to have originated from Russia; and**
- 2. Insist that any future contracts for services for the Town of Georgina abide by these same limitations within our municipality;**

**AND THAT upon confirmation that the Belarusian military is engaged within Ukraine that the Town of Georgina apply these limitations upon goods from that country as well;**

**AND THAT this decision of Georgina Council be forwarded to all other municipalities within Ontario requesting they enact similar measures so that as a united front we can make a noticeable difference.**

CC 05-09-22 A letter from Murray Jackson, Chair, Lambton Group Police Services Board, dated April 11, 2022 regarding concerns with "Catch and Release Justice".

#5: Weber/Rombouts: That correspondence CC 05-08-22 and 05-09-22 be received and filed.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

#6: Cook/Napper: That the following minutes be received and filed for Lambton County Council's information:

- a) Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) Board Minutes dated January 21, 2022.
- b) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton (TSL) Board Minutes dated April 21, 2022.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

**CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION**

Report dated May 4, 2022 Regarding County of Lambton Elected Official Remuneration Report

#7: Rombouts/Hand:

- a) That the base salaries for the following positions be increased as following:
  - Warden: increase by \$4,522.00.
  - Deputy Warden: increase by \$7,740.00.
  - Councillors: increase by \$2,174.00.
- b) That the above-noted increases be effective on November 15, 2022, the start of the next term of County Council.
- c) That Council maintain its median, 50th percentile goal for the compensation of its elected officials.
- d) That Staff continue to report back on external elected officials' compensation comparisons once per term of Council.

Carried.

Report dated May 4, 2022 Regarding Old Lakeshore Road - City of Sarnia

#8: Arnold/Miller:

- a) That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute any documents reasonably required to confirm that the County has no interest in the Property, so to assist the

City of Sarnia in having the Property registered under the name of the City of Sarnia rather than the "Public Authority Having Jurisdiction."

- b) That a draft By-Law confirming authorizing the action set out in paragraph (a) above be presented to Council for adoption.

Carried.

### **SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION**

#### **Report dated May 4, 2022 Regarding Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement Staffing**

#9: Cook/White: That Council approve the hiring of two full-time permanent staff, including:

- a) One Project Manager- Early Years' Workforce Development.  
b) One Financial and Data Analyst.

Carried.

#### **Committee Minutes**

The Woodlands Hearings Board minutes dated April 19, 2022 were presented.

#10: Arnold/Rombouts: That the Woodlands Hearings Board minutes dated April 19, 2022 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. S. Arnold presented the Committee A.M. minutes (including Board of Health) dated April 20, 2022.

#11: Arnold/White: That the Committee A.M. minutes (including Board of Health) dated April 20, 2022 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. D. Ferguson presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated April 20, 2022.

#12: Ferguson/Cook: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated April 20, 2022 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

## Notice of Motions

### Climate Change & Mitigation Strategy and Real-Estate Housing Issues

Councillor White gave Notice of two Motions at the February 2, 2022 County Council meeting regarding the following:

1. Climate change adaptation and a mitigation strategy for the County; and
2. Issues around predatory practice of real-estate professionals providing low market value pricing for vulnerable residents and then turning around and flipping the properties for a profit.

#13: White/Bird: That Lambton County Council request staff to identify a process to create a Climate Change Adaptation and Implementation Strategy and that any applicable expenses for such a process be referred to the 2023 Budget.

Carried.

Councillor White informed that he was withholding his 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice of Motion until after the Provincial election.

### New Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers

Councillor Bradley gave Notice of Motion dated April 19, 2022 regarding new Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers.

#14: Bradley/Stark: That Lambton County Council initiate a staff task force to bring together all interested parties to discuss the merits of developing an application to the Federal Government under their Natural Resources Canada's Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program to establish charging stations throughout the communities who wish to do so in Lambton County.

Carried.

## Other Business

### Children's Story: *The Bug Girl (a true story)*

Council was gifted a Children's Book titled *The Bug Girl (a true story)* by Sophia Spencer, which has also been added to the Lambton County Library collection.

### Bird Watching in Lambton County

Councillor Weber informed County Council that a Marsh Sandpiper has been spotted for the first time in Canada at the Thedford Lagoon.

By-Laws

#15: Arnold/Bird: That By-Laws #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15 and #16 of 2022, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#16: Bird/Arnold: That By-Laws #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15 and #16 of 2022, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#17: Hand/Weber: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 10:59 a.m.

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Kevin Marriott  
Warden

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Stéphane Thiffeault  
County Clerk