

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

**April 5, 2023**

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. The following members attended virtually: A. Broad, B. Loosley and D. Sageman. Also present was, Greg Grimes, Alternate Member to Councillor B. Hand, Village of Point Edward.

**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:** McRoberts/Ferguson: 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 February 1, 2023, pursuant to s. 239 (2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to receive a report and provide instructions regarding the potential acquisition of property in the City of Sarnia, pursuant to s. 239(2)(c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*  
Carried.

Time: 9.02 a.m.

**Open Session**

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

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

The Clerk noted that County Council met in camera to: (a) adopt the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) Minutes dated February 1, 2023; and (b) provide staff instructions on the potential acquisition of property in the City of Sarnia.

### Delegations

#2: Boushy/Case: That we invite the delegations within the Bar to speak to County Council.

Carried.

### Lambton Federation of Agriculture and Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Brian Eves, President, Lambton Federation of Agriculture and Crispin Colvin, Vice President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture and Karen McLean, Member Services Representative, Federation of Agriculture spoke to County Council regarding potential Official Plan changes that would allow removal of agricultural lands from food production purposes in Lambton County either through expansion of settlement areas or any other reason. They also commented on suggestions of removing the development charges exemption from agricultural building permits.

### Climate Action Sarnia Lambton

James Oatway, Climate Action Sarnia Lambton (CASL) spoke to County Council regarding City of Sarnia's Official Plan specifically regarding Bright's Grove land use. CASL also spoke to the several areas of concern regarding the much-enlarged area proposed for the development in Bright's Grove.

### Sarnia Lambton Health Coalition

Shirley Roebuck, Co-Chair Sarnia Lambton Health Coalition spoke to Council regarding Healthcare in Sarnia-Lambton. Their belief is that solutions lie not in the privatization of services, but upon the better funding and staffing of our public hospitals.

#3: Bradley/White: That County Council endorse the Sarnia Lambton Health Coalition referendum and that County residents be urged to participate in this referendum.

Carried.

### Lambton Farm Safety Association

Carlie (Douglas) Cox, Chair, Lambton Farm Safety Association presented Council with some areas of improvement in Lambton County to enhance safety for all residents and visitors in the region as well as programs that are ongoing across the County at various venues.

### The Women of Ontario Say No

Tamara Batryn, representative of The Women of Ontario Say No spoke to County Council about the nature of Bill 5 and it's importance as well provide examples of incidents that are responsible for The Women of Ontario Say No to gain support needed to pass this Bill.

#4: Case/Ferguson: That County Council endorse Bill 5 and write a letter of support to local MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Liberal MPP for Orléans, Stephen Blais.

Carried.

### Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated February 1, 2023 and County Council Budget Meeting minutes dated March 1, 2023 were presented.

#5: Agar/Atkinson: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated February 1, 2023 and the County Council Budget Meeting minutes dated March 1, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

### Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 04-02-23 A letter dated December 15, 2022 from Jasmin Ralph, Clerk, Lanark County regarding a motion passed to recognize the issues of violence in rural communities.

Motion #CC-2022-235

Moved by: R. Kidd Seconded by: B. Dowdall

Be it resolved that the Lanark County Council recognizes the issues of violence in rural communities as serious to health and wellness of local families; and

Be it further resolved that the Lanark County Council recognizes the rural Renfrew County Coroner's Inquest as important to all rural communities; and

Based on the statistics of 4815 crisis calls and service provision to 527 women and children in our local community, the Lanark County Council declarers IPV (intimate partner violence)/VAW (violence against women) an epidemic as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Coroner's jury recommendations; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, and the Federal Ministry of Women and Gender Equality.

CC 04-15-23 Sarnia-Lambton Ontario Health Team Collaboration Council Highlights from a meeting dated March 21, 2023.

#6: Veen/McRoberts: That correspondence CC 04-02-23 and CC 04-15-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

#### Correspondence from Member Municipalities

CC 04-01-23 A letter dated March 17, 2023 from Amy Burkhart, City Clerk, The Corporation of the City of Sarnia regarding the County of Lambton's Notice of Decision with respect to the new Sarnia Official Plan that was adopted on July 25, 2022. At its meeting held March 13, 2023, Sarnia City Council requested that Lambton County Council take a formal position on the County's decision to remove the Council directed settlement area boundary expansion that was included in the Plan adopted by Sarnia City Council:

Moved by Councillor Vandenberg, seconded by Councillor Dennis:

That Sarnia City Council direct staff to initiate the process requesting a CIHA Order for the directed Settlement Area 3 Boundary Expansion and that staff work with the proponents for separate CIHA applications for each landowner in Area 3 that pays an application fee and report back at the next council meeting.

Moved by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Dennis, and carried:

That Sarnia City Council table this matter pending a request to Lambton County Council to take a formal position on the County's decision to remove the Council directed settlement area boundary expansion that was included in the Plan adopted by Sarnia City Council.

\*Correspondence was deferred to Item #12 (a) of the agenda.

CC 04-03-23 A resolution from Mandi Pearson, Clerk, Town of Petrolia dated March 14, 2023 regarding a call to the Provincial Government to End Homelessness in Ontario which was passed by Council on February 27, 2023. The Town of Petrolia is seeking endorsement on the resolution below.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Petrolia calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; County of Lambton Social Services.

#7: Loosley/Grimes: That County Council endorse the resolution in correspondence CC 04-03-23 as follows:

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;

WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Petrolia calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; County of Lambton Social Services.

Carried.

CC 04-14-23 A letter dated March 14, 2023 from Mandi Pearson, Clerk, Town of Petrolia regarding a resolution that was passed by the Town of Petrolia at its February 27, 2023 meeting to regarding future accuracy of the permanent register of electors. The Town of Petrolia is seeking endorsement on the resolution below.

THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia support the Township of Ashfield-Colborne Wawanosh regarding Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors.

AND THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia requests that the Province of Ontario, through Elections Ontario and the Chief Electoral Officer utilize any resources available to produce the highest quality Permanent Register of Electors;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Township of Ashfield-Colborne Wawanosh, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Elections Ontario, MPP Lisa Thompson, MPP Bob Bailey and Ontario Municipal Councils for their support.

#8: Loosley/Boushy: That County Council endorse the resolution in correspondence CC 04-14-23 as follows:

THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia support the Township of Ashfield-Colborne Wawanosh regarding Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors.

AND THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia requests that the Province of Ontario, through Elections Ontario and the Chief Electoral Officer utilize any resources available to produce the highest quality Permanent Register of Electors;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Township of Ashfield-Colborne Wawanosh, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Elections Ontario, MPP Lisa Thompson, MPP Bob Bailey and Ontario Municipal Councils for their support.

Carried.

### **Board of Health (Lambton Public Health)**

#### **Correspondence to Receive and File**

CC 04-04-23 A letter from Trudy Sachowski, President, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, dated January 12, 2023, regarding the success of local public health campaigns in the past year to increase coverage against a range of vaccine preventable diseases.

CC 04-05-23 A letter from Stacy Wight, Board of Health Chair, Timiskaming Health Unit, dated February 8, 2023, advising of the passing of a motion supporting an amendment to the *Food and Drug Act* to make it mandatory that all alcohol beverage containers have enhanced alcohol warning labels.

CC 04-06-23 A letter from Trudy Sachowski, President, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, dated February 14, 2023, providing input on the financial requirements for a stable, locally based public health system as part of the provincial government's 2023 Pre-Budget consultation.

CC 04-07-23 A letter from Penny Sutcliffe, MOH and CEO, Public Health Sudbury & District, dated February 24, 2023, advising of the passing of a Resolution regarding funding for consumption and treatment services sites. Public Health Sudbury & District Board is urging the provincial government to immediately approve funding for Sudbury's Consumption and Treatment Services site.

CC 04-08-23 A letter from Penny Sutcliffe, MOH and CEO, Public Health Sudbury & District, dated February 24, 2023, advising of the passing of a Resolution regarding community engagement to address food insecurity. Public Health Sudbury & District Board is calling on the provincial government to incorporate local food affordability findings in determining adequacy of social assistance levels. The Board will be intensifying its work with relevant area agencies and community groups, and municipalities to shift the focus of food insecurity initiatives from food charity to income-based solutions.

CC 04-09-23 A letter from Fabio Costante, Chair, Windsor-Essex County Board of Health (WECHU) dated February 28, 2023, regarding physical literacy for healthy active children. WECHU Board of Health supports the letter from Sudbury & Districts Public Health to Directors of Education, Local School Board, Sports and Recreation Organizations and Early Learning Centres, encouraging them to work to improve physical activity levels among children and youth.

CC 04-10-23 A letter from Rick Champagne, Chairperson, Board of Health, North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit dated March 3, 2023 regarding food insecurity in Ontario. The Board is urging the provincial government to take action against food insecurity in Ontario.

CC 04-11-23 A letter from Trudy Sachowski, President, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, dated March 9, 2023, to congratulate the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health's (CMOH) on the release of its 2022 Annual Report to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Being Ready, Ensuring Public Health Preparedness for Infectious Outbreaks and Pandemics and to reinforce the calls for investments in public health therein.

CC 04-12-23 A joint letter from Joe Preston, Chair, Board of Health and Cynthia St. John, Chief Executive Officer, Southwestern Public Health, dated March 24, 2023 expressing strong support for the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' 2023 Pre-Budget Submission (CC 04-06-23).

CC 04-13-23 A letter from Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health dated March 24, 2023 regarding Lambton's Public Health's one-time funding amounts for the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 funding years to support the provision of public health programs and services in Lambton County.

#9: Miller/Veen: That correspondence CC 04-04-23, CC 04-05-23, CC 04-06-23, CC 04-07-23, CC 04-08-23, CC 04-09-23, CC 04-10-23, CC 04-11-23, CC 04-12-23 and CC 04-13-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

#### Information Reports

#10: Ferguson/Cook: That the following Information Reports from the Board of Health be received and filed:

- a) An Information Report dated April 5, 2023 regarding Lambton Public Health 2021 Annual Report.
- b) Information Report dated April 5, 2023 regarding Electronic Medical Record Implementation Update.
- c) Information Report dated April 5, 2023 regarding Food Safety Program Update.
- d) Information Report dated April 5, 2023 regarding After Action Review of Lambton Public Health's Covid-19 Pandemic Response and Summary of Lessons Learned.
- e) Information Report dated April 5, 2023 regarding Vapour Product Use among Lambton County Youth.

Carried.

#### Report Requiring a Motion

#### **Board of Health**

#### **Report dated April 5, 2023 Regarding Lambton Drug and Alcohol Strategy – Next Steps for Implementation**

#11: Bradley/White: That County Council approve the attached Lambton Drug and Alcohol Strategy for 2022-2023, and direct staff to work collaboratively with community stakeholders to pursue the implementation and evaluation of same.

Carried.

#### Information Report

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION**



Information Report dated April 5, 2023 Regarding Sarnia Official Plan Reconsideration

**#12:** Bradley/Dennis: That Staff return to Council with a report before or at the June 2023 Council meeting addressing and setting out a potential plan for the re-opening of the County Official Plan to address, amongst others, settlement boundaries set out therein.  
Carried.

**#13:** Bradley/Dennis: Does County Council endorse Staff's decision to modify the Sarnia Official Plan amendment by removing therefrom the Bright's Grove settlement area from the City of Sarnia Official Plan amendment.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Loosley was requested by Councillor Bradley on motion #13 of this day's minutes:

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote</b>
J. Agar	No (3)
G. Atkinson	Yes(3)
D. Boushy	No (3)
M. Bradley	No (3)
A. Broad	No (1)
T. Case	No (2)
D. Cook	Yes (2)
B. Dennis	No (3)
D. Ferguson	Yes (1)
G. Grimes	No (1)
B. Loosley	No (2)
K. Marriott	Yes (1)
C. McRoberts	No (3)
S. Miller	No (2)
D. Sageman	Yes (2)
I. Veen	Yes (1)
B. White	No (3)

Yeas - 11; Nays - 26.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

**#15:** That the following Items not Requiring a Motion be received and filed:

- a) Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership Board minutes dated November 22, 2022.
  - b) Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership Board minutes dated December 2, 2022.
- Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

**INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

Report dated April 5, 2023 Regarding Approvals of Official Plans and Official Plan Amendments for Local Municipalities

#16: Veen/McRoberts: That County Council adopt the proposed Amendment to By-Law 38 of 2002, as contained in By-Law 12 of 2023.

Carried.

**CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION**

Report dated April 5, 2023 Regarding Source Protection Committee – Lambton County Municipal Nominees

#17: Miller/Atkinson:

- a) That County Council nominate/appoint the individual listed in Schedule “A” attached to hereto as its municipal appointee to the T-S Region SPC.
- b) That once nominated by County Council, County Staff inform, in writing the T-S Region and the individual nominated/appointed, by no later than April 14, 2023.

Carried.

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Report dated April 5, 2023 Regarding Housing Supply Challenge

#18: White/McRoberts:

- a) That Staff partner with Wildscape Co. for a development on Kathleen Avenue under the Housing Supply Challenge.
- b) That Staff be authorized to commence the re-zoning process for the parcels of land on Kathleen Avenue in Sarnia.

Carried.

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Report dated April 5, 2023 Regarding Deputy Clerk Appointments

#19: Cook/Case:

- a) That Ryan Beauchamp and Ron Van Horne each be appointed Deputy Clerk of The Corporation of the County of Lambton for the period starting on April 2, 2023 and terminating on December 31, 2023.
- b) That an appropriate By-Law effecting the above-noted appointment be presented to County Council for its consideration.

Carried.

### Committee Minutes

Mr. I. Veen presented the Committee A.M. minutes (including Board of Health) dated February 15, 2023.

#20: Veen/Agar: That the Committee A.M. minutes (including Board of Health) dated February 15, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Warden Marriott presented the Special Joint Meeting of the Standing Committees dated February 15, 2023.

#21: Case/Cook: That the Special Joint Meeting of the Standing Committees dated February 15, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. D. Ferguson presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated February 15, 2023.

#22: Ferguson/Boushy: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated February 15, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

### Notice of Motion

#### Budget Procedure Changes

#22: Loosley/Bradley: That Council endorse the following resolution:

WHEREAS annually, when receiving the proposed County of Lambton Budget, the documents provided do not include imperative information from the previous years, as we are not provided actual amounts on the Analysis on the Tax Base—Combined and total expense comparison;

AND WHEREAS as members of County Council making important decisions of financial planning, without receiving the actuals from the previous year, it is difficult to understand

the financial picture we are deciding on, as we are being asked to approve a proposed next year budget without comparing amounts to the actual expenses of the previous year;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that beginning with the 2024 budget and forward, a line be included to show the actuals of the previous year. It would be recommended that this information be placed between the previous year budget amounts and the proposed year budget amount and anywhere else deemed necessary.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Ferguson was requested by Councillor Loosely on motion #21 of this day's minutes:

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote</b>
J. Agar	No (3)
G. Atkinson	No(3)
D. Boushy	No (3)
M. Bradley	Yes (3)
A. Broad	No (1)
T. Case	No (2)
D. Cook	No (2)
B. Dennis	Yes (3)
D. Ferguson	No (1)
G. Grimes	Yes (1)
B. Loosley	Yes (2)
K. Marriott	Yes (1)
C. McRoberts	Yes(3)
S. Miller	No (2)
D. Sageman	No(2)
I. Veen	No (1)
B. White	No (3)

Yeas - 11; Nays - 26.

Motion Defeated

#### Other Business

#### Enbridge Communication

That a report be brought to the next County Council meeting regarding Enbridge's announcement of their intention to implement a new charge to third party contractors and other utilities for utility locates.

By-Laws

#23: Cook/Atkinson: That By-Laws #11 to #14 of 2023, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#24: Atkinson/Cook: That By-Laws #11 to #14 of 2023, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#25: Grimes/Atkinson: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

Carried.

Time: 12:00 p.m.

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Kevin Marriott  
Warden

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Stéphane Thiffeault  
County Clerk