

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

September 6, 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, except Councillor C. McRoberts.

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: Broad/Ferguson: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera:

- a) to review the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated July 5, 2023, pursuant to s. 239 (2)(c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to receive a report on the potential acquisition of property in the City of Sarnia, pursuant to s. 239(2)(c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Time: 9:03 a.m.

B. Hand joined the In-Camera meeting in person at 9:05 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 adopt the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) Minutes dated July 5, 2023; and to receive a report on the potential acquisition of property in the City of Sarnia.

Delegations

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

Municipal Food Waste Diversion Program

Jacob Hanlon of Food Cycle Science presented Food Cycle Science's Municipal Food Waste Diversion program to County Council. Food Cycle Science is currently partnered with over 90 Canadian Municipalities, helping divert residential food waste from local landfills.

Affordable Housing Solution

Nathan Colquhoun, Storyboard Solutions spoke to County Council regarding affordable housing through a new lens and empowering the citizens to come up with solutions on their own properties rather than trying to come up with centralized large building projects to solve the affordable housing crisis.

#3: Bradley/Cook: That staff bring a brief report to Council at its October 4, 2023, meeting on the the concept and feasibility of a decentralized affordable housing incentive program.
Carried.

Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment and Sustainability Restructuring

Jason Vaillant, General Manager, Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment and Sustainability (BASES) spoke to Council in regard to the restructuring of BASES. For decades, Lambton County's Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) has participated in local committees, projects, and initiatives related to mutual aid procedures involving municipalities and industry. Much of this work has been advanced through the CAER (Community Awareness/Emergency Response) organization. This spring, the Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment, and Sustainability (BASES) announced that, as part of its strategic planning process, it would be combining the work of CAER, the Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association (SLEA) and the Industrial Education Cooperative (IEC) – its other two dependent organizations – into a single entity. As key stakeholders and partners in this process, BASES would like to engage Lambton County and the local municipalities to strengthen existing relationships and processes as we restructure our organization to address the current and future needs of industry.

Intimate Partner Violence

Jennifer Vansteenkiste, Executive Director, Women's Interval Home spoke to County Council regarding Intimate Partner Violence.

#4: Bradley/White:

- a) That the County of Lambton declare Intimate Partner Violence as an epidemic in the County of Lambton, that the County of Lambton advocate for the proper funding of the Women’s Interval Home of Sarnia-Lambton, Sexual Assault Survivors’ Centre Sarnia-Lambton, and Victim Services of Sarnia-Lambton, and that a letter be sent to Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey for support.
- b) That the Women’s Interval Home advocacy regarding Intimate Partner Violence in Sarnia-Lambton be referred to the County’s Community Safety and Well-Being Committee’s Leadership Table for review and determination.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Miller was requested by Councillor Bradley on motion #4 of this day’s minutes:

Councillor	Vote
J. Agar	Yes (3)
G. Atkinson	Yes (3)
D. Boushy	Yes (3)
M. Bradley	Yes (3)
A. Broad	Yes (1)
T. Case	Yes (2)
D. Cook	Yes (2)
B. Dennis	Yes (3)
D. Ferguson	Yes (1)
G. Grimes	Yes (1)
B. Loosley	Yes (2)
K. Marriott	Yes (1)
C. McRoberts	Absent (3)
S. Miller	Yes (2)
D. Sageman	Yes (2)
I. Veen	Yes (1)
B. White	Yes (3)

Yeas -34 ; Nays - 0.

Motion Carried.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated July 5, 2023, were presented.

#5: Veen/Dennis: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated July 5, 2023, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 09-04-23 Elgin County Council passed the following resolution at their meeting July 11, 2023 recommending that the Minister of Education consider addressing concerns regarding the child care shortage in Petrolia, Lambton and across the province, and passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Couckuyt

Seconded by: Councillor Leatham

RESOLVED THAT Elgin County Council supports the resolution from the Council of the Town of Petrolia recommending amendments to the current regulations for licensed home-based childcare operators to increase allowable spaces and;

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community & Social Services, MPP Rob Flack, and the Municipalities of Ontario.

Motion Carried.

CC 09-06-23 The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound passed a resolution to support The Township of Archipelago's resolution regarding Ontario Bill 23 (*More Homes Built Faster Act*) submitted to and approved in June 2023 by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, with respect to the following calls for action:

Moved by: J. Beleskey

Seconded by: G. Ashford

THAT the Province of Ontario continue working with municipalities and municipal organizations on the implementation of Bill 23 and other housing initiatives to identify a range of solutions that will address the lack of attainable and affordable housing in the province.

THAT the Province of Ontario create a permanent, predictable and dedicated infrastructure program to ensure that municipalities can service lands for housing and address growth pressures on existing water and road systems.

THAT the Province of Ontario take a regional approach to the implementation of Bill 23 and other housing policy initiatives to respond to the varying needs of urban, suburban, rural and Northern communities in addressing attainable housing needs and environmental protection and;

THAT this resolution be forwarded to: the Premier of Ontario and Quebec, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Governors

of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York, federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, MP Terry Duguid, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, MP Vance Badawey, Niagara Centre, MP Scott Aitchison, Parry-Sound Muskoka, the six International Joint Commission Commissioners, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities in the province of Ontario.

Motion Carried.

CC 09-08-23 An email from Amelia Humphries, Clerk, The City of Woodstock dated July 25, 2023 advising that Woodstock City Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

WHEREAS, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

WHEREAS, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

WHEREAS, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

WHEREAS, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved that the City of Woodstock supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

AND FURTHER be it resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities of Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province

- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

AND FURTHER that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP; Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario Municipalities.

CC 09-09-23 An email from Amelia Humphries, City Clerk, City of Woodstock, dated July 25, 2023, advising that the Woodstock City Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario and that Council accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with community stakeholders, partners and residents as well as federal and provincial governments and agencies;

WHEREAS the City of Woodstock recognizes the challenges of mental health, addictions, specifically opioids, and homelessness are complex issues that have a significant and detrimental impact on the residents of the City of Woodstock and surrounding areas within Ontario;

WHEREAS addressing and responding to these issues has placed extreme stress on all levels of municipal and non-municipal programs and services, including various not-for-profit organizations and provincially funded health services with the City of Woodstock and surrounding areas;

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved that the City of Woodstock call on the federal and provincial governments to act on the following seven measures:

1. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
2. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
3. Work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous, and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal;
4. Creation of a multi-sectoral task force to guide development of a robust provincial opioid response plan that will ensure necessary resourcing, policy change, and health and social system coordination;
5. Expanding access to opioid agonist therapy for opioid use disorder through a range of settings (e.g. mobile outreach, primary care, emergency departments, Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine Clinics), and a variety of medication options;

6. Providing a long-term financial commitment to create more affordable and supportive housing for people in need, including people with substance use disorders; and
7. Increasing investments in evidence informed substance use prevention and mental health promotion initiatives that provide foundational support for the health, safety and well-being of individuals, families, and neighborhoods, beginning from early childhood;

AND FURTHER, that a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; the Minister of the Solicitor General; the Minister of Finance; the Chief Medical Officer of Health; Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman; Oxford MP Arpan Khanna; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario municipalities.

CC 09-10-23 An email from Ashlea Carter, Deputy Clerk, Town of Fort Erie, dated July 26, 2023, regarding a resolution passed by Council regarding controls on Airbnb, VRBO and other which affect municipal rentals:

WHEREAS global technology platforms such as Airbnb or VRBO were created to improve global access to rental opportunities, particularly those available for vacation or shorter-term business purposes, and

WHEREAS the impact of these "disruptive technologies" on rental markets has raised the following concerns in the past decade:

- Concentration of ownership and proliferation of landlord corporations with minimal interest in or accountability to local communities
- Removal of housing stock from long-term rental markets with resulting increases in rents
- Lack of control over occupancy (e.g. families vs large groups of partygoers)
- Incidence of nuisance infractions (noise, garbage, parking), and

WHEREAS any reduction in the availability of long-term housing stock runs counter to the Province of Ontario's goal of 1.5 million additional homes in the next 10 years, and

WHEREAS growth in short-term rental markets may also have a negative impact on housing affordability for the seasonal workers who service tourist destinations or farming communities, and

WHEREAS implementing local/municipal restrictions through municipal law enforcement tools (licensing) and municipal planning tools (zoning by-law restrictions) may push demand to other communities, and

WHEREAS some platforms (e.g. Airbnb) are already working toward providing notice to owners about municipal regulations and licensing through a license number field, and

WHEREAS some jurisdictions (e.g. Quebec, Scotland) have acknowledged the limitations of local authorities/municipalities in controlling the impact of global technologies and have developed comprehensive regulatory frameworks, and

WHEREAS a comprehensive, consistent regulatory approach is likely to prove more effective in Ontario,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved,

THAT: Council requests the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations, and
2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality, and
3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials and further

THAT: The Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long-term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties and further

THAT: A copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clarke), local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.

CC 09-12-23 An email dated August 8, 2023, from Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities in response to a letter sent by Warden Marriott on August 2, 2023, regarding municipal financial assistance - affordable and supportive housing. Minister Fraser has noted comments regarding the need for additional affordable and supportive housing in Lambton County and stated that Budget 2022 and the 2022 Fall Economic Statement announced significant investments to make housing more affordable and Budget 2023 proposes new measure to build on this progress.

CC 09-13-23 An email from Allison Quinn, Acting Clerk, Municipality of Powassan, dated August 14, 2023 regarding a resolution that was passed by Council in support of calling on the Government of Ontario to strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations as such:

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: M. Wand

That the correspondence from the Women of Ontario Say No regarding Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement be received.

AND FURTHER THAT all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

THAT municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and

THAT several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and

THAT these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

THAT municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; and

THAT municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and

THAT the Municipality of Powassan Council supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and

THAT the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office, and;

THAT this legislation be prioritized for the fall of 2023 given the urgency of this issue; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Fedeli, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, AMO and all municipalities.

CC 09-14-23 A letter dated August 22, 2023 from Paul Ashdown, resident of Camlachie requesting a revisit to correspondence sent to OPP and The Town of Plympton-Wyoming in regard to imposing speed limits on Egremont Road, between O'Brien Line and Mandaumin Road. Mr. Ashdown feels that there is an ongoing and growing disrespect/indifference to the speed limit on this portion of the road.

#6: Miller/Sageman: That correspondence CC 09-04-23, CC 09-06-23, CC 09-08-23, CC09-09-23, CC 09-10-23, CC 09-12-23, CC 09-13-23 and CC 09-14-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

Correspondence from Member Municipalities to Receive and File

CC 09-03-23 An email from Mandi Pearson, Clerk, Town of Petrolia dated June 29, 2023 regarding a resolution passed for the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions:

Moved: Liz Welsh
Seconded: Debb Pitel

WHEREAS prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction;

WHEREAS the current Public Tax Sale process is a burdensome process to a municipality that invests a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia supports the Town of Essex & Township of Parry Sound in the call for reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions: and

FURTHER DIRECTS THAT: this resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), the Ministry of Finance (MOF), the Ontario Municipal Tax & Revenue Association (OMTRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Bob Bailey and all Ontario Municipalities.

#7: Agar/Dennis: That correspondence CC 09-03-23 be received and filed.

Carried

BOARD OF HEALTH (LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH)

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 09-15-23 A letter from Dr. Charles Gardner, President, Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) dated August 23, 2023, expressing gratitude for the Public Health Funding and Capacity Announcement made at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference. alPHa states one of its foundational positions is that, regardless of the sources of funding for public health in Ontario, mechanisms must be included to ensure the total funding envelope is stable, predictable, protected, and sufficient for the full delivery of all public health programs and services.

CC 09-16-23 A letter from Cynthia St. John, President, Association of Ontario Public Health Business Administrators (AOPHBA) dated July 7, 2023, regarding the importance of sustainable and stable funding for public health. AOPHBA also expresses interest in collaborating with the government on the strengthening of public health and offering collective wisdom and experience to create a strong, effective, and efficient public health system.

CC 09-17-23 A letter from Matthew Newton-Reid, Board Chair, Emily Williams, Secretary and Treasurer and Dr. Alex Summer, Medical Officer of Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) dated August 2, 2023, regarding the significant funding shortfalls expected. MLHU asks that the Ministry return the funding to the previous 75:25 Provincial/Municipal allocation, provide an increase to base funding sufficient to reflect ongoing accountability for managing COVID-19 as a Disease of Public Health Significance, and increase funding to address inflationary pressures.

CC 09-18-23 A letter from David Marshall, Chair, Board of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPRDHU) dated July 3, 2023, regarding its concerns about significant funding shortfalls anticipated for 2024. HKPRDHU urges the provincial government to demonstrate their ongoing support for public health by increasing the provincial contribution to mandatory programs and continuing Mitigation funding or alternatively reverse the 70/30 Provincial/Municipal allocation decision made in 2019.

CC 09-19-23 A letter from Stacy Wight, Board of Health Chair and Dr. Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health/CEO, Timiskaming Health Unit dated August 1, 2023, regarding a request for an air quality monitoring station in the Timiskaming Health Unit region. The recent smoke from Quebec, Ontario and western Canada wildfires has identified that there is a significant gap in monitoring stations in Northern Ontario.

CC 09-20-23 A letter from Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, Sudbury & Districts Public Health dated June 28, 2023, regarding the passing of a resolution endorsing Bill 103 - Smoke-Free Ontario Amendment Act (Vaping is not for Kids), 2023, together with an email from Krislyn Fernandes, Administrative Coordinator to Dr. Elizabeth Richards, Medical Officer of Health for the City of Hamilton dated August 28, 2023 informing Boards of Health of the City of Hamilton's endorsement of this correspondence.

CC 09-21-23 A letter from Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health dated August 22, 2023, indicating funding amounts for the Board of Health for Lambton Public Health for the 2023-2024 funding year. The Ministry of Health has indicated they will provide up to \$70,000 in additional base funding and up to \$169,000 in one-time funding.

#8: Case/Broad: That correspondence CC 09-15-23, CC 09-16-23, CC 09-17-23, CC 09-18-23, CC 09-19-23, CC 09-20-23 and CC 09-21-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#9: Cook/Atkinson: That the following Information Reports from Lambton Public Health be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated September 6, 2023 regarding Community Outreach Nursing Initiative.
- b) Information Report dated September 6, 2023 regarding Harm Reduction – Community Sharps Disposal Update.
- c) Information Report dated September 6, 2023 regarding Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control Program Update.
- d) Information Report dated September 6, 2023 regarding 2023/24 Respiratory Season Planning and Preparedness.

Carried.

Other Business - Board of Health

Cooling/Warming Stations

Councillor Bradley inquired about the hours for cooling/warming stations in Sarnia, specifically the Laurel Lea-St. Matthew's Church building, and suggested that the hours be extended beyond regular business hours.

Contact Information Document

Councillor Bradley asked that a one-page document providing contact information for local agencies and service providers for Homelessness and Addictions issues be provided to County Council.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

#10: Veen/Sagean: That the following Items not Requiring a Motion be received and filed:

- a) Lambton Seniors' Advisory Committee minutes dated June 27, 2023.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated September 6, 2023 Climate Change Adaption Strategy

#11: Atkinson/Cook:

- a) That The Corporation of the County of Lambton join the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and ICLEI–Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI Canada) Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program, commit to achieving the milestones set out in the PCP five-milestone framework, and appoint the Warden and CAO to serve as the main PCP contacts;
- b) That Staff be directed to develop a corporate Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for the purposes of formalizing the County’s commitment in taking action to reduce GHG emissions contributing to climate change, and improving the resiliency of its services, operations, and assets to the impacts of climate change;
- c) That an internal staff Climate Change Working Group be struck for the purposes of paragraph (a) and (b) above;
- d) That the County be authorized to engage a third-party Climate Change Adaptation consultant to support the development of action items (a) to (c) above, provided that the County first secure no less than 100% funding through external grant funding sources;

- e) That if the funding contemplated in paragraph (d) above is not secured by April 30, 2023, that Staff prepare for Council's consideration a County written statement ("Commitment Statement") speaking to the County's commitment to climate change adaptation strategies including that of reasonably reducing its environmental impact, including GHG emissions, in its operations;
- f) That Staff be directed to provide update reports on the above action items, and return to Council with, as applicable, a draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy or Commitment Statement, for its consideration in June, 2024.

Carried.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated September 6, 2023 Regarding 2024 New Capital Grant Requests

#12: Cook/Agar: That County Council authorize staff to continue the moratorium on any new capital grants for the 2024 County Budget as a response to controlling and containing costs in the upcoming 2024 budget.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

Mr. I. Ven presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated August 16, 2023.

#13: Bradley/Case:

- a) That motion #4 of the Committee A.M. minutes dated August 16, 2023, regarding Rural/Inter-Community Transit be tabled until Council's regularly scheduled meeting on November 29, 2023, so that staff can in the meantime consult with all local Lambton municipalities on the need and support for a rural/inter-community transit system and report back to Council on the results thereof.
- b) That County Council invite Huron Shores Area Transit to attend County Council to speak to its current service offerings.

Carried.

#14: Veen/Agar: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated June 21, 2023, be accepted as amended.

Carried.

Mr. D. Ferguson presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated August 16, 2023.

#15: Ferguson/Atkinson: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 21, 2023, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Other Business

Weather Incident Support

Councillor Case extended his sincere gratitude to all local municipalities that offered to assist because of extensive flooding from an extreme rainfall event that recently took place in the Township of Warwick. He especially wanted to thank the Town of Plympton-Wyoming for their immediate assistance over the weekend following the storm.

By-Laws

#16: Boushy/Cook: That By-Law #26 of 2023, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#17: Cook/Boushy: That By-Law #26 of 2023, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#18: Broad/Veen: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

Carried.

Time: 10:59 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Ryan Beauchamp
Deputy Clerk