



AGENDA
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers, Wyoming

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1. Roll Call

2. 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.

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary of Interest

If any.

4. IN-CAMERA SESSION - 9:00 A.M.

Recommendation

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 September 6, 2023, the Committee P.M. minutes dated September 20, 2023 and the Special Joint Meeting of the Standing Committees dated September 20, 2023 pursuant to s. 239 (2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to receive a report and provide input into the CAO's appointment and performance, pursuant to ss. 239(2)(b) and (d) of *the Municipal Act, 2001*.
- c) to receive a report and provide instructions about the potential acquisition of property in the City of Sarnia, pursuant to ss. 239(2)(c) of *the Municipal Act, 2001*.

- d) to receive a report and provide instructions about a personnel matter, pursuant to ss. 239(2)(c) and (d) of *the Municipal Act, 2001*.

5. OPEN SESSION

Regular Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.

6. Silent Reflection

7. Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session

If any.

8. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Steven Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, BT Engineering would like to speak to Council regarding intersection improvements at County Road 4 (Petrolia Line) and County Road 31 (Kimball Road). The study has developed and evaluated alternatives for the roadway intersection and has determined the recommended plan, including property requirements to implement the project.

9. Minutes of Council (Open Session)

- a) Reading and adoption of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated September 6, 2023.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

A) Correspondence to Receive and File Recommendation

That the following correspondence items be received and filed:

- a) CC 10-02-23 An email dated September 5, 2023 from Lynn Aube, Deputy Clerk, Matachewan communicating that at its August 16, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Matachewan Council adopted a resolution in support of the call by 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 the municipal governments. Please see attachment for full resolution:

Moved By : Emily Stewart
Seconded By : Dianne Gilbert

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan 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;

ALSO 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 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.

WHEREAS, this legislation be prioritized for the fall of 2023 given the urgency of this issue.

Carried

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- b) CC 10-09-23 A letter dated September 15, 2023 from The Hon. Paul Caladra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing responding to the Housing Affordability Task Force's Recommendations. The deadline to return the completed chart is October 16, 2023.

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- c) CC 10-10-23 A letter dated September 22, 2023 from Greg Malczewski, Director, System Planning Branch regarding the Southwestern Ontario Transportation Task Force report. The Task Force's work focused on a range of transportation modes and issues affecting the region to ensure that MTO's transportation planning work is informed by local needs and considerations. The Task Force report was released on September 18, 2023, and can be found at the following links:

English: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/southwestern-ontario-transportation-task-forcefinal-report>

French: <https://www.ontario.ca/fr/page/rapport-final-du-groupe-de-travail-pour-lestransports-dans-le-sud-ouest-de-lontario>

11. Board of Health (Lambton Public Health)

A) Correspondence to Receive and File

Recommendation

That the following correspondence items be received and filed:

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a) CC 10-04-23 A letter from Sally Hagman, Chair, Board of Health, Algoma Public Health dated July 4, 2023 (received September 12, 2023) regarding income-based policy interventions to effectively reduce household food insecurity. On June 28, 2023, the Board of Health for Algoma Public Health passed a resolution endorsing income-based policy interventions to effectively reduce household food insecurity, which is an urgent public health problem that imposes serious consequences to the health and well-being of Ontarians.

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b) CC 10-05-23 A letter from Bernie Maclellan, Chair, Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) dated September 8, 2023 regarding support for a healthy public policy regarding alcohol marketplace and product sales. The HPPH Board of Health endorsed the Ontario Public Health Association's (OPHA) letter to the provincial government dated May 31, 2023. The OPHA implores the Government of Ontario to not increase access, availability or affordability of alcohol and recommends five essential policy measures to decrease alcohol-related harms.

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c) CC 10-06-23 A letter from Stacy Wight, Board of Health Chair, Timiskaming Health Unit dated September 15, 2023, regarding the passing of a motion on September 6, 2023 to support a universal, no-cost coverage for all prescription contraceptive options for all Ontarians.

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d) CC 10-07-23 A letter from Fabio Costante, Board of Health Chair, and Dr. Kenneth Blanchette, CEO, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit dated September 21, 2023, regarding a sustainable federal school food policy. The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health urges the federal Ministries of Families, Children and Social Development and Agriculture and Agri-Food to continue their work towards a comprehensive, cost-shared, universally accessible National School Food Policy and national school nutritious meal program with provinces, territories, municipalities, Indigenous partners, and stakeholders.

B) Information Reports

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- 60 - 63 a) Information Report dated October 4, 2023 Regarding 2023-2024 Fall Respiratory Season Immunization Campaign.
- 64 - 66 b) Information Report dated October 4, 2023 Regarding Clinical and Family Services Q1-Q2 2023 Activity Report.
- 67 - 69 c) Information Report dated October 4, 2023 Regarding Health Protection - 2023 Second Quarter Activity Report.
- 70 - 72 d) Information Report dated October 4, 2023 Regarding Health Equity Strategy Update.

C) Reports Requiring a Motion

- 73 - 81 a) Report dated October 4, 2023 Regarding Update on Province's New Plan to Strengthen Public Health and Implications for Lambton Public Health - CC 10-08-23.

12. Reports Requiring a Motion

A) INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

- 82 - 92 a) Report dated October 4, 2023 Regarding County Road 4/31 - Intersection Improvement Study - Schedule B Environmental Assessment Study.
- 93 - 105 b) Report dated October 4, 2023 Regarding Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force.

B) SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

- 106 - 108 a) Report dated October 4, 2023 Regarding Additional Dwelling Unit Incentive Program.

13. Committee Minutes

- 109 - 112 a) Committee A.M. minutes dated September 20, 2023.
- 113 b) Special Joint Meeting of the Standing Committees minutes dated September 20, 2023.
- 114 - 116 c) Committee P.M. minutes dated September 20, 2023.

14. Items Tabled from Previous Meetings

None at this time.

15. Notice of Motion

16. Other Business

17. Notice of By-Laws

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- a) #27 of 2023 A By-Law of The Corporation of the County of Lambton to confirm the resolutions and motions of the Lambton County Council which were adopted up to and including October 4, 2023.

18. First and Second Reading of By-Laws

- a) #27 of 2023.

19. Third and Final Reading of By-Laws

- a) #27 of 2023.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation

That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting of County Council be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 with the In-Camera Session to commence at 9:00 a.m.

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22. NOTE

- a) In recognition of Ontario Public Library Week from October 16 – 20, 2023, employees from Lambton County Library will be available at an information booth in the lobby of the Administration Building from 8:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 to issue library cards, renew expired cards, or talk about the many free services offered to cardholders, and show some new items that have recently been added to the library's collection. For those looking to sign-up or renew their library card, please bring a piece of photo identification and proof of address.

Lambton County Intersection Improvements at County Road 4 and County Road 31 Municipal Class EA

Council Presentation

October 4, 2023



Meeting Overview



Project Introduction



Recommended Plan



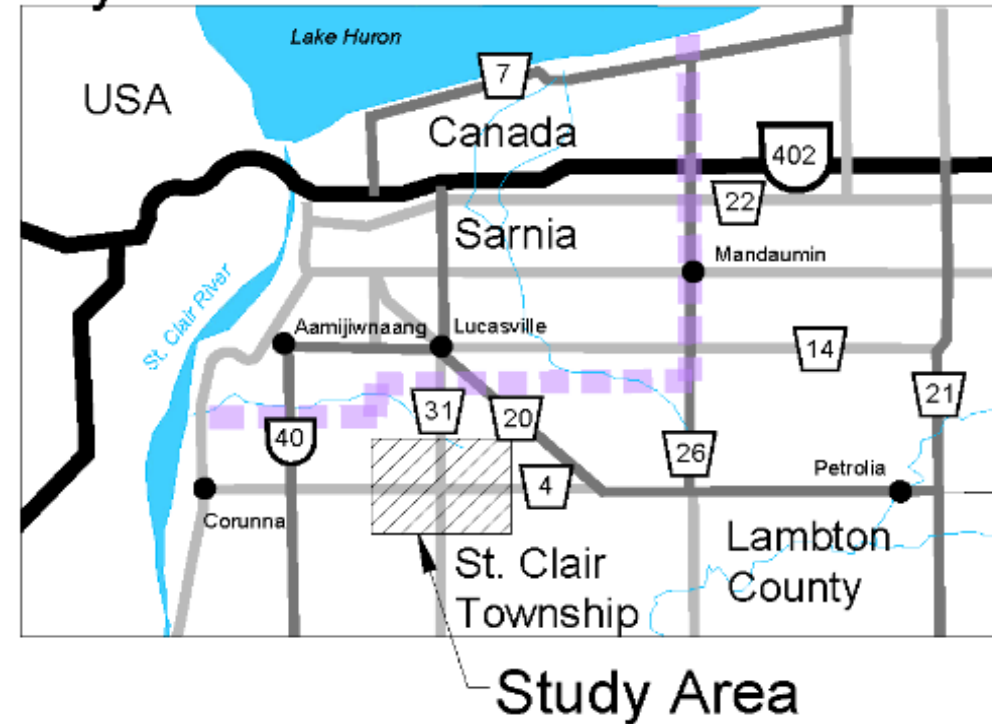
Next Steps Council
Endorsement and 30-day Public
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Project Introduction

Project Introduction

- The County of Lambton has completed the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for safety improvements to the intersection of County Road 4 (Petrolia Line) and County Road 31 (Kimball Road).
- The Study has developed and evaluated alternatives for the roadway intersection and has determined the Recommended Plan, including property requirements to implement the project.

Key Plan



Environmental Assessment

- The Study was initiated as a Schedule B Class EA, based on the range of anticipated effects in accordance with the Municipal Class EA (2023).
- The Study could be reclassified as an Exempt Schedule project, depending on the recommendations.
- The Schedule B EA Study will be documented in a Project File Report, which is a summary of all public consultation, data, recommendations and reports produced for the project.

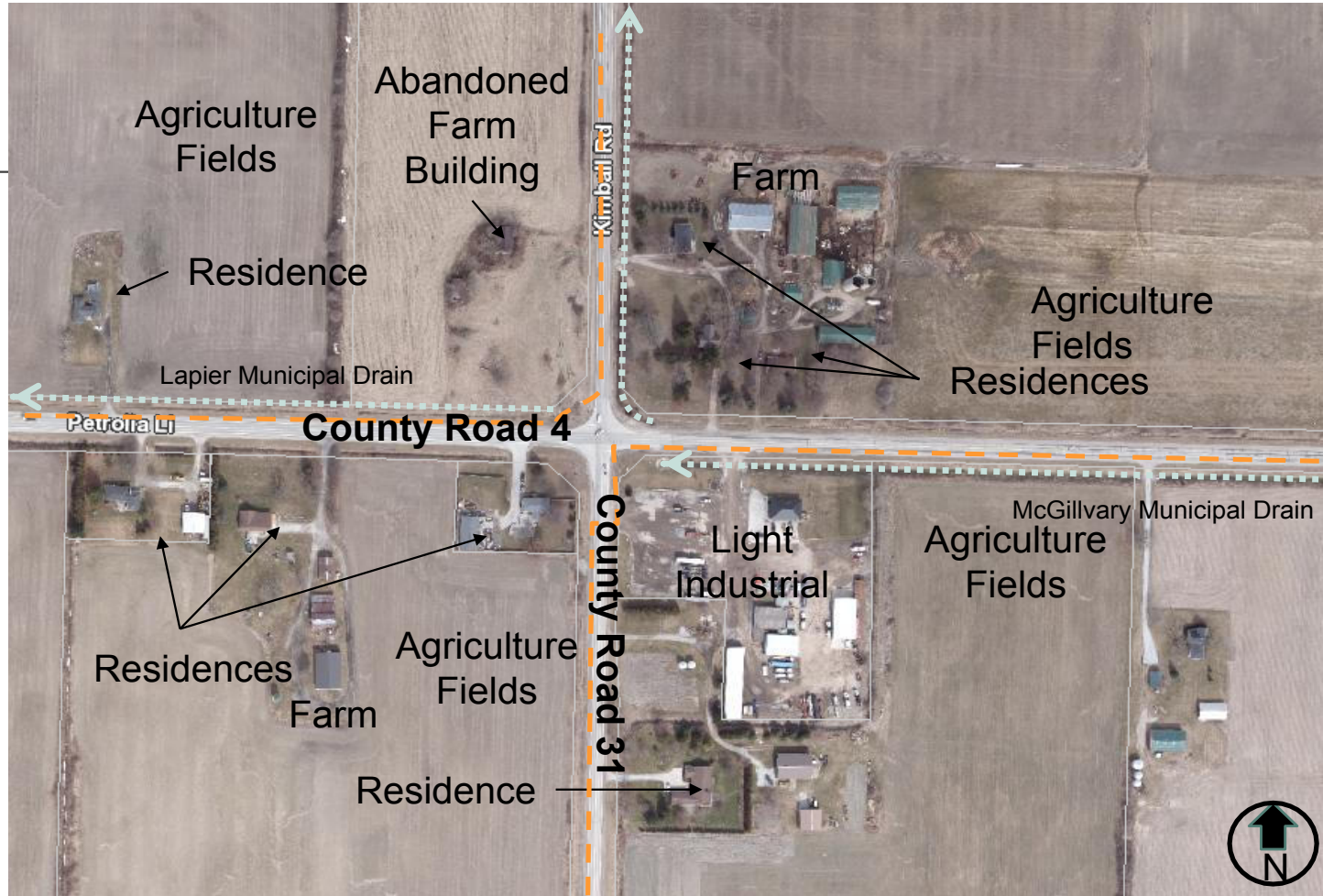


Problem and Opportunity Statement

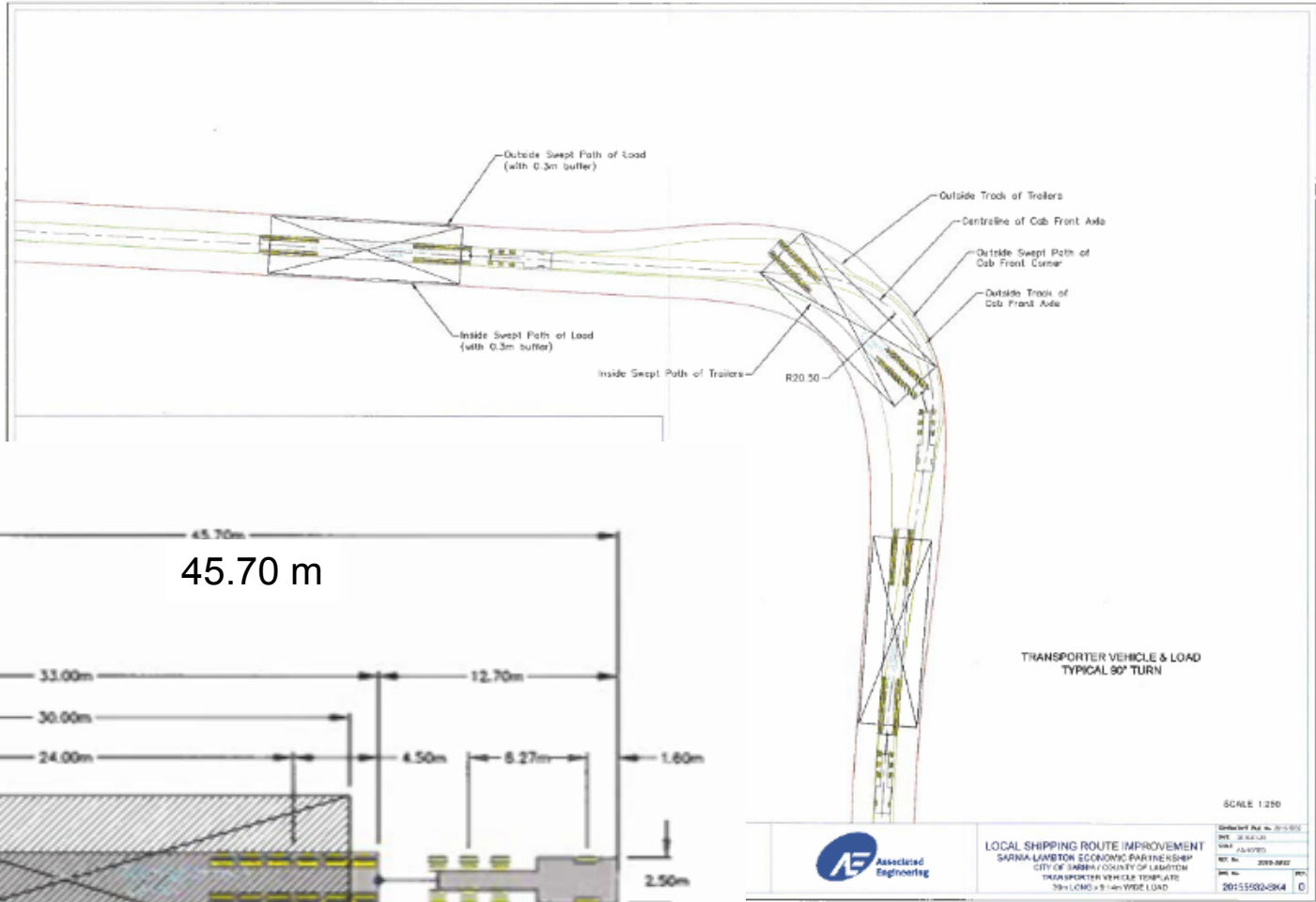
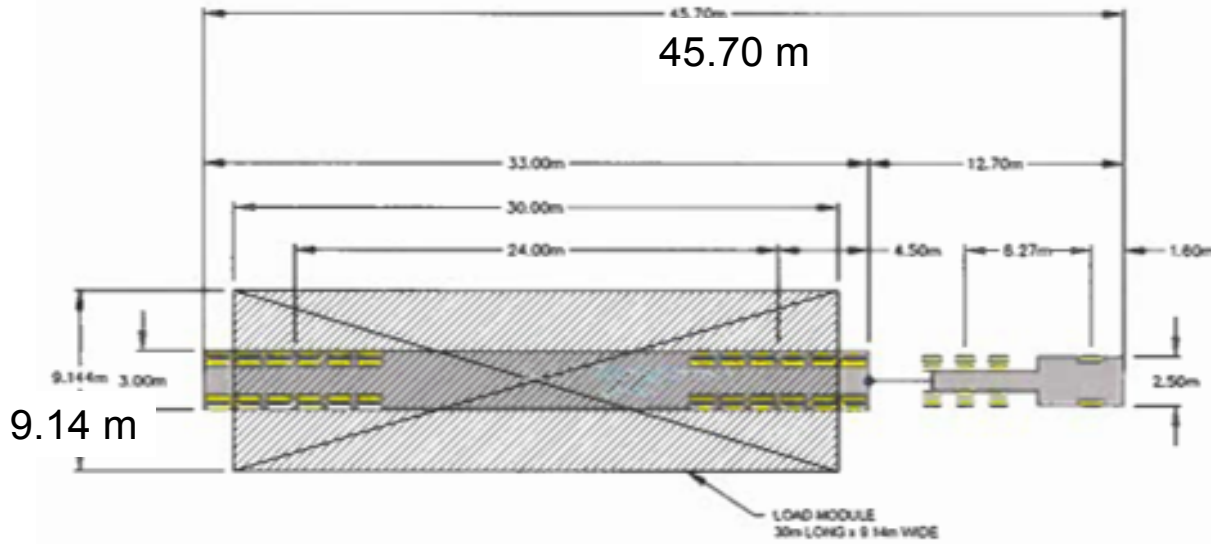
- Develop an intersection design that will reduce the frequency and severity of vehicular collisions at the County Road 4/31 intersection while minimizing delays to the travelling public and impacts to adjacent landowners.
- Where possible, the intersection configuration should also minimize construction and operational/maintenance costs.
- Accommodate oversized vehicles in the design.



Existing Land Uses




Oversized Load Transporter Vehicle



Alternative Planning Solutions

The Alternative Planning Solutions for this Study were:

- Do Nothing - The Do Nothing Alternative must be considered, as mandated by the Class EA. It represents a baseline from which other approaches can be compared. The Do Nothing alternative does not address the Problem Statement and is not recommended to be carried forward.
- All-way stop – not recommended to be carried forward
- Signalized Intersection – not recommended to be carried forward
- Roundabout Intersection - Recommended to be carried forward 

Advantages/Disadvantages of All-way Stop

Advantages

- Low capital cost.

Disadvantages

- 10 years or more (2032) before off-peak traffic volumes increase sufficiently to consider all-way stop control.
- Results in an increase in rear end vehicle collisions.
- An all-way stop would reduce the safety of the existing intersection; the most common cause of the reported collisions is the failure of northbound and southbound motorists to stop for crossing traffic. It would create a similar condition for east/west traffic by adding an unexpected stop on Petrolia Line.



Not recommended to be carried forward



Advantages/ Disadvantages of Traffic Signals

Advantages

- Design consistency.

Disadvantages

- Higher maintenance costs.
- Longer delays for most of the traffic especially during off-peak periods.
- Requires left-turn lanes on all four legs of the intersection.
- Increased collisions in comparison to roundabout control.
- Volumes would not warrant traffic signals for 20 or more years.

Not recommended to be carried forward.



Advantages and Disadvantages of a Roundabout

Advantages

- Improves safety (reduces frequency and severity of collisions);
- Improves traffic operations (reduces delays);
- Reduces travel speeds; and
- Design accommodates oversized loads and farm equipment.



Disadvantages

- Moderately higher construction cost;
- Requires property; and
- Drivers are less familiar with roundabouts.



Recommended to be carried forward to Preliminary Design.

Public Consultation Centre

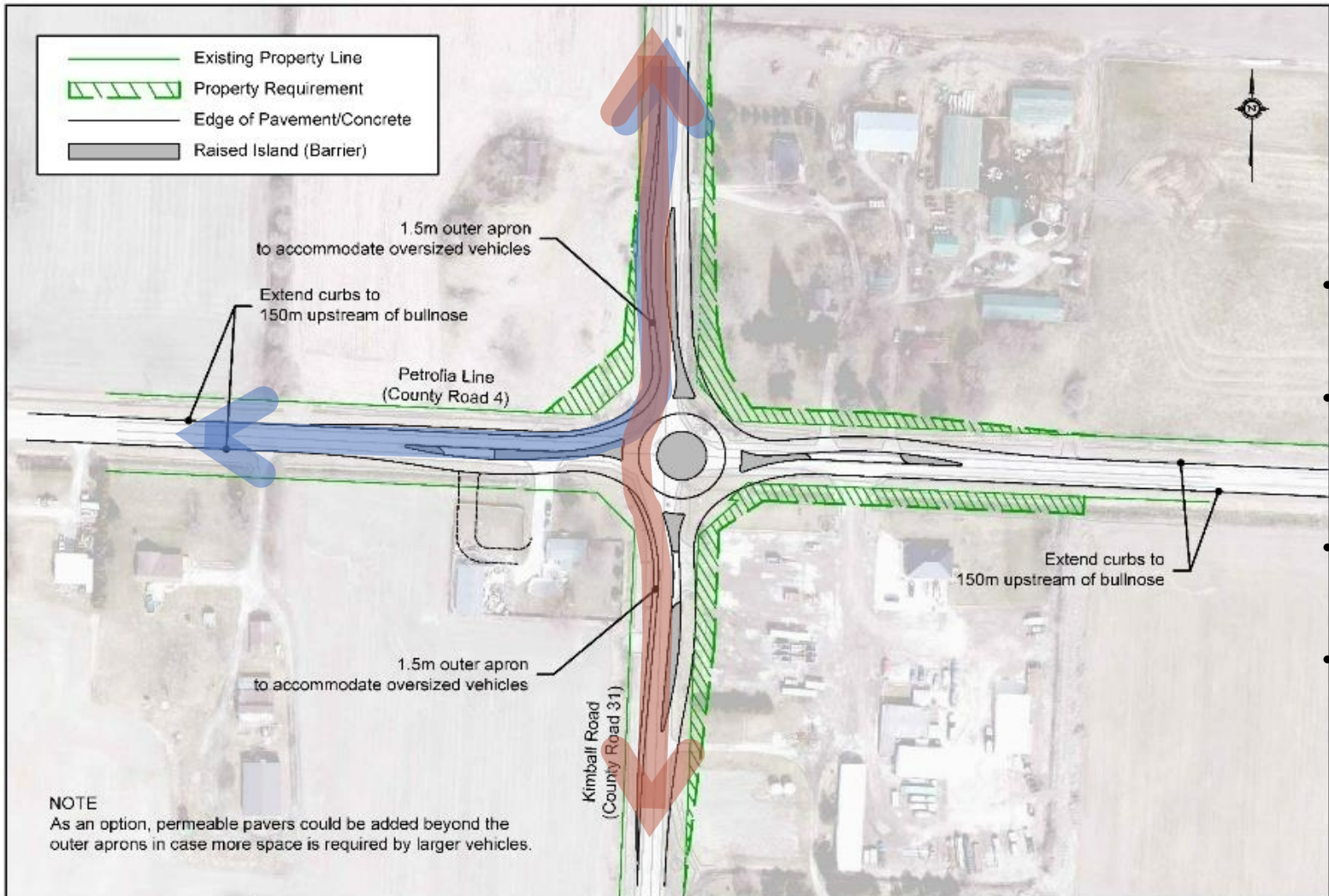
- Wednesday June 28, 2023, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Legion in Corunna, Ontario;
- Sixty-one (61) people registered; and
- Twenty-four (24) comment sheets were received.

Major Comments Received from the Public



- In favour of an alternative solution other than a roundabout - 10 comments.
- In favour of the roundabout - 8 comments.
- Concerned roundabout will infringe on adjacent properties.
- Concerned about cost to taxpayers.
- Concerned roundabout will not accommodate heavy vehicles.
- Existing 4-legged intersection is unsafe.
- Collisions and fatalities occur repeatedly at the existing intersection (over a 40-year period).



Recommended Plan



Legend

-  Oversized vehicle north/west route
-  Oversized vehicle north/south route

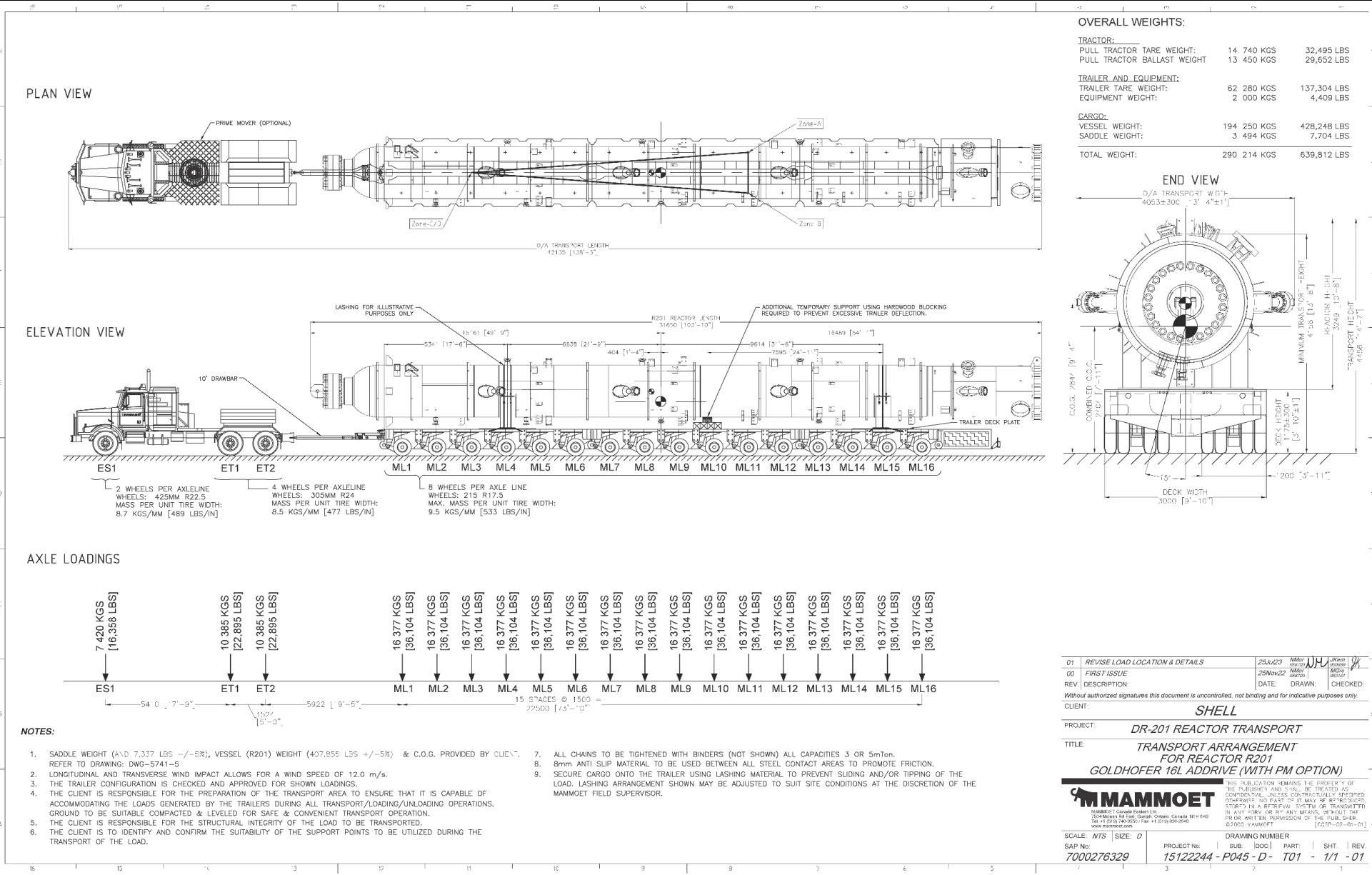
- All north-south oversized vehicles will travel on the west side of the roundabout.
- All vehicles from the west to the north will travel the wrong way direction on the northwest corner, avoiding the roundabout.
- To accommodate wider vehicles the design has included concrete outer boulevards.
- During detail design consider use of grass concrete pavers beyond the concrete outer boulevards.

NOTE
As an option, permeable pavers could be added beyond the outer aprons in case more space is required by larger vehicles.

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Lambton County CR4 / CR31 Intersection
Recommended Plan





AGENDA ITEM #a)

01	REVISE LOAD LOCATION & DETAILS	25/JUL/23	MM	JM	JM	JM
00	FIRST ISSUE	25/MAY/22	MM	JM	JM	JM
REV	DESCRIPTION:	DATE:	DRAWN:	CHECKED:		

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CLIENT: **SHELL**

PROJECT: **DR-201 REACTOR TRANSPORT**

TITLE: **TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENT FOR REACTOR R201 GOLDHOFER 16L ADDRIVE (WITH PM OPTION)**

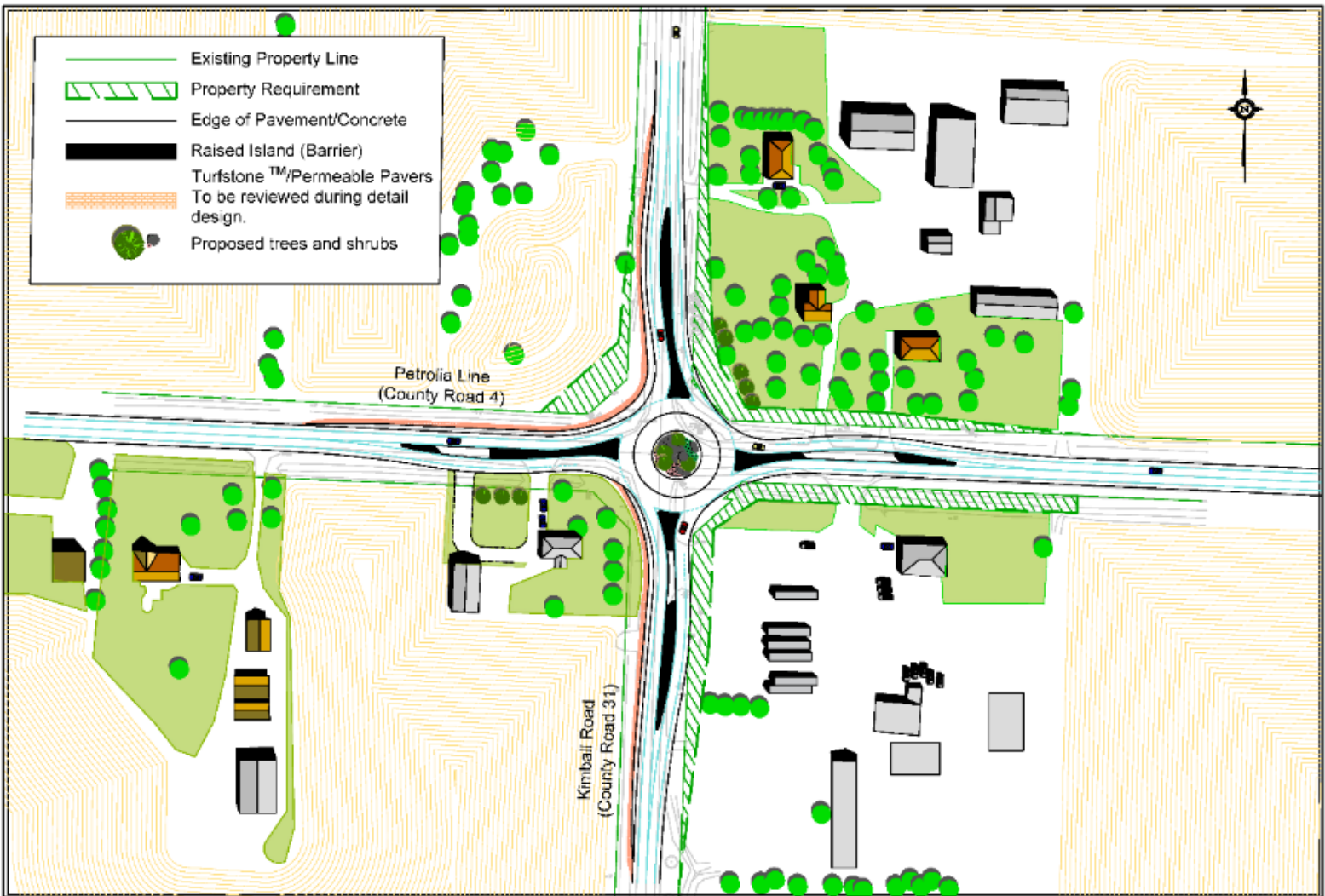
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Recommended Plan

The advantages of the Recommended Plan include:

- Minor property impacts.
- Controls speeds to approaching the intersection.
- Improves safety.
- Reduced impacts to existing residence in southwest quadrant.



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Lambton County CR4 / CR31 Intersection
Roundabout Design Recommended Plan



Next Steps, Council Endorsement and 30-day Public Review

Study Schedule

Task	Date
Council Endorsement	October 4, 2023
Project File Report 30-day Public Review Period	October/November 2023
Property Acquisition	2024
Design and Construction	Initiated 2024

Questions



**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.

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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

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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

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- 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;

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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

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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

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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

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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/Sageam: 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.

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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.

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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/Sage: 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;

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- 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.

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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

8/23/23, 10:44 AM

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CC 10-02-23



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August 16, 2023

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2023-252

Agenda Item # 8.2 Regular Council Meeting

Moved By : Emily Stewart

Seconded By : Dianne Gilbert

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 Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan 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;

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

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- 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.

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

FURTHERMORE, 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.

Carried

Mike Young
Deputy Mayor

Cheryl Swanson
Clerk

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Signatures on file

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234-2023-4596

September 15, 2023

Dear Head of Council,

**Subject: Responding to the Housing Affordability Task Force's
Recommendations**

As you know, in February 2022, the Housing Affordability Task Force delivered [its final report](#) with recommendations to help Ontario tackle the housing supply crisis and build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031. Including sub-items and appendices, the Task Force made 74 unique recommendations. While Ontario has made progress in acting on these recommendations — with 23 implemented to date helping to achieve the highest level of housing starts in over three decades — as the province grows at incredible speed, all levels of government need to do more.

To bring the dream of home ownership into reach for more people, I have asked my ministry to renew its efforts to review and, where possible, implement the Task Force's remaining recommendations with minimal delay. As part of that review, I am asking for your position, as head of council, on all 74 recommendations, as well as for you to prioritize your top five recommendations for future consideration. For these top five priorities, this could include your advice to revisit the way a recommendation has been implemented up to this point (for example, the Task Force's recommendation to allow as-of-right zoning for four units on a single residential lot, compared to the province's current baseline of allowing three units as-of-right with the option for municipalities to adopt a higher density threshold if they choose), as well as how some of the recommendations could or should be implemented with amendments.

Accompanying this letter, you will find a chart containing the full list of 74 Task Force recommendations. Please fill in this chart, indicating whether you as the leader of your municipality support each recommendation. At the top of the chart, I ask that you rank the top five Task Force recommendations that you feel would be, or have been, the most useful in increasing housing supply in your community and across Ontario.

As we look to do more to solve the housing supply and affordability crisis together, it's important for the province to have a full understanding of our municipal partners' positions on these recommendations as quickly as possible. I ask that you **please return the completed chart to housingsupply@ontario.ca no later than October 16, 2023.**

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At the same time, we cannot afford to deploy resources or enable tools where they won't be used or optimized. Now more than ever, we need clarity about your views. As such, failing to return this chart completed in full by October 16, 2023 **will disqualify your municipality from being eligible for the province's new \$1.2 billion Building Faster Fund** that was announced at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference in August. To make this process easy and efficient for you, we have standardized the feedback form with very simple 'support' or 'oppose' options.

I look forward to continuing our work together to ensure that more people can afford a place to call home.

Sincerely,



The Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: Hon. Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
Kirstin Jensen, Interim Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
Joshua Paul, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market Housing Division
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Growth Division
Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division

Attachment:

List of 74 Housing Affordability Task Force (HATF) Recommendations for Response

Attachment: Top Five Housing Affordability Task Force (HATF) Recommendations for Response

Please identify the top 5 HATF recommendations that you support, and rationale / comments	
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CC 10-10-23



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September 22, 2023

Ryan Beauchamp
Deputy Clerk
County of Lambton
c/o: Leah Klompstra: leah.klompstra@county-lambton.on.ca

The Southwestern Ontario Transportation Task Force report

Dear Ryan Beauchamp:

Thank you for your letter dated June 23, 2023, regarding the Southwestern Ontario Transportation Task Force report. I appreciate the opportunity to respond on behalf of the Minister of Transportation.

As you may know, [Connecting the Southwest: A Draft Transportation Plan for Southwestern Ontario](#) was released in January 2020. The plan is a living document that is intended to be reviewed and updated on a regular basis to incorporate the assessment of future transportation needs and feedback received, including the recommendations submitted by the Southwestern Ontario Transportation Task Force.

To support the assessment of future transportation needs, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking a long-term, technical transportation planning study that will examine current and future transportation demands, needs and opportunities across southwestern Ontario, as well as connections to the United States and the rest of Ontario. The study will result in a recommended infrastructure network, policies, and program initiatives for southwestern Ontario to the horizon year of 2051.

The Task Force's work focused on a range of transportation modes and issues affecting the region to ensure that MTO's transportation planning work is informed by local needs and considerations. The Task Force report was released on September 18, 2023, and can be found at the following links:

English: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/southwestern-ontario-transportation-task-force-final-report>

French: <https://www.ontario.ca/fr/page/rapport-final-du-groupe-de-travail-pour-les-transports-dans-le-sud-ouest-de-lontario>

Thank you again for your interest. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at Greg.Malczewski@ontario.ca or by phone at (437) 772-8902.

Sincerely,
Greg Malczewski
Director, System Planning Branch

- c. Bob Bailey, MPP, Sarnia-Lambton
 - A. Leung, Manager, System Planning Office
 - A. Leonard, Team Lead, System Planning Office



CC 10-04-23

July 4, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Delivered via email: premier@ontario.ca

Received
Sept 12, 2023

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Deputy Premier
Minister of Health
Delivered via email: sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Michael Parsa
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Delivered via email: michael.parsaco@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford, Deputy Premier and Minister Jones, and Minister Parsa:

Re: Income-based policy interventions to effectively reduce household food insecurity (HFI)

On June 28, 2023, the Board of Health for Algoma Public Health (APH) passed a resolution endorsing income-based policy interventions to effectively reduce household food insecurity (HFI), which is an urgent public health problem that imposes serious consequences to the health and well-being of Ontarians.

HFI is inadequate or insecure access to food due to household financial constraints.^(1, 2) It is a sign of poverty, rooted in a lack of adequate and stable income to make ends meet. In 2022, more than 2.8 million Ontarians were food insecure, and this will only get worse with recent sky-rocketing inflation.⁽³⁾

Locally, APH monitors food affordability as required by the *Ontario Public Health Standards*. Our local data shows that low-income households, especially those receiving Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), struggle to afford basic costs of living and will be increasingly vulnerable as food prices continue to rise.⁽⁴⁾

Not being able to afford adequate food has profound adverse effects on people’s physical and mental health and their ability to lead productive lives. This creates a heavy burden on the health care system with adults living in severely food insecure households incurring 121% higher health care costs compared to food secure households.⁽⁵⁾ Effective income policies to reduce food insecurity could offset considerable public expenditures on health care and improve overall health.

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Food charity is NOT a solution to the problem. Food banks may provide temporary food relief but do not address the root causes. Only about one-quarter of households experiencing food insecurity go to food banks and for those who do use them, food insecurity does not go away.⁽²⁾

We urge the province to collaborate across sectors to implement income-based policies that effectively reduce food insecurity, such as^(1, 2, 5)

- increasing minimum wage to a rate that better reflects costs of living, such as a living wage,
- raising social assistance to reflect costs of living,
- indexing Ontario Works to inflation, and
- reducing income tax rates for the lowest income households.

Such income policies preserve dignity, address the root cause of the problem, give choice of which foods to buy, and ensure the basic right to food.

Sincerely,



Sally Hagman
Chair, Board of Health,

cc: Dr. J. Loo, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for Algoma Public Health
Local Councils
Local MPs
The Association of Local Public Health Agencies
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CC 10-05-23

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
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September 8, 2023

Re: Support for Healthy Public Policy Regarding Alcohol Marketplace and Product Sales

Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy and Minister Jones,

Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) Board of Health made a motion on September 8, 2023, to endorse the Ontario Public Health Association's (OPHA) letter to you dated May 31, 2023 (attached), titled [*'Modernizing alcohol marketplace and product sales'*](#).

The letter from the OPHA implores the Government of Ontario to not increase access, availability or affordability of alcohol and points to Ontario's report card for alcohol policy being [*downgraded to an F*](#) from the Canadian Alcohol Policy Evaluation (CAPE) 3.0 report released in 2023. This is a clear call for the need for, and room for, policy improvement in Ontario.¹

The OPHA recommends five essential policy measures to decrease alcohol-related harms; all of which are supported by research:

1. Reduce retail density, especially in low socio-economic status (SES) neighbourhoods.
2. Maintain or decrease hours of sale, with no exceptions.
3. Strengthen Ontario's alcohol pricing policies including taxation, minimum pricing, or other means.
4. Stop further privatization of alcohol sales.
5. Apply a whole of government, health-in-all-policies approach to alcohol modernization.

Evidence shows that alcohol is a risk factor for numerous chronic diseases, including cancers, as well as injuries and violence. Alcohol consumption in Huron Perth is an ongoing concern. According to the Canadian Community Health Survey, in 2015 to 2020, 21.6% of adults in Huron Perth residents, ages 19 years and older reported drinking at a high-risk level (7+ drinks) in the past week.² This was significantly higher than the comparable provincial average of 16.3%.²

¹ Naimi, T., Stockwell, T., Giesbrecht, N., Wettlaufer, A., Vallance, K., Farrell-Low, A., Farkouh, E., Ma, J., Priore, B., Vishnevsky, N., Price, T., Asbridge, M., Gagnon, M., Hynes, G., Shelley, J., Sherk, A., Shield, K., Solomon, R., Thomas, G. & Thompson, K. (2023). Canadian Alcohol Policy Evaluation 3.0: Results from Ontario. Victoria, BC: Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research, University of Victoria.

² Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS). 2015-2020. Statistics Canada.

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Results from the latest COMPASS survey (2022-23) show that 45% of high school students in Huron Perth who responded to the survey reported drinking alcohol in the past month, and 28% reported binge drinking in the past month.³ The letter from OPHA encompasses recommendations that would be beneficial to Huron Perth communities and residents.

Research has found that people of lower socioeconomic status tend to experience greater harms associated with alcohol consumption than those of high socioeconomic status.^{4,5} HPPH Board of Health recommends that a health equity lens is applied when considering the potential impacts of policy levers, consequences, and public health impacts as a result of modernization of the alcohol marketplace and product sales. We strongly encourage the above five policy measures to be implemented to reduce alcohol-related health harms and burden of diseases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernie Maclellan".

Bernie Maclellan
Chair, Huron Perth Public Health

cc:

The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Member of Provincial Parliament Huron-Bruce
Mr. Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament Perth-Wellington
All Ontario Boards of Health

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www.compass.uwaterloo.ca

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⁵ Bloomfield K. Understanding the alcohol-harm paradox: what next? *The Lancet Public Health* 2020; 5: e300–e301



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September 15, 2023

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CC 10-06-23

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Deputy Premier, Minister of Health
Delivered via email: sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford and Deputy Premier and Minister Jones:

Re: Universal, No-cost Coverage for all Prescription Contraceptive Options for all Ontarians

On September 6, 2023, at a regular meeting of the Board for the Timiskaming Health Unit, the Board considered the correspondence from Chatham-Kent Public Health regarding *Universal, No-cost Coverage for all Prescription Contraceptive Options for all Ontarians* and passed the following motion:

Motion 42R-2023):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health recognizes the importance of access to contraception and menstrual products for all Ontarians; and

FURTHER THAT the Board encourages the Provincial government to cover the cost of all contraceptive options for all Ontario residents; and

FURTHER THAT the Premier of Ontario and Deputy Premier be so advised.

The Timiskaming Health Unit fully supports the above recommendation, and thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stacy Wight, Board of Health Chair

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April 25, 2023

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Dear Premier Ford and Deputy Premier and Minister Jones:

RE: Universal, No-cost Coverage for all Prescription Contraceptive Options to all People Living in Ontario

At its meeting held on March 15, 2023, the Chatham-Kent Board of Health passed the following motion:

“That Administration prepare a letter of advocacy to the Provincial government encouraging them to cover the cost of birth control for all Ontario residents, and that this letter be copied to alPHa and any other appropriate partners.”

It is estimated that 30-40% of all pregnancies in Canada are unintended with those of lower socioeconomic status being one of the leading vulnerable groups impacted¹. Timely access to effective contraception directly influences the rate of unintended pregnancies. In Canada, cost is the leading barrier preventing individuals from gaining access to effective contraceptives^{2/3}. Cost should not be a barrier Ontarians face to obtain consistent and timely access to effective contraceptives.

OHIP+ has begun to address this issue in Ontario by providing no cost coverage for anyone under the age of 25 who is not covered by a private plan. This coverage needs to be expanded to all Ontarians without the restrictions put on those with private plans or those over the age of 24. Ontarians should have universal, no-cost, confidential access to effective contraceptives.

At the beginning of April, British Columbia started the journey of providing prescription contraceptive access equality for their province and we are advocating for Ontario in this journey.

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Hon. Doug Ford
April 25, 2023

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Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We stand firmly in support of protecting and advancing sexual and reproductive health rights.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Brock McGregor
Chair, Chatham-Kent Board of Health

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September 21, 2023

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Dear Honourable Federal Ministers Freeland, Suds, MacAulay and Duclos:

Investing in a Sustainable Federal School Food Policy

I am writing on behalf of the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health. As the federal government prepares to release a National School Food Policy and invest in programs across the country, we wish to reiterate the call for the development of a universal, cost-shared school food program for Canada and share our concerns about the current state of student nutrition programs in Ontario and our region.

The Government of Canada has an opportunity to advance the health and well-being of all Canadian children and lay the basis for long-term health by including an investment in school food access in the Budget 2024. We applaud the Government's commitments to healthy school food in the 2021 Liberal Party Platform and urge you to act on those commitments in the next budget cycle.

Recommended actions to fulfill commitments to healthy school food in the Budget 2024:

The current state of school food programs across Canada is a patchwork with limited resources. While many schools in Ontario do have student nutrition programs partially funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, a significant investment from the federal government would allow for expansion of services and address existing gaps. The current reliance on fundraising, volunteers, and donations is inconsistent, unsustainable, and puts schools who most need the support at a significant disadvantage. (Ref: 1,2)

The Windsor-Essex County Board of Health supports the following recommendations proposed by the Canadian Coalition for Healthy School Food:

1. Allocate \$1 billion over five years in Budget 2024 to establish a National School Nutritious Meal Program as a key element of the evolving Food Policy for Canada, with \$200 million per year to contribute to provinces, territories and First Nation, Métis, and Inuit partners to fund their school food programs.
2. Enter into immediate discussions with Indigenous leaders to negotiate agreements for the creation and/or enhancement of permanent independent distinctions based First Nation, Métis, and Inuit school meal programs.
3. Create a dedicated school food infrastructure fund to provide schools with facilities and equipment for food production and preparation, so they can reliably and efficiently serve nutritious food in adequate volumes.

In addition, school food programs should be designed to *(Ref: 3)*:

- serve tasty, nourishing, culturally appropriate foods;
- ensure that ALL students in a school can access the program in a non-stigmatizing manner;
- be a cost-shared model, including federal support;
- be flexible and locally adapted to the context of the school and region, including commitment to Indigenous control over programs for Indigenous students;
- support Canadian farmers and local food producers;
- provide conflict of interest safeguards that prevent programs from marketing to children;
- promote food literacy.

The benefits of funding a sustainable food school program in Canada

Through our work supporting the 93 OSNP-led school food programs in Windsor-Essex County, we have seen first-hand the importance of school food to our students' health and wellbeing, including their academic success and the development of lifelong eating habits. As rising costs of food stretch school food program budgets, and leave many families struggling to make ends meet, the importance of federal investments in student nutrition programming cannot be overstated.

Research has long found school meals to be one of the most successful drivers of improved health, education, and well-being in children of all ages. School food programs have also been shown to have broad, positive impacts on families, communities, and the economy by reducing household food costs, creating jobs, and strengthening sustainable food systems.

School food programs offer many academic and nutritional benefits and should be implemented along with additional income supports to reduce health inequities and food insecurity for families across Canada. School food policy and programs alone cannot alleviate poverty and food insecurity *(Ref: 1,2)*. School food programs can, however, play an important role in improving nutrition intake, supporting healthy growth and development, supporting academic success, attendance, and educational attainment, and improving mental health and well-being *(Ref: 4)*.



The demand for comprehensive school food programs in Windsor and Essex County (WEC) and Ontario is high.

Based on the Canadian Health Survey of Children and Youth (CHSCY), **12.9%** of children aged 1 to 17 years old in WEC lived in food-insecure households in 2019 (5). Nationally, the cost of food purchased from Canadian stores rose 9.8% in 2022, the fastest rate since 1981 (+12.0%), after rising 2.2% in 2021 (Ref: 6). While many Canadians are feeling the effects of inflation and rising food costs, those living in food-insecure households are particularly vulnerable, as after paying for housing (i.e., rent or mortgage), many have little funds available for all other necessities including hydro, water, clothing and food.

Currently across Ontario, many school programs are unable to meet current demands, and as a result, these programs are left with the difficult decision of either limiting food provided or shutting down completely before the end of the school year. Many programs have been strained by limited increases to provincial funding since 2014, rising food costs, and increased demand. Locally, only \$0.65 per student per week is available through the OSNP food delivery model. This equates to 1.5 servings of fresh produce a week per student, which is far below minimum nutrition requirements for growth and development. Schools who have not previously had a school nutrition program are seeing a demand and there are no funds to support new programs. In addition, many elementary schools do not have adequate facilities to allow safe food handling and production of onsite food for meal/snack programs, or for hands-on food literacy learning opportunities for students.

The Windsor-Essex County Board of Health stands alongside other Ontario Boards of Health, School Boards, Municipalities, and other government agencies and organizations in supporting the Coalition for Healthy School Food's vision that every school-aged child and youth has a nutritious meal or snack at school daily.

We urge the federal Ministries of Families, Children and Social Development and Agriculture and Agri-Food to continue your work towards a comprehensive, cost-shared, universally accessible National School Food Policy and national school nutritious meal program with provinces, territories, municipalities, Indigenous partners, and stakeholders (Ref: 7). Every investment in children and youth counts.

Sincerely,

Fabio Costante, Board of Health Chair

c:


- Ontario Boards of Health
- Local School Board Directors of Education
- Local MPPs, MPs
- Senator Dr. Sharon Burey

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Sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth Blanchette, CEO

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REVIEWED BY:	Andrew Taylor, General Manager Stéphane Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer
MEETING DATE:	October 4, 2023
INFORMATION ITEM:	2023-2024 Fall Respiratory Season Immunization Campaign

BACKGROUND

To help stay safe and healthy throughout this fall respiratory illness season, Ontarians are encouraged to get their flu and COVID-19 shots as soon as they become available to them. The Ontario Ministry of Health (the “Ministry”) will be launching COVID-19 and influenza vaccination campaigns for the 2023/2024 respiratory illness season.

Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations and getting the annual flu shot is particularly important this fall when there will again be co-circulation of these respiratory viruses along with others including respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). COVID-19 activity is rising with new variants circulating and other seasonal respiratory illnesses are expected early this year. These vaccinations will help protect the health of individuals, families, and communities as well as mitigate impacts on our healthcare system.

This report will provide an update on Ministry plans for the upcoming fall respiratory season immunization campaign. The most recent update on this program was provided to Council for Corporation of the County of Lambton (County) through Council report *2023/24 Respiratory Season Planning and Preparedness* dated September 6, 2023.

DISCUSSION

COVID-19 Fall Vaccination Campaign

The province expects to start receiving doses of Moderna’s updated SPIKEVAX XBB COVID-19 vaccine by late September. This vaccine will better protect against the new Omicron XBB variant. It is Health Canada approved for people aged six months of age and older, however initial doses will be prioritized for higher risk populations. The Ministry will be providing updated guidance to health units soon which will provide further details

regarding the timing of roll-out and priority populations. Lambton Public Health (LPH) will publicly share this information broadly, once known.

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has recommended a dose of an updated COVID-19 vaccine in the fall of 2023, if it has been at least 6 months since the last COVID-19 vaccine dose or known COVID-19 infection (whichever is later).

NACI has advised that immunization is particularly important for those at increased risk of COVID-19 infection or severe disease, for example:

- Individuals ages 65 years and older;
- Residents of Long-Term Care Homes and other congregate living settings;
- Individuals with underlying medical conditions that place them at higher risk of severe COVID-19;
- Individuals who are pregnant;
- Individuals in or from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities;
- Members of racialized and other equity-deserving communities;
- People who provide essential community services.

LPH anticipates that COVID-19 vaccine clinics for high-risk populations will begin in October and combined COVID-19 and seasonal influenza vaccine clinics will begin in November for the general population. Once details are confirmed, more information will be made available at [GetTheVaccine.ca](https://www.getthevaccine.ca). Clinic capacity will be ramped up to meet demand.

Delivery channels for COVID-19 vaccinations in Lambton County will be as follows:

- LPH Clinics
 - Fixed clinic locations will be held at the LPH Exmouth St. location, the Shores Recreation Centre in Forest, and the Wyoming Fairgrounds
 - Mobile clinics
 - Pop-up clinics
- Pharmacies
- Participating primary care providers

2023-24 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP)

The Ministry's UIIP offers influenza vaccine free of charge each year to all individuals six months of age and older who live, work or go to school in Ontario.

The influenza vaccine is the best defence against getting and spreading the influenza virus, helping to save lives and reduce the strain on our health care system.

Every year, individuals with influenza and influenza-related complications increase the burden on the healthcare system in the fall and winter months. During the respiratory illness season and with the potential for COVID-19 and RSV circulation this fall, it will be especially important to prevent morbidity and mortality related to influenza to reduce the burden on the health care system to ensure there is capacity to respond to emergent

health care activity.

By early October, flu shots will be available for the most vulnerable high-risk populations, including hospitalized individuals, hospital staff and residents and staff in long-term care homes, followed by those in retirement homes and other congregate settings. In mid-October, flu shots will be available for those 65 years and older and those meeting specific high-risk criteria at their health care provider's office and participating pharmacies. Flu shots for the general public aged six months and older will be available starting October 30 at doctor and nurse practitioner offices, LPH clinics and participating pharmacies.

For the 2023-2024 flu season, influenza immunizations will be offered throughout Lambton County at family physician and nurse practitioner offices, family health teams, community health centres, participating pharmacies, and various workplace clinics.

LPH will host several community clinics between October and December. Additional clinics will also be scheduled, targeting vulnerable populations in the community. Based on guidance from the NACI and the Ontario Ministry of Health, LPH will take opportunities to vaccinate for both flu and COVID-19 during the same visit for those who require both vaccines.

Last year, 4,292 influenza vaccinations were administered at LPH's public clinics. In addition, 36 pharmacies administered 17,197 influenza vaccinations and health care providers vaccinated 7,984 individuals during the 2022-2023 season. For the 2023-2024 season, there are 36 pharmacies in Lambton County approved to offer influenza vaccinations.

Most influenza vaccines available this season are quadrivalent, meaning they protect against four types of influenza viruses (i.e. 2009 pandemic-like A(H1N1) and three other viruses). Adults and children (6 months and older) are able to receive a standard dose quadrivalent vaccine while adults 65 years and older are able to receive a high-dose vaccine. Additionally, an adjuvanted trivalent vaccine is available for adults 65 years of age and over again this year, which protects against the 2009 pandemic-like A(H1N1) and two other influenza viruses.

To reduce the risk of severe illness that could potentially arise from co-infection with COVID-19 and influenza, individuals who are at high risk of severe COVID-19 related illness or those capable of transmitting influenza to those at high risk of severe and critical illness related to COVID-19 are particularly recommended to receive the influenza vaccine this fall. Such groups include healthcare workers, first responders, pregnant women, older adults (over 65) and infants (6 to 59 months of age).

In addition, significant illness and societal costs also occur among people who may not be considered at high risk of complications (i.e. healthy people aged 2 to 64 years). Therefore, influenza vaccination is encouraged for all Canadians.

RSV Immunizations

The province has announced that it is rolling out its first publicly funded vaccination program of the first Health Canada approved RSV vaccine, Arexvy for those 60 years and older living in long-term care homes, Elder Care Lodges, and for some retirement home residents. New changes will soon allow pharmacists to administer the vaccine, which will allow homes to hire pharmacists to administer the vaccine on site and help vulnerable populations receive their dose more conveniently without leaving their home.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The influenza vaccine is 100% funded by the Ministry of Health. In addition, public health units receive \$5.00 per dose to offset service costs. The Infectious Disease Prevention and Control (IDPC) program is also eligible to receive 100% provincial grants for IPAC Hub coordination and COVID-19 response activities. All other activities related to the IDPC program are cost-share funded 70% provincially and 30% municipally.

CONSULTATIONS


The Ministry provides direction to public health regarding the COVID-19 and influenza vaccination campaigns. Consultations and meetings with the Ministry, and the Medical Officer of Health occur as necessary.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The 2023-2024 Fall Respiratory Season Immunization Campaign is consistent with the County of Lambton's mission to provide responsive and efficient services and to collaborate with municipal and community partners. Correspondingly, LPH supports the goal of health for all by working with the community to assess, promote and protect health, as well as prevent disease and injury.

CONCLUSION

The provincial fall respiratory season immunization campaign is an effective strategy to reduce morbidity and mortality and is consistent with the strategic goals of the County of Lambton. Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations and getting the annual flu shot is particularly important this fall when there will again be co-circulation of these respiratory viruses with others including respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). These vaccinations will help protect the health of individuals, families, and communities as well as mitigate impacts on our healthcare system.

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MEETING DATE:	October 4, 2023
INFORMATION ITEM:	Clinical and Family Services Q1- Q2 2023 Activity Report

BACKGROUND

Clinical and Family Services provides legislated public health programs, in accordance with the Ontario Public Health Standards and protocols. This multi-disciplinary team focuses on healthy growth and development, home visiting, positive parenting, breastfeeding, sexual health clinics, harm reduction for the prevention of blood borne diseases and sexually transmitted infections, contraception, prenatal education and oral health programs for children and youth.

Child Health programs are designed to ensure that all families with children at risk of physical, cognitive, communicative and/or psychosocial problems have access to effective and early intervention services. The team also delivers the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (HBHC) home visiting program.

Reproductive Health programs are designed to prevent unwanted pregnancies, reduce the burden of sexually transmitted infections and prevention of blood borne illness and opioid overdose through harm reduction services. School programs include important preventative services including dental and vision screening. Early identification and treatment of oral health and vision problems can improve long term health outcomes.

The purpose of this report is to provide Council for the Corporation of the County of Lambton (County) with an overall update and summary of activities conducted by the Clinical and Family Services team that were delivered in the first two quarters of 2023. This report covers the period between January 1, 2023 and June 30, 2023.

DISCUSSION

Child Health / Healthy Growth and Development Activities

Activity	Number
Family Health Line calls	261
Breastfeeding Inquires	125
Growth and Development Inquiries	80
Prenatal Teaching Sessions	18
HBHC Home Visits	839
Parent Drop In - # of parents	1064
Post Partum Support Group - # of sessions	2
Post Partum Support Group - # of participants	18

Reproductive, Dental Health and Harm Reduction Activities

Activity	Number
Harm Reduction - # of client visits	940
Harm Reduction - # of needles distributed	182,600
Harm Reducation - # of inhalation supplies distributed	46,407
Harm Reduction - # of community sharps disposal bin inspections	51
Harm Reduction - # of community sharps disposal bins exchanged	11
Harm Reduction - # of Naloxone Kits distributed (with community partners)	2013
Sexual Health Clinic Visits	737
Sexual Health - % of clinic visits related to STI testing	26%
Sexual Health - % of clinic visits related to STI treatment	12%
Sexual Health - % of clinic visits related sexual health counselling	54%
School Vision Screening - # of schools completed	37
School Vision Screening – Students Screened	832
School Dental Screening - # of schools completed	22
School Dental Screening - # of students screened	2024
Ontario Seniors Dental - # of newly eligible clients	158
Ontario Seniors Dental - # of seniors received treatment	485

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with the Clinical and Family Services programs are included in the

approved 2023 LPH budget which is cost share funded with the province at 30% municipal and 70% provincial. Ontario Seniors Dental and Healthy Babies Healthy Children programs are 100% funded by the Province of Ontario.

CONSULTATIONS

In the preparation of this report, the Supervisors of Clinical and Family Services were consulted, where necessary.

Data from Lambton Emergency Medical Services, and the Ontario Harm Reduction Database were accessed in the preparation of this report. Some programs were delivered in partnership with local agencies including North Lambton Community Health Centre, Bluewater Health, Family Counselling Centre, and St. Clair Child and Youth Services.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The programs, services and activities delivered by LPH staff contribute to the Lambton County Strategic Plan Principle and Value of a Healthy Community. Many of these programs were delivered in partnership with local community agencies, fulfilling the Partnerships Area of Effort.

CONCLUSION

This report provides an overall snapshot of Clinical and Family Services programs and activities delivered between January and June 2023. These programs and services make a vital contribution to maintaining a safe, healthy community for all Lambton County residents.



PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

REPORT TO:	WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL
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MEETING DATE:	October 4, 2023
INFORMATION ITEM:	Health Protection –2023 Second Quarter Activity Report

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide Council for The Corporation of the County of Lambton (County) with an update on programs and activities administered by the Health Protection service area of Lambton Public Health (LPH) in the second quarter of 2023.

The most recent update on these programs and activities was provided to Council for the Corporation of the County of Lambton (County) through the Council report *Health Protection–2023 First Quarter Activity Report* dated June 7, 2023.

DISCUSSION

Highlights:

- The 2023 beach monitoring program commenced at the beginning of June. LPH monitors seven public beaches along the shore of Lake Huron.
- Opening inspections of seasonal public pools and food premises were conducted this quarter.
- Lyme Disease surveillance commenced with both passive and active (tick dragging) surveillance being utilized to monitor for black-legged tick populations in Lambton County.
- Immunization reminder letters were mailed to all elementary school students who were due, or overdue for routine vaccines in late May.

Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control Team Activities:

Activity	2023 Q2 Actuals
Reportable Disease Investigations	152 investigations - 17 enteric, 4 vector-borne, 124 respiratory (105 of which were COVID-19), 7 other
Institutional Outbreak Investigations	11 investigations (8 respiratory outbreaks, 3 enteric outbreaks)
Infection Control Inspections	105 inspections (including 41 daycares, 50 personal service settings, 7 group homes, 4 long-term care facilities, 3 congregate living settings)
Infection Prevention and Control Complaint Investigations	3 investigations

Immunization and School Health Team Activities:

Activity	2023 Q2 Actuals
Grade 7 Immunization Clinics	2146 vaccinations given at 45 school clinics
Routine and Catch-up Immunization Clinics	223 vaccinations given at 3 clinics
Cold chain inspections	17 inspections
COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics	1841 doses of COVID-19 vaccine given by LPH at 16 LPH community clinics and 4 LPH mobile clinics

Environmental Health Team Activities:

Activity	2023 Q2 Actuals
Food Premise Inspections	414 inspections (including 380 routine inspections, 13 re-inspections, 14 pre-operational, and 7 Healthy Menu Choices Act)
Food Handler Training Course	51 food handlers certified
Food Safety Complaint Investigations	23 investigations
Recreational Water Inspections	95 inspections (including 54 public pools, 17 splash pads, 6 wading pools, 6 spas, and 12 re-inspections)
Rabies Investigations	154 investigations with rabies post-exposure prophylaxis being administered to 12 individuals
Health Hazard Investigations	24 investigations related to mould, pests, sewage, and sanitation
Vector-borne Disease Program – tick surveillance	76 ticks were submitted for identification

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with the Health Protection programs are included in the approved 2023 LPH budget, which is cost-share funded with the province at 30% municipal and 70% provincial. Some Health Protection programs are eligible to receive 100% provincial

grants for infection prevention and control hub coordination, and student Public Health Inspector practicums.

CONSULTATIONS


In the preparation of this report, the Supervisors of Health Protection were consulted where necessary.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The programs, services and activities delivered by LPH staff are consistent with the missions, principles and values identified in the County's strategic plan and support the value of the County as a healthy community.

CONCLUSION

This report provides an update on programs and activities administered by the Health Protection team in the second quarter of 2023. These programs and services make a vital contribution to maintaining a safe and healthy community for all Lambton County residents.

	PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION
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INFORMATION ITEM:	Health Equity Strategy Update

BACKGROUND

Public health has a mandate to identify, assess, manage, and prevent health inequities that impact population health. Our Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) nurses work to advance the health equity requirements under the Ontario Public Health Standards (2018). This work is focused in four keys areas of effort that include: a) assess and report on population health using health equity indicators; b) modify and orient interventions to address health inequities; c) partner with other sectors to improve health outcomes; and d) participate in policy development.

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council for The Corporation of the County of Lambton (County) on the Health Equity Strategy at Lambton Public Health (LPH) and the work of the SDOH nurses.

DISCUSSION

Lambton Public Health nurses are responsible for ensuring that LPH is meeting the requirements under the health equity standard and their work is informed by the National Collaborating Centre for the Determinants of Health. To address SDOH our nurses provide health equity leadership across the organization to:

- promote the integration of a health equity lens into our programs and services.
- build public health organizational capacity for health equity work.
- build community capacity; and
- participate in broad, system-level initiatives that advance health equity.

LPH uses local health equity indicators and population health data to identify priority populations in our community. The SDOH nurses work in consultation with the MOH,

Epidemiologists, Program Planning & Evaluation Coordinators, and public health staff to determine how best to engage priority populations in the design and implementation of data collection. Some key areas of focused work in 2022 and 2023 are highlighted below.

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Indigeneity

Systemic racism is a public health issue that interacts with every determinant of health, creating barriers for racialized groups and Indigenous peoples to attain education, access to employment, fair compensation, housing, and appropriate unbiased health care. These inequities result in worse health outcomes for those who experience racism, including higher rates of chronic health conditions, communicable diseases, mental health challenges and earlier death (Ontario Public Health Association, 2020). In 2023, LPH made a commitment to address systemic racism by co-chairing the Ontario Public Health Association Anti-Racism Task Group. The knowledge and expertise gained on the provincial task group is helping to advance local work with the Sarnia-Lambton Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee to implement priority action items identified in the Lambton County Community Safety Well-Being plan. LPH was a key partner in the planning and delivery of the *Racism Is Bad for Our Health* workshop held on September 12th at the Lambton College Event Centre.

The SDOH nurses also build capacity for staff to use tools, processes, and resources to embed health equity into their practice including health equity impact assessments, trauma-informed care, advocacy toolkits, language guidelines, and translation supports. Training was facilitated in 2023 for both LPH staff and community partners in the areas of Naloxone training, Stigma Reduction, Bridges Out of Poverty, Positive Spaces, and Indigenous Cultural Safety.

Poverty and Homelessness

LPH is a member of both the Community Homelessness Initiative Network and Poverty Reduction Committee to help identify needs, opportunities and implement interventions that will decrease the negative impacts of homelessness and poverty on health in Lambton County. LPH worked in close collaboration with Social Services Division in 2023 to plan and facilitate the *Stronger Together Summit* (March 2023) and continues to work on priority needs related to homelessness and health in our community.

The SDOH nurses coordinate LPH participation in the Mobile Market program that runs from July to November in Sarnia, Petrolia, Corunna, Wyoming, Watford, Alvinston, Forest, Thedford, Aamjiwnaang, and Kettle & Stony Point. In total, LPH staff visited mobile markets 41 times in 2022 to engage and connect with community members. In 2023 LPH staff continue to attend mobile markets to provide education and/or outreach for harm reduction, vector borne diseases, food safety, dental programs, child health services, tobacco and vaping prevention, and healthy nutrition.

COVID and Flu low barrier clinics were offered in the fall of 2022 in partnership with the Inn of the Good Shepherd. Work continues this fall as part of 2023 respiratory season

planning to identify locations where Flu and COVID clinics can be located to address the needs of our most vulnerable population.

Participate in Policy Development

LPH is supporting several policy initiatives to improve population health. The Lambton Drug and Alcohol Strategy (LDAS) is rooted in health equity and recognizes that individuals need a supportive system that considers socioeconomic status, housing availability and accessibility, support to raise healthy families, accessible mental health care, regulated substance supply, and focuses on restoring our community from the legacies of colonization and discrimination. Recommendations in the LDAS align closely with key policy recommendations in the Lambton County Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

LPH is helping to support the implementation of a new Positive Space Policy at Lambton Shared Services Centre and informing local health system transformation initiatives as a core partner of the Sarnia-Lambton Ontario Health Team.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with the Health Equity strategy are included in LPH's approved 2023 budget, which is cost-share funded 70% provincial and 30% municipal.

CONSULTATIONS

The SDOH nurses work in close consultation and collaboration internal public health staff, County departments and community partners.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Health Equity Strategy aligns with the mission, principles and values identified in the County's Strategic Plan, most specifically the value of a healthy community and the promotion of enhanced quality of life by working with municipal and community partners.

CONCLUSION

The SDOH nurses on the Health Promotion Team serve an important role in ensuring LPH is meeting the health equity requirements in the Ontario Public Health Standards. The information highlighted in this report reinforces LPH's commitment to health equity and our dedicated efforts to reducing barriers so all people can achieve their full health potential.

**PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION**

REPORT TO:	WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT:	LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH
PREPARED BY:	Andrew Taylor, General Manager Dr. Karalyn Dueck, Medical Officer of Health
REVIEWED BY:	Stéphane Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer
MEETING DATE:	October 4, 2023
SUBJECT	Update on Province's New Plan to Strengthen Public Health and Implications for Lambton Public Health – CC 10-08-23

BACKGROUND

Through the report to Council of the Corporation of the County of Lambton (County) dated July 5, 2023 titled: *Update on Lambton Public Health's Current and Future Budget Pressures*, staff provided information about the current fiscal landscape and further updated the Board of Health (County Council) respecting Lambton Public Health's (LPH) new strategic priorities moving forward.

This report to County Council is intended to serve as follows:

- a) Update on recent memorandum from the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario, Dr. Kieran Moore, on the Provincial Strategy to Strengthen Public Health.
- b) Seek instructions from County Council to resurrect its Strategic Team that was formerly in place to deal with the province on matters relating to intergovernmental relationships, including, the proposed realignment of local public health services.
- c) Provide confirmation of receipt of LPH's 2023-24 Funding and Accountability Agreement from the Ministry of Health.

DISCUSSION***New Provincial Plan to Strengthen Public Health***

During the recent Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference hosted between August 21-23, 2023, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones,

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announced efforts to strengthen the delivery of public health services in the province. This announcement included four main points:

- The restoration of provincial annual base funding for public health units to the previous 75 percent provincial / 25 percent municipal cost-share ratio starting January 1, 2024.
- A 1% cap on future increases in annual base funding for a period of three years starting in 2024.
- A plan to refine and clarify the roles of local public health units.
- Provision of one-time funding for public health agencies to voluntarily merge.

Following the Minister's announcement, a copy of Dr. Kieran Moore's memorandum *Provincial Strategy to Strengthen Public Health* (CC 10-08-23 attached) was sent to the Chair of the Lambton Board of Health (BOH), the Medical Officer of Health and General Manager for Public Health Services. The highlights of this memorandum are reported below.

Funding

As previously reported to County Council, staff were awaiting the announcement from the Minister and LPH recently received its funding envelope for 2023-2024. Through this envelope we can verify that a pro-rated portion of the annual 1% increase has been added to our base budget to assist with our in-year needs for 2023. While this funding confirmation is welcomed, it will make sustainability difficult for Lambton (and all public health units). Staff now have some clarity regarding funding, and we know that local public health agencies will be provided with growth base funding capped at 1% annually over the next 3 years.

The province will restore health units to the previous 75/25 percent provincial/municipal cost-share ratio effective January 1, 2024. The news was well received because the downloading of increased costs to municipalities is a key concern for municipal leaders. Staff reported on the impact of a 70/30 percent provincial/municipal cost-share increase through numerous reports to County Council beginning in May 2019. Since that time, the County has received mitigation funding to offset this impact. For LPH this amount of additional one-time funding represents \$409,100, which has not been adjusted for inflation.

As previously reported to County Council, LPH, like other sectors, must account for costs increasing annually on account of inflation just to maintain the same level of programming. The challenge is that provincial funding increases have not kept pace with inflationary pressures, and this compromises our ability to maintain existing service levels.

Clarify Public Health Roles and Responsibilities

The province's new plan is also intended to clarify and refine public health roles and responsibilities. We understand that as part of this review, the government will seek to

support local public health agencies by exploring opportunities to shift some roles and responsibilities to a regional or provincial level.

This will result in an updated and revised Ontario Public Health Standards mandate anticipated to be in effect for January 1, 2025. Given the new reality and fiscal pressures we are facing in 2024, LPH has introduced some new strategic priorities, as reported to County Council through the report titled: [Update on Lambton Public Health's Current and Future Budget Pressures Report](#) dated July 5, 2023.

With a goal for readiness, we are transitioning to a future-looking process that prepares our organization for new anticipated priorities and pressures, which include an ever-changing landscape in the health services field. As staff learn more about the province's plan, we will update the BOH accordingly.

Voluntary Mergers

Lastly, with a goal to optimize capacity the province is encouraging voluntary mergers between local public health agencies through incentivizing time-limited supports and resources to facilitate the merger process. During fall of 2023, the province will be developing criteria to inform its merger process (i.e. optimal population size, minimum capacity requirements).

This is not the first time that the province has contemplated public health mergers. Council will recall that in April 2019, the Province of Ontario released its budget, which proposed significant changes for its new vision for modernizing local public health units and emergency medical services (EMS). With an end goal of saving \$200 million annually, the plan also included the transfer of public health units and EMS local services into 10 (ten) separate mega regions with new governance. In response, Council expressed concerns that any plan to regionalize local public health units will have significant impact on the County's operations. The importance of protecting local investments is vital and there was strong consensus that a local health unit preserves rural voices and municipal voices in decision-making. Lambton's governance structure provides accountability to local councils, which is required to fund operations. Governance of public services needs to be representative of true local needs and the strength of public health lies in its connectedness at the local level.

The Minister's recent announcement about "voluntary merger" is the first time we have heard about this, since the topic of forced mega-mergers were contemplated in 2019. Following the AMO meeting we learned that the Timiskaming and Porcupine health units announced that they would be moving forward with merging. This is the first move towards voluntary merger following the Minister's announcement. We are awaiting more information from the Ministry of Health regarding the criteria and implementation of these announced efforts to strengthen delivery of public health services throughout the province.

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In response to past amalgamation and merger discussions, additional context on the County's position is provided in the report: [Provincial Plans for the Modernization of Public Health Service Delivery Report](#) dated August 22, 2019.

Once we receive more details, we will be looking for opportunities to discuss these challenges with the province and to advocate for public health in our community. In the interim it is staff's view that Council should reinstate its committee that was previously in-place when the Ontario government first acted on its modernization consultations with municipal governments and the public health sector. This work commenced under the leadership of Special Advisor Jim Pine, who is also the Chief Administrative Officer of the County of Hastings.

Lambton County's consultation was scheduled for March 30, 2020 in Windsor, Ontario and this did not proceed. However, to inform the consultation process, County Council put together its *Strategic Planning and Provincial Downloading Committee* to review, understand and react to any provincial policy changes that may negatively impact on the County's financial position. Again, staff feel that there is value in reinstating this Committee to update Council on any developments.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Lambton Public Health received its 2023/24 Ministry Funding Accountability confirming that the County is eligible to receive \$70,000 in additional base funding and up to \$169,000 in one-time funding, as per correspondence [Ministry of Health - Funding Letter 2023-24](#).

Based on what we know, we do not anticipate any 2023 in-year funding challenges, due to actions actively undertaken to reduce spending through position management and achieving vacancy savings. That being said, we know that local public health agencies will be provided with growth base funding of 1% annually over the next 3 years, and it will be challenging to plan for LPH's proposed 2024 Draft Budget with a 1% cost-share base funding increase. Management anticipates inflationary pressures, and the further elimination and shortfall of other revenue sources (provincial 100 percent funding) that will have a significant impact. The full impact of these reductions is being closely analyzed and staff will continue to monitor the situation and report back, when there is more accurate information to share.

CONSULTATIONS

In the preparation of this report, the CAO, Finance Coordinator, and LPH Managers were consulted as necessary.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The County of Lambton's mission statement supports the provision of responsive and efficient services, which is accomplished by working closely with municipal and community partners. As a department of the County of Lambton, LPH strives to achieve accountability through providing accurate, transparent, and timely information.

CONCLUSION

The Ontario government's new plan to strengthen public health, is intended to optimize capacity, stability, and provide sustainability to the public health sector. To plan for readiness, more information needs to be learned about the province's plan to voluntary merge public health units, as this will have a significant impact on the County's operations.

LPH has introduced some new strategic priorities to help guide us through the restrictive fiscal climate. LPH needs to prioritize activities because we cannot continue to do everything in a restricted fiscal environment. As part of the Ministry of Health's legislative requirements, Lambton's BOH is required to demonstrate it is delivering quality public health programs and services in compliance with legislation.

The restrictive fiscal environment presents a need to increase efficiency and effectiveness and our new strategic priorities will position us to successfully serve the ever-changing needs of the community. Through system readiness and our strong local connectedness to community partners, LPH strives to ensure its responsibilities are carried out in collaboration with other agencies and in partnership with local communities and not in isolation. Maintaining our local connectedness and understanding the impacts on the vulnerable communities we serve enables us to respond and contribute effectively to the needs of Lambton County.

RECOMMENDATION

That a Strategic Team be created to communicate with, and respond to, the province regarding any proposed voluntary mergers of public health services. The Strategic Team shall consist of the Warden, Deputy Warden, Chief Administrative Officer and one (1) representative from each of the four municipal quadrants, together with such staff as requested from time to time by the Strategic Team.



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CC 10-08-23

August 22, 2023

MEMORANDUM

- TO:** Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) Board Chairs, Medical Officers of Health, Associate Medical Officers of Health, and Chief Executive Officers, Business Administrators
- FROM:** Dr. Kieran M. Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario and Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Health, Ministry of Health
- RE:** Provincial Strategy to Strengthen Public Health In Ontario
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Dear Colleagues,

Earlier today, at the 2023 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference, the government announced that the province is moving forward with a strategy to strengthen Ontario's public health sector.

I am excited to follow-up with some further details on the key initiatives of this strategy, which are aimed at optimizing capacity, stability and sustainability in the public health sector.

Since the SARS pandemic in 2003, there have been a series of reports that have consistently called for strengthening public health to address critical challenges

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such as a lack of capacity and critical mass, structural governance challenges, misalignment of the public health sector with other health and social services, as well as challenges with the public health workforce, including recruitment, retention and leadership. The COVID-19 pandemic reinforced the critical importance of a robust public health sector while once again highlighting these challenges.

Through the strategy announced today, the public health sector has an opportunity to demonstrate leadership in addressing these challenges. This strategy is grounded in a locally-driven approach, equipped with the provincial supports and resources needed to facilitate change while ensuring that we retain and strengthen front-line jobs and local public health programs and services.

Key initiatives of this strategy include:

1. Clarifying roles and responsibilities through the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS)

- Working in close collaboration with the public health sector, the government will initiate a review of the OPHS in order to refine, clarify and strengthen local public health roles and responsibilities, including relationships and alignment across and beyond the broader health care system.
- As part of this review, the government will seek to support Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs) by exploring opportunities to shift some roles and responsibilities to a regional or provincial level.

2. Supporting voluntary mergers among local public health agencies

- Mergers among LPHAs have been demonstrated to be an effective solution to long-standing capacity challenges as they have significant potential to increase program delivery resources, including through the pooling of resources, greater ability to recruit and retain staff for specialized roles, and greater ability to manage surge capacity.

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- Beginning this fall, the government will work collaboratively with the public health and municipal sectors, and other stakeholders to develop criteria, parameters and accountability mechanisms to support a coordinated approach to voluntary mergers, informed by lessons learned from previous mergers.
- LPHAs will then have the opportunity to submit proposals to the government based on established guidelines and criteria through current reporting mechanisms (e.g., 2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget Submission).
- Where there is agreement between LPHAs to merge, the government will provide time-limited supports and resources to facilitate the merger process and support business continuity to ensure program and service delivery stability while change is underway. Any savings realized through mergers can be reinvested by the successor LPHAs to further support capacity and program and service delivery.

3. Providing stable, sustainable funding to LPHAs

- Recognizing the urgent need for stability, the government will restore \$47M in provincial base funding to LPHAs, effective January 1, 2024. This will restore funding for those impacted LPHAs and municipalities to the level previously provided under the 2020 cost-share formula.
- The province will also provide all LPHAs with growth base funding of 1% annually over the next 3 years to further support stabilization while collaborative processes are underway to review roles and responsibilities and facilitate mergers.

These initiatives will lay the groundwork for a longer-term approach to sustainable funding, including a review of the ministry's funding methodology for public health, based on a renewed and strengthened sector.

The Office of Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health is committed to collaborating with you to implement these initiatives and will be scheduling

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meetings in the coming days to facilitate further discussion. If you have any immediate questions, please reach out to Colleen Kiel, Director, Public Health Strategic Policy, Planning and Communications Branch, at Colleen.Kiel@Ontario.ca, and Brent Feeney, Director, Accountability and Liaison Branch, at Brent.Feeney@ontario.ca.

As always, thank you for your continued support as we work to strengthen the public health sector in Ontario.


Yours truly,



Dr. Kieran Michael Moore, MD, CCFP(EM), FCFP, MPH, DTM&H, FRCPC, FCAHS
Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Health, Ministry of Health

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 <p>INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION</p>	
REPORT TO:	WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT:	PUBLIC WORKS
PREPARED BY:	Matt Deline, P.Eng., Manager
REVIEWED BY:	Jason Cole, P. Eng., General Manager Stéphane Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer
MEETING DATE:	October 4, 2023
SUBJECT:	County Road 4/31 – Intersection Improvement Study – Schedule B Environmental Assessment Study

BACKGROUND

Lambton County Council, at its budget meeting March 1, 2023, endorsed the following motion:

#3: Agar/Broad: That \$100,000 be added to the 2023 budget for staff to complete an environmental assessment and preliminary design study for the intersection at Petrolia Line and Kimball Road, and that staff report back to Council in 2023 with the results of such study for Council’s review and consideration.

Carried.

Subsequent to the above motion, a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Engineering Services was issued to complete a Preliminary Design and Schedule B Environmental Assessment (EA) for intersection improvements at County Road 4 (Petrolia Line) and County Road 31 (Kimball Road). The successful consultant, BT Engineering Inc. (BTE), was retained earlier this year to undertake the Intersection Improvement Study in accordance with the Municipal Class EA Process (2023).

This report outlines the process and findings of the Intersection Improvement Study.

DISCUSSION

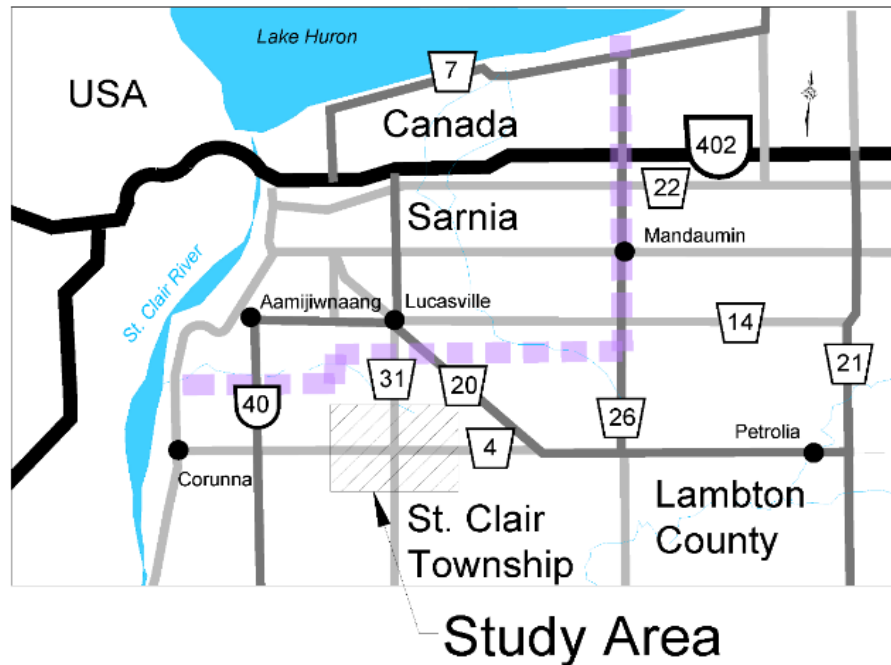
1.0 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT STUDY

The County of Lambton (“The County”) retained BT Engineering Inc. (BTE) to complete a Schedule B Environmental Assessment (EA) for intersection improvements at County Road 4 (Petrolia Line) and County Road 31 (Kimball Road), St Clair Township, Ontario. The study was completed in accordance with the Municipal Class EA Process (2023).

The Study developed options to reduce the frequency and severity of vehicular collisions at the County Road 4/31 intersection while minimizing delays to the travelling public and impacts to adjacent landowners. Intersection configurations that minimize construction and operational/maintenance costs and accommodates oversized vehicles were considered. All reasonable alternatives for the intersection, which included the review of driveways, large vehicle maneuvers and drainage, were evaluated. The EA Study also determined the property requirements to implement the project.

1.1 Study Area

The study area is located in St. Clair Township Ontario, and is illustrated in Error!



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Figure 1: Study Area

1.2 Consultation

The study was carried out in consultation with County of Lambton staff, external agencies, property owners, and the public. The County Road 4/31 Intersection Improvements EA study consultation included the following:

- One (1) Public Consultation Centre (PCC).
- Liaison with external agencies.

- Consultation with Indigenous Peoples.

The PCC was held in-person on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at the Royal Canadian Legion, Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 in Corunna, Ontario. County and consultant staff were available to answer questions. Sixty-one (61) people attended the event. Notices were mailed to adjacent property owners located within one kilometre of the intersection, agencies, stakeholders and utilities. Several variable message signs were located at the County Road 4/31 intersection advertising the PCC. An example of such sign is illustrated in **Photo 1 below**.



Photo 1: PCC Variable Message Sign

The PCC presented the following:

1. Study Introduction and Problem and Opportunity Statement.
2. an overview of the Municipal Class EA Process.
3. a summary of work completed to date.
4. a description of the existing conditions in the area.
5. the Alternative Planning Solutions, Evaluation and Preliminary Recommendations.
6. next steps.

A total of twenty-four (24) comment sheets were received during the PCC comment period.

Constructive feedback was received to develop the Recommended Plan through this consultation. Changes to the Technically Preferred Alternative were made following the PCC meeting and the feedback received.

The Municipal Class EA report that has been compiled, based on the process outlined above, will be available to the public, stakeholders and agencies for a 30-day review period following this meeting.

2.0 MUNICIPAL CLASS EA PROCESS

The Intersection Improvement Study followed the Municipal Class EA (2023) process for a Schedule B Study based on the scope and complexity of the project as well as the estimated capital cost of the project¹. The study followed the Schedule B process because of the public interest in the project and potential requirements for property resultant from a roundabout option at the intersection.

The Class EA Process was undertaken in a series of phases commencing with problem identification and culminating in the filing of a Project File Report. The Planning and Design Process for the Municipal Class EA is illustrated in Appendix 1 **Error! Reference source not found.**

The Class EA process includes an evaluation of all reasonable alternatives and the selection of a preferred alternative(s) with acceptable effects (including avoidance and mitigation of any residual effects) on the natural and social/cultural environments. This project involved three of the five phases of the Municipal Class EA process (as required for a Schedule B project):

Phase 1: Identify the Problem

Phase 2: Alternative Solutions

Phase 3: Alternative Design Concepts for Preferred Solution (not included in a Schedule B EA Study)

Phase 4: Environmental Study Report (not included in a Schedule B EA Study)

Phase 5: Implementation

Should there be no objections to the project during the review process the County may proceed with implementation, subject to County Council approval and availability of funding and competing construction priorities.

3.0 ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

3.1 Alternative Planning Solutions

The analysis and evaluation process involves a two-step decision-making process. Initially the study documents the analysis and evaluation of Alternative Planning Solutions (alternative project types or alternative strategies to address the problem) followed by the subsequent evaluation of preliminary design alternatives. The Alternative Planning Solutions include:

¹¹ Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Municipal Engineers Association, 2023 "Municipal Road Projects"

- Do Nothing - The Do Nothing Alternative must be considered, as mandated by the Class EA. It represents a baseline from which other approaches can be compared. The Do Nothing does not address the Problem Statement and is not recommended to be carried forward.
- all-way stop control.
- signalized intersection.
- roundabout intersection.

Based on the evaluation of Alternative Planning Solutions, “Roundabout Intersection” was recommended to be carried forward. This alternative will improve the operations and safety of the County Road 4/31 intersection. The advantages of the roundabout intersection include the following:

- improves safety (reduces frequency and severity of collisions).
- improves traffic operations (reduces delays).
- reduces travel speeds.
- design accommodates oversized loads and farm equipment.

3.2 Preliminary Design Alternatives

The following two (2) preliminary design alternatives were considered for the roundabout intersection:

- Alternative 1: Conventional four-legged roundabout control, refer to **Figure 2**.
- Alternative 2: Modified four-legged roundabout control with splitter island bulb-outs (chicanes), refer to **Figure 3**.

3.3 Evaluation of Alternatives

The recommendation is to carry forward Alternative 2 as the Technically Preferred Alternative (TPA). The advantages of the TPA include:

- controls speeds to approaching the intersection.
- improves safety.
- minor property impacts.
- reduced impacts to existing residence in southwest quadrant.

4.0 RECOMMENDED PLAN

The Recommended Plan includes:

- accommodation of oversized load transport vehicles and farm machinery;
- minor adjustments to existing driveways; and
- changes to the McGillvary Municipal Drain, that have been planned under the *Municipal Drainage Act* as per By-Law 34, 2022.

The TPA was shown to the public at the PCC and there was mixed public support for the recommendations. Site-specific modifications were incorporated into the TPA that were requested by adjacent property owners.

In addition, the plan has been reviewed by Mammoet, who have coordinated and undertaken many oversized vehicle moves through the corridor. Based on this input, the design reflects wider shoulders and outer aprons to accommodate oversized vehicles and their loads. The Recommended Plan is illustrated in **Figure** and **Figure 5**.

This Recommended Plan is being required for endorsement and direction by Council to place the 30-day notice.

5.0 NEXT STEPS

At the end of the 30-day review period, should there be no objections to the project the County may proceed with design and construction of the Recommended Plan, subject to availability of funding and competing construction priorities.

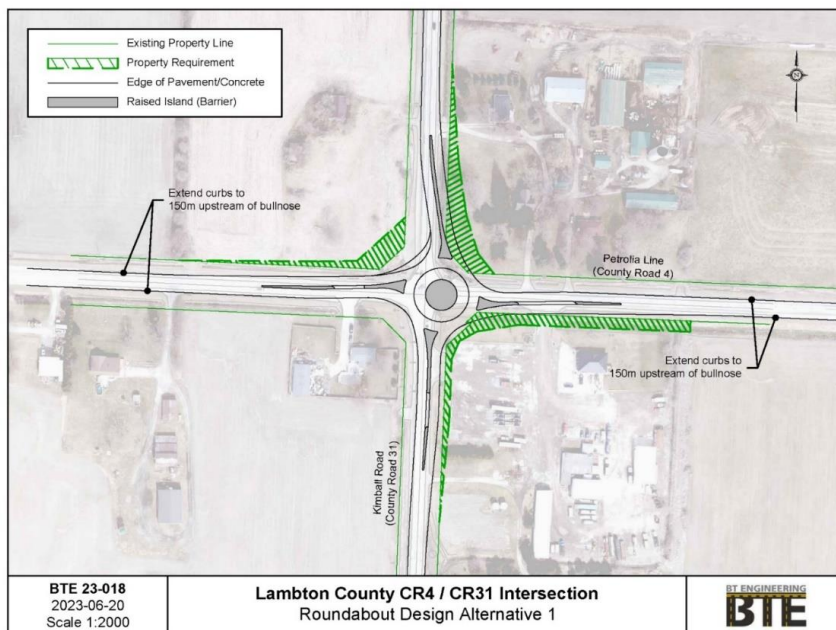


Figure 2: Roundabout Intersection Alternative 1

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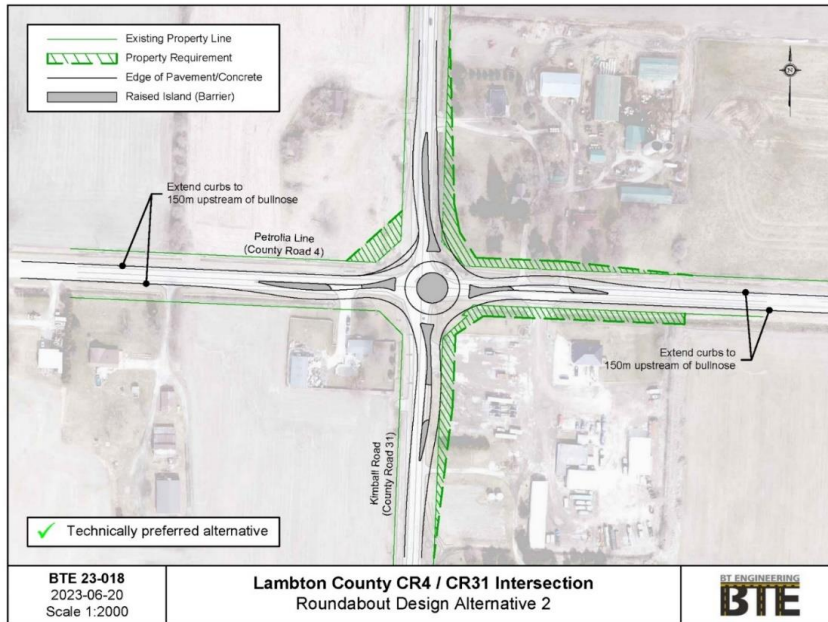


Figure 3: Roundabout Intersection Alternative 2

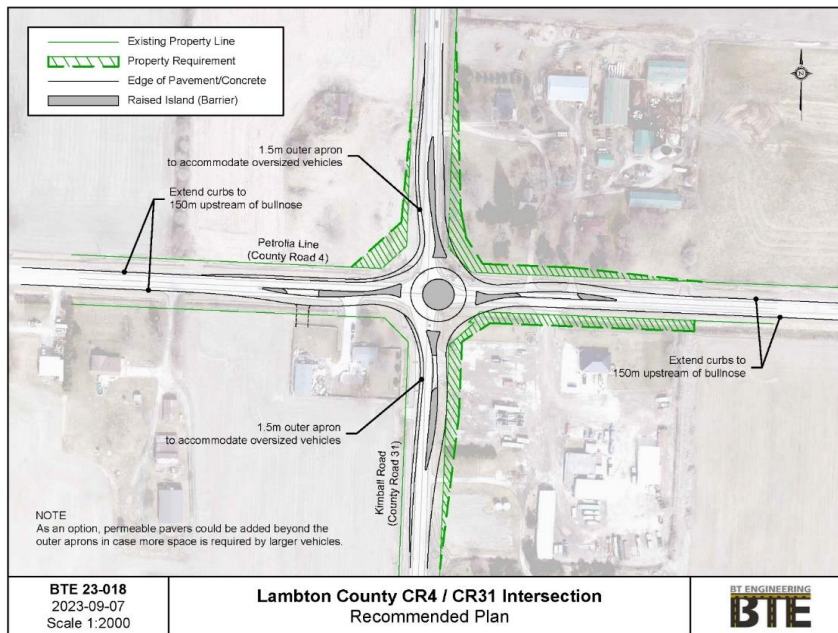


Figure 4: County Road 4 (Petrolia Line) and County Road 31 (Kimball Road) Recommended Plan

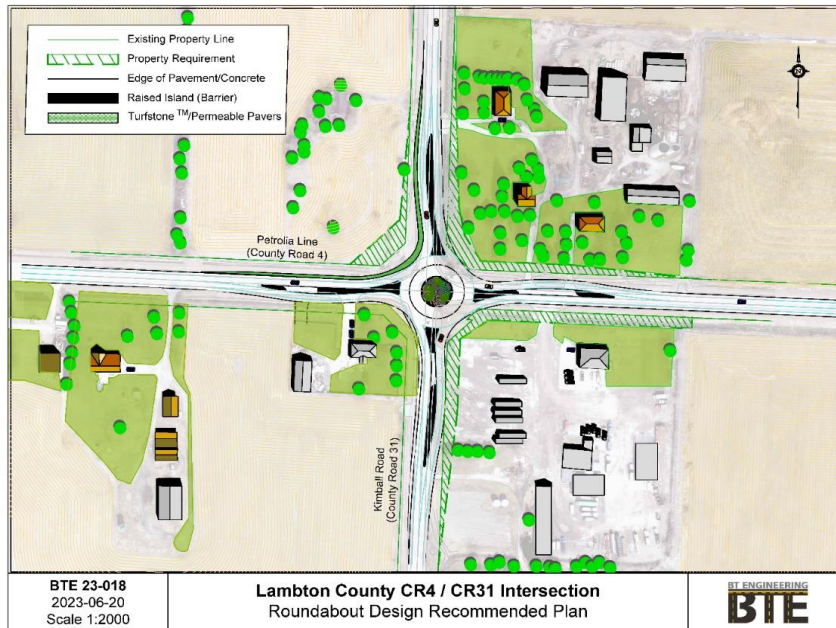


Figure 5: Roundabout Design Recommended Plan

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The completed Intersection Improvement Study, Schedule B – Class Environmental Assessment Study is funded from the 2023 approved Tangible Capital Asset (TCA) budget.

The implementation of the Recommended Plan may proceed with design and construction subject to availability of funding and competing construction priorities and ultimately County Council approval.

Preliminary cost estimates to construct a single lane roundabout at this location with the necessary modifications to accommodate oversized loads is \$2,450,000, plus any associated property acquisition, drainage and utility relocation expenses. The implementation of the project is subject to County Council approval.

CONSULTATIONS

The study was carried out in consultation with County of Lambton staff, external agencies, property owners, and the public. The County Road 4/31 Intersection Improvements EA study consultation included the following:

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STRATEGIC PLAN

Application of Area of Effort #2: Communications - Providing progressive and effective communications that are relevant and clear and that promote opportunities for dialogue in order to improve collaboration and build relationships by:

- Identifying, sharing with, and learning from individual stakeholders including the public; municipal partners; County Councilors and staff; indigenous residents; First Nation Band Councils; senior levels of government; and the news media.
- Informing various audiences and stakeholders about the roles of the County in order to assist them in fulfilling their responsibilities.
- Prioritizing and valuing the receipt of perspectives and feedback from all stakeholders.
- Supporting an atmosphere of clarity with local municipalities as to the provision of programs and services and the related contractual and partnership agreements.

Application of Area of Effort #3: Community Development - Capitalizing on opportunities that enrich the quality of life and future prospects of the community by:

- Actively pursuing joint opportunities with community partners that contribute to the long-term growth and well-being of the Lambton community.
- Implementing and strengthening of the County's sustainability plan.
- Developing policies and practices that bolster and safeguard municipal infrastructure.

CONCLUSION

The recommendation is to carry forward Alternative 2 as the TPA. The advantages of the TPA include:

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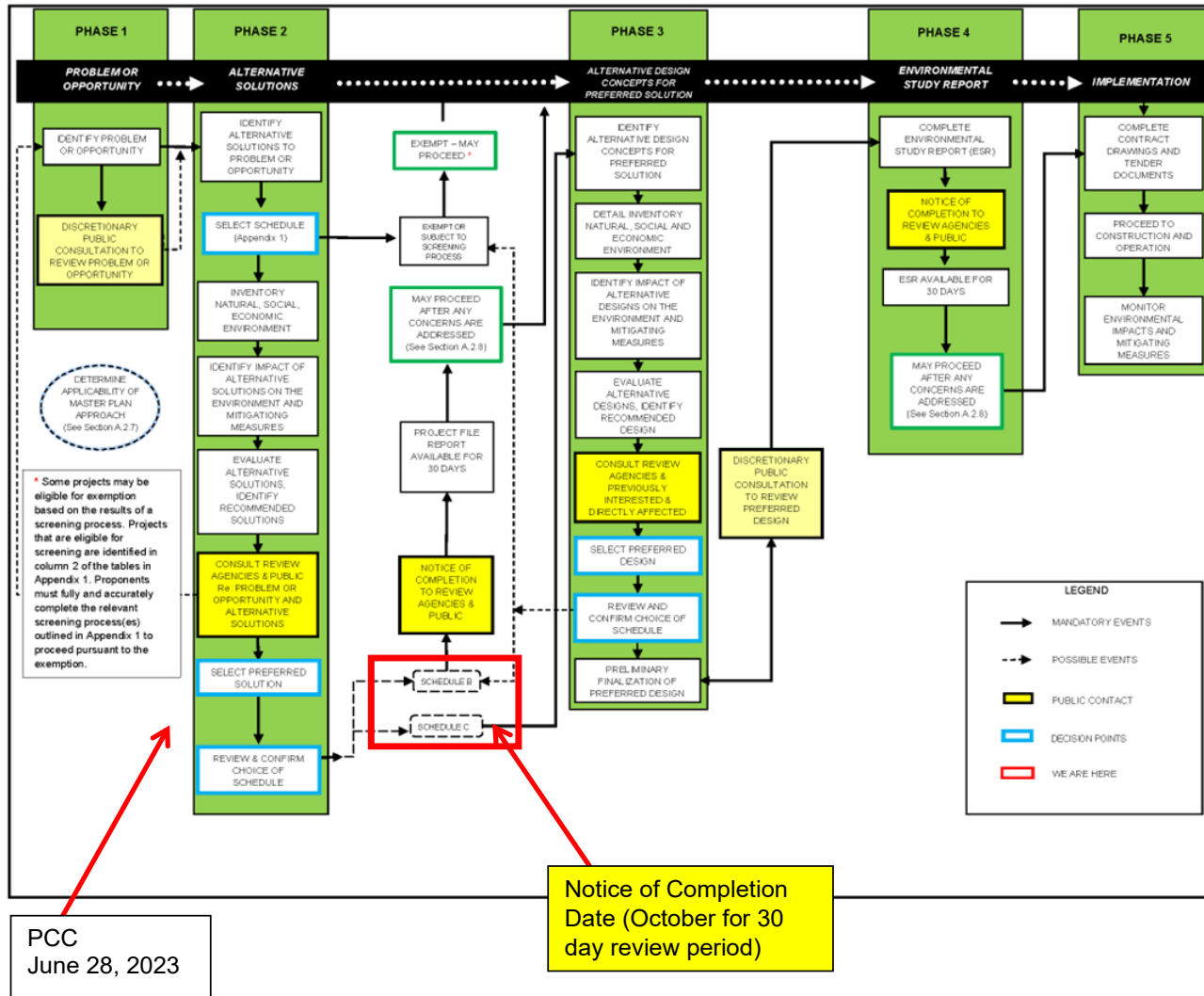
This Recommended Plan requires endorsement and direction by Council to place the notice commencing the 30-day notice, as part of the Municipal Class EA process.

At the end of the 30-day review period, should there be no objections to the project; the County may proceed with design and construction of the Recommended Plan, subject to availability of funding and competing construction priorities. Any objections during the 30-day review period will need to be submitted as an appeal to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks in accordance with the Municipal Class EA process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) That County Council endorse the study recommendations as presented within this report.**
- b) That County Council support filing the County Road 4 (Petrolia Line) and County Road 31 (Kimball Road) Intersection Improvement Study – Schedule B Environmental Assessment Study Project File Report as prepared by BT Engineering Inc. for the 30-day public review period.**

Municipal Class EA (2023) Planning and Design Process





**INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES DIVISION**

REPORT TO:	WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT:	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
PREPARED BY:	Kenneth Melanson, MPP, Manager
REVIEWED BY:	Jason Cole, P. Eng., General Manager Stéphane Thiffault, Chief Administrative Officer
MEETING DATE:	October 4, 2023
SUBJECT:	Responding to the Housing Affordability Task Force's Recommendations

BACKGROUND

The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), has circulated correspondence, CC-10-09-23, from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated September 15, 2023. In this letter, the Minister issues a request for municipalities to respond with a position on the 74 unique recommendations (including sub-items and appendices) of the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force, released February 8, 2022. The final report and recommendations are linked in the letter and can be found here: <https://files.ontario.ca/mmah-housing-affordability-task-force-report-en-2022-02-07-v2.pdf>.

There are two notable conditions contained with the Minister's request letter:

- 1) That the responses with positions on the Housing Affordability Task Force's Recommendations are received by October 16, 2023.
- 2) That failure to respond within the assigned timeline will disqualify the municipality from being eligible for the province's new \$1.2 billion Building Faster Fund.

This letter was not received by the County of Lambton directly and, at this time, it does not appear that the County (as an upper-tier municipal government) will be eligible to directly receive funding under the new Building Faster Fund.

DISCUSSION

Shortly after the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force final report was released, a report was prepared for the April 20, 2022 meeting of Lambton County Committee A.M. and subsequently circulated to local partner municipalities. The noted report and original attachments are attached to this report for reference.

Lambton County Council, at its meeting July 5, 2023, declared affordable housing its top priority by endorsing the following motion:

#3: Bradley/White: That County Council publicly endorse making affordable housing and shelter the number one priority of County Council.

Carried

The following recommendations from the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force directly support this stated priority by Lambton County Council:

27. a) Remove right of appeal for projects with at least 30% affordable housing in which units are guaranteed affordable for at least 40 years.
33. Waive development charges on all forms of affordable housing guaranteed to be affordable for 40 years.
42. Provide provincial and federal loan guarantees for purpose-built rental, affordable rental and affordable ownership projects.

Beyond the above noted recommendations drawn from the main body of the Ontario Affordability Task Force report, the recommendations found in Appendix B: Affordable Housing and Appendix C: Government Surplus Land additionally support the County of Lambton's stated priority of affordable housing.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications are directly identifiable by responding to the Ontario Affordability Task Force final report, at this time. There may be future implications on service delivery and staffing needs for the Department as the proposed recommendations are implemented.

CONSULTATIONS

General discussion of both the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force Report has occurred within the Planning and Development Services Department and Social Services Division.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Application of Area of Effort #2: Communications - Providing progressive and effective communications that are relevant and clear and that promote opportunities for dialogue in order to improve collaboration and build relationships by:

- Identifying, sharing with, and learning from individual stakeholders including the public; municipal partners; County Councilors and staff; indigenous residents; First Nation Band Councils; senior levels of government; and the news media.

- Prioritizing and valuing the receipt of perspectives and feedback from all stakeholders.

CONCLUSION

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has set a deadline of October 16, 2023 to respond to the recommendations presented by the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force, issued February 8, 2022. The recommendations supporting the Council's stated priority on affordable housing within Lambton County are identified within this report. It is recommended that these noted recommendations are circulated to the local municipal partners with a request to consider including them in their own responses to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be circulated to all local municipalities in Lambton County to encourage prioritization of affordable housing as part of the responses to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing letter date September 15, 2023.

 <p style="text-align: center;">INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION</p>	
REPORT TO:	CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
DEPARTMENT:	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
PREPARED BY:	Kenneth Melanson, RPP, Manager
REVIEWED BY:	Jason Cole, P. Eng., General Manager Ron Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer
MEETING DATE:	April 20, 2022
INFORMATION ITEM:	Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force Report & Bill 109 – More Homes for Everyone Act Review

BACKGROUND

On February 8, 2022 the final *Report of the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force* was released to the Province. The Task Force was convened in December 2021 with an objective to provide recommendations to the provincial government on the current housing availability and affordability crisis by January 2022. On March 30, 2022, the Province announced their More Homes for Everyone Plan – which stems from some of the recommendations of the Task Force. This report provides an overview of the Task Force’s final report and initial review of the More Homes for Everyone Plan.

A letter from the Province outlining the process and outcomes of the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force and More Homes for Everyone Plan is attached as Correspondence PD 05-02-2022. The full Task Force Report can be found at the following link: <https://files.ontario.ca/mmah-housing-affordability-task-force-report-en-2022-02-07-v2.pdf>.

DISCUSSION

Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force Final Report

The Province engaged a Task Force of real estate, financial and builder industry representatives to review the state of housing affordability and make recommendations on actions the Province could take. Several criticisms of the Task Force from a number of municipalities and agencies focused on the fast turnaround of the work (approximately two months for the Task Force to conduct interviews) and lack of representation of community affordability groups or regulators (Planners, Conservation Authorities, etc.). The review of the Task Force report below is from the perspective of the Planning & Development Services staff.

The Task Force provided some initial conclusions, which included the following:

- “A shortage of land isn’t the cause of the problem (supply/affordability). We need to make better use of land.” (Report recognizes land is available both inside existing built-up areas and on undeveloped lands on community edges)¹;
- Reforming the planning process and opportunities for community input may speed up decisions to get housing moving forward;
- The Task Force believes that exclusionary zoning that restricts housing supply and choice must cease;
- Bold action must be taken to ensure the goal of the Task Force of 1.5 million new homes is achieved in the 10 year time frame. By depoliticizing the process, removing appeal mechanisms and introducing penalties to municipalities which do not support growth (refund of fees, award of costs on appeals), the Task Force believes their recommendations will be achieved; and
- “NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) is a large and constant obstacle to providing housing everywhere. While building housing is very costly, opposing new housing costs almost nothing.”²

The Task Force has provided 55 recommendations, grouped under the following categories:

- Make new housing a priority;
- Require greater density in serviced locations to help achieve new housing goals;
- Create a permissive land use framework, with regulated opportunities for public engagement;
- Depoliticize the process and cut red tape;
- Fix the Ontario Land Tribunal (changing appeal process/rights); and
- Support municipalities that commit to transforming the system.

An overview and preliminary assessment of each of these categories has been compiled and is provided as Attachment 1. It should be noted that these are generalized categories and focus on many (but not all) of the 55 recommendations included in the Task Force’s report.

Additionally, the following criticisms of the Task Force report are noted:

- The report makes little attempt to directly address the issues of housing affordability by offering any incentive programs directly to buyers or renters; and
- The report does not examine opportunities for grants to encourage construction of missing middle housing or additional dwelling units – reducing cost of construction or exempting developments from development fees.

¹ Page 10 – Task Force Final Report – Making land available to build (second and third paragraphs).

² Page 13 - Task Force Final Report – NIMBY to YIMBY.

Bill 109 – More Homes for Everyone Act

On March 30, 2022, the Province of Ontario enacted Bill 109, the *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022*, which outlines the actions the Province is taking to address Ontario's housing crisis.

The following are proposed planning-related items in Bill 109:

- The *Planning Act* will be amended to delegate approval of site plan applications to municipal staff, extend timelines from 30 days to 60 days and mandate refunds ranging from 25 to 50% of application fees if the site plan is not approved in 60 days;
- The Province will propose what can be required as a condition of draft approval for subdivision plans and give municipalities a one-time discretionary authority to reinstate draft approved plans of subdivisions that have lapsed within the past five years without a new application;
- The Province will require municipalities to partially refund zoning by-law amendment fees if they fail to make a decision on an application within 90 days (or 120 days if combined with an Official Plan Amendment application);
- The Province will speed up approvals for housing and community infrastructure, like hospitals and community centres, while increasing transparency and accountability through a new Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator (CIHA) which will include public notice and consultation requirements;
- The Province will provide \$19 million in funding over three years to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) to support faster case resolution, hiring more staff and adjudicators, and doubling the capacity for the use of expert land use planning mediators. Additional *Planning Act* changes will be implemented to depoliticize planning decisions; and
- The Province will introduce modest changes that increase public reporting, public consultations, and by-law renewals that will apply to the use of Development Charges or Community Benefit Charges.

As the announcement of this Bill just occurred, a complete review to assess implications of the amendments proposed is still ongoing. In addition, no comments on behalf of the County or our local Municipal partners have been submitted to date, however the Task Force Report has already been circulated within some municipalities. The Planning Department will circulate this report to our local partners, as many of the changes in Bill 109 will have implications to our local partners.

The team will work with local municipal staff to help formulate responses within the comment period, should local municipalities wish to comment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications are directly anticipated from the Task Force Final Report, at this time. There may be future implications on service delivery and staffing needs for the Department as the proposed changes in Bill 109 are implemented.

CONSULTATIONS

General discussion of both the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force Report and Bill 109 has occurred within the Planning Department. The report will be circulated to local municipalities for their information.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Application of Area of Effort #2: Communications - Providing progressive and effective communications that are relevant and clear and that promote opportunities for dialogue in order to improve collaboration and build relationships by:

- Identifying, sharing with, and learning from individual stakeholders including the public; municipal partners; County Councillors and staff; indigenous residents; First Nation Band Councils; senior levels of government; and the news media.
- Prioritizing and valuing the receipt of perspectives and feedback from all stakeholders.

CONCLUSION

Staff will continue to review the proposed changes contained in Bill 109 and work with local municipal staff to formulate a response to any public consultation period offered by the Province. Staff continues to deliver timely service delivery that meet provincial timelines and focuses on continuous improvement and refinement of the planning process.

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PD 05-02-22

March 31, 2022

Good Afternoon,

On March 30, 2022, the government released its [More Homes for Everyone Plan](#), that proposes targeted policies and initiatives for the immediate term to address market speculation, protect homebuyers and increase housing supply.

Details about the range of measures in the government's plan can be found in the news release here: [Ontario is Making It Easier to Buy a Home | Ontario Newsroom](#).

The More Homes for Everyone Plan is informed by a three-part consultation with industry, municipalities and the public. This includes the Rural Housing Roundtable and the first ever Ontario-Municipal Housing Summit, letters to all 444 municipalities asking for their feedback, and follow-up meetings with the leaders of municipal organizations. On behalf of the ministry, thank you for being part of our consultations and sharing your valuable input.

The government also introduced [Bill 109 - the More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022](#), and is seeking feedback on the changes proposed under the legislation and on other initiatives, through a series of housing related public consultations. This includes seeking input on how to support gentle density for [multi-generational and missing middle housing](#), as well as addressing [housing needs in rural and northern communities](#). These and other related consultations can be found through the [Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry](#).

The government committed to prioritizing implementation of the [Housing Affordability Task Force's recommendations](#) over the next four years, with a housing supply action plan every year, starting in 2022-23. To facilitate this, the government plans to establish a Housing Supply Working Group, that would engage with municipal and federal governments, partner ministries, industry, and associations to monitor progress and support improvements to its annual housing supply action plans.

Ontario looks forward to continued collaboration with municipalities to address the housing crisis and hear your ideas and advice on the More Homes for Everyone Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "k. Manson-Smith".

Kate Manson-Smith

Deputy Minister

- c. Joshua Paul, Assistant Deputy Minister – Housing Division
- Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister – Planning and Growth Division
- Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister – Local Government Division

Attachment 1**Report of the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force
Overview and Assessment**

The following summary provides an overview and preliminary assessment of the recommendation categories identified in the Report of the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force. The full report, including the 55 recommendations, can be found at the following link: <https://files.ontario.ca/mmah-housing-affordability-task-force-report-en-2022-02-07-v2.pdf>.

Category 1 – Making new housing a priority

Overview: The recommendations contained in this section of the task force report set a goal of 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years. Changes to the *Planning Act*, Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and the Growth Plan are recommended to set “growth in the full spectrum of housing supply” and “intensification within existing built-up areas” as the most important residential housing priority.

Staff commentary: The County Official Plan and Official Plans of partner municipalities already provide policy to support intensification and development in designated areas of each Municipality. Intensification policies in various municipalities may end up requiring updates if this mandate is carried out with specific intentions in mind. At this time, it is unclear if this goal and specific expectations will be set out to achieve this goal. Staff will continue to monitor the actions of the Province with the expectation that updates to local Official Plans will be more than likely required if specific targets are set.

Category 2 – Greater density in serviced locations

Overview: This section of the task force report focuses on recommendations for changes to the *Planning Act* and Building Code to enable more as-of-right development and remove construction barriers to affordable housing. Recommendations include:

- Implementing more as-of-right approvals for buildings of up to four units and four (stories);
- Modernizing the Building Code to remove barriers to affordable construction;
- As-of-right secondary, garden and laneway housing province wide;
- As-of-right multi-tenant housing (renting of rooms within a dwelling) province wide; and
- Encouraging/incentivizing municipalities to increase density in areas with excess school capacity.

The task force also recommends a rather significant change to how cities in Ontario are planned:

- Allow as-of-right zoning with unlimited height and density in the immediate proximity of major transit stations within two years if municipal zoning remains insufficient to meet provincial density targets;

- Allow as-of-right zoning of six to 11 stories with no minimum parking requirements on any street utilized by public transit (including streets on bus/streetcar routes); and
- Support responsible housing growth on undeveloped land, including outside existing municipal boundaries, by building necessary development to support higher density.

Staff commentary: Most of the local municipal Official Plans provide opportunities for as-of-right secondary suites, facilitating additional dwelling units. Staff have concerns with how the roll out of renting rooms within dwellings could occur, as there is already concern in many communities related to short term vacation rentals. There is also significant concern on enabling lands outside of municipal boundaries to develop – this could create additional costs for municipalities to provide services.

Category 3 – Creating a permission land use framework, with regulated opportunities for public engagement

Overview: In this section of the final report, there is a recognition of moving from no to yes on developing new housing. The focus of this section is creating a more permissive land use framework and recognizing that we must go from NIMBY to YIMBY (yes in my backyard). Their recommendations include:

- Repeal or override municipal policies, zoning or plans that prioritize the preservation of the physical character of the neighbourhood;
- Exempt from site plan approval and public consultation any projects of 10 units or less that conform to the Official Plan and require only minor variances;
- Establish provincial wide zoning standards or prohibitions, for things including minimum lot sizes; minimum setbacks and building heights; angular planes, shadow rules, etc.;
- Restore pre-2006 site plan exemptions (colour, texture, types of the materials, etc.);
- Limiting municipalities from hosting additional public meetings beyond those that are required in the *Planning Act* and require engagement to provide a digital participation option;
- Require mandatory delegation of site plan approvals and minor variances to Staff or pre-approved qualified third-party consultants and prevent Council's from withdrawing delegations;
- Prevent abuse of the use of heritage designations by removing the ability to bulk register properties or register sites once a planning approval has been filed;
- Require municipalities compensate a property owner for loss of property value as a result of heritage designations based on highest and best use of land; and
- Restore the right of developers to appeal Official Plans and Municipal Comprehensive Reviews.

Staff commentary: The majority of recommendations would eliminate rules and regulations related to urban design or heritage, as these are seen as obstacles to development. These rules work to balance the interests between developers to create

new buildings and public pushback to change by mitigating many of the issues raised when a new development is proposed. The recommendations limit the public's ability to be engaged and recognize that the heritage process has been used to prevent development. Staff have a number of concerns with these recommendations as they create the question: what kind of community are we building – if integration and quality of design/form does not matter? Staff also have significant concerns with restoring developer rights to appeal Municipal Comprehensive Reviews and new Official Plans.

Category 4 – Depoliticize the process and cut red tape

Overview: The goal of this section of the task force report is to provide recommendations to create political accountability to reach the housing goals and remove barriers to new housing developments.

The final report recommends a number of options, which include:

- Mandating timelines for each stage of the provincial and municipal review process, including site plans, minor variances and provincial reviews – with deemed approvals occurring once timelines have expired;
- Fund the creation of “approvals facilitators” with authority to quickly resolve conflicts with municipal/provincial authorities to ensure timelines are met;
- Require pre-consultation with all relevant parties and set out binding application requirement lists for a complete application;
- Simplify planning legislation and policy documentation;
- Create common, province-wide definition of plan of subdivision and standard set of conditions and legal agreements;
- Allow wood construction up to 12 stories;
- Require municipalities the option to demand surety bonds or letters of credit; and
- Various development charges and parkland cash-in-lieu requirements and waivers for affordable housing (guaranteed over 40 years) or small scale residential projects.

Staff commentary: While some of these proposed could improve process – there are significant implications for staffing to achieve timelines. Missing timelines under for applications is the exception, based on current staffing and volumes. However, once applications are delegated to staff – this may have implications requiring additional staffing resources to maintain this trend. Provincial wide conditions on any applications will likely not take into account local context or situations.

Category 5 – Fixing the Ontario Land Tribunal

Overview: This section of the final report focuses on the appeal process and the Ontario Land Tribunal – which is considered by most participants in the process to be one of the most key areas requiring reform or improvement.

The task force has a number of recommendations:

- Require appellants to the Tribunal to seek permission (leave to appeal) – must demonstrate appeal has merit;
- Prevent abuse of process by removing appeal rights for projects with at least 30% permanent affordable housing; require a \$10,000 filing fee; give adjudicators discretion to award full costs to the successful party for a third party appeal or for an appeal of a municipality decision to override recommended staff approval;
- Encourage Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) to use oral decisions at hearings, with written decisions to follow;
- Allow OLT to award punitive damages for a lack of decision by a Municipality; and
- Provide funding increase to OLT to speed up appeal process and encourage OLT to prioritize appeals that support housing growth.

Staff commentary: The volume of appeals is relatively low, but has been trending upward for applications throughout the County. Staff recognize that change can be difficult for some to accept – some of the proposed changes to appeal rights of residents may help appeals which maybe NIMBY. Additional resources and case management resources to the OLT is hoped to help speed up getting to hearings and improving the use of verbal decisions will help.

Category 6 – Supporting municipalities that commit to transforming the system

Overview: This category focuses on recommendations which would facilitate improvements to the overall system, including helping municipalities with technology upgrades.

Recommendations from the task force include:

- Funding for pilot projects that create innovative pathways to homeownership for marginalized, indigenous and first-generation homeowners;
- Allow municipalities (subject to adverse external economic events) to withdraw infrastructure allocations from any permitted project not initiated within three years of building permits being issued;
- Work with municipalities to develop and implement municipal services corporation utility model for water and wastewater – allowing municipal corporation opportunity to borrow and amortize costs among customers instead of using development charges;
- Improve funding for college, trade schools and apprenticeships, and encourage/incentivize municipalities and employers to provide more on-the-job training;
- Undertake multi-stakeholder education program to promote skilled trades;
- Province should create “Ontario Housing Delivery Fund” that would reward various tasks to deliver on housing focus;
- Reduce funding to municipalities that fail to meet provincial housing and approval timelines; and

- Fund consistent e-permitting systems and upgrades for local municipalities to migrate planning and building processes through online systems, open-data standards, etc.

Staff commentary: Introducing funding and priority to build capacity into the planning system or building trades helps to deliver housing faster. Staff have significant concerns with funding reductions to municipality, as this implies that failure to meet provincial housing timelines would be a punishment. As noted earlier, deadlines are often achieved and it is rare that they are missed – but when this happens, circumstances for this may vary. The Province may not recognize these circumstances and simply withdraw funding regardless. The ability to withdraw servicing allocations is a start to inducing development of plans of subdivisions to occur, but there are broader issues related to legacy settlement boundaries and approvals that do not expire which should also be examined.



SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

REPORT TO:	WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT:	HOUSING SERVICES
PREPARED BY:	Melisa Johnson, Manager (Acting)
REVIEWED BY:	Valerie Colasanti, General Manager Stéphane Thiffault, Chief Administrative Officer
MEETING DATE:	October 4, 2023
SUBJECT:	Additional Dwelling Unit Incentive Program

BACKGROUND

Lambton County Council, at its meeting September 6, 2023, requested that staff investigate offering an incentive program to homeowners for the creation of additional dwelling units by endorsing the following motion:

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

Carried.

This report provides information on a potential additional dwelling unit incentive program.

DISCUSSION

Incentive programs for the creation of additional dwelling units (ADUs) are offered in other municipalities, including Bruce, Hamilton, Simcoe and Waterloo. The majority of these programs are funded using provincial dollars from the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) program. Simcoe contributes additional municipal dollars to their program and Collingwood offers additional municipally funded incentives for the creation of ADUs that have received funding from the County of Simcoe and are located in Collingwood.

Under the OPHI program, the Ontario Renovates component can be used to fund the creation of additional dwelling units (ADU). Lambton receives OPHI funding however, historically, Lambton has not used Ontario Renovates funds for the creation of ADUs due to the limited amount of funding in addition to the historical planning challenges with the creation of ADUs. Due to Provincial changes to the Planning Act some of the planning challenges have been removed.

The Ontario Renovates component has many program requirements including:

- funding is limited to \$25,000 or 75% of the total cost of the project, whichever is less;
- the property owner must live in the main home on the property as their sole and primary residence, provide proof that the property is appropriately insured, and that mortgage and property taxes are up to date;
- the ADU must be modest, remain affordable for a minimum of 15 years, be governed by the Residential Tenancies Act and be occupied by a tenant with income below the 60th percentile;
- construction of the ADU must start within 120 days of confirmation of funding and be completed by the end of the subsequent Provincial fiscal year; and
- funding would be in the form of a forgivable loan which would be registered on title of the property.

Staff recommend creating a pilot ADU incentive program for 2024 following the OPHI program guidelines. This pilot would be funded through two sources. Up to \$100,000 of funds from the 2024/25 OPHI allocation for the Homeownership and Lambton Renovates components could be reallocated to the ADU pilot program. Additionally, pending Provincial approval, up to \$150,000 of funds in the existing Homeownership Revolving Loan Fund could also be utilized.

Staff would evaluate the success of this pilot, along with future OPHI funding allocations, to determine the long-term viability of this program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no financial impact on the County budget as a result of this report. The program will be fully funded from the OPHI program, and the Homeownership Revolving Loan Fund.

CONSULTATIONS

Consultations have taken place with the CAO; General Manager, Social Services; Manager, Planning & Development Services and Manager, Building Services.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Providing safe affordable housing is in keeping with the County's Mission to promote an enhanced quality of life through the provision of responsive and efficient services accomplished by working with municipal and community partners.

The activities of the Division support the Community Development Area of Effort #3 in the County of Lambton's Strategic Plan, specifically:

- Advocating in a manner that raises the profile of the County and its needs in order to secure improved government supports, funding, grants, and other resources.
- Developing programs and initiatives that address poverty reduction and promote social belonging.
- Planning for and responding to the ever-changing needs of an aging population, homelessness and retaining young people in the community.
- Actively pursuing joint opportunities with community partners that contribute to the long-term growth and well-being of the Lambton community.

CONCLUSION

The County of Lambton Housing and Homelessness Plan 2020 - 2024 sets a strategic direction for housing and homelessness work. One of the key milestones is that by 2024, 75 more affordable housing units will be built with the assistance of government funding.

Utilizing OPHI funds to provide an incentive program for the creation of additional dwelling units will help achieve and/or exceed these targets.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) That a pilot Additional Dwelling Unit Incentive program be created following the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Program Guidelines.**
- b) That up to \$250,000 of funding be allocated to this pilot as follows:**
 - \$100,000 in funds received under the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative 2024/25 funding allocation be reallocated from the Homeownership and Lambton Renovates components; and
 - \$150,000 in funds from the existing Homeownership Revolving Loan Fund, pending Provincial approval to utilize these funds.
- c) That should the pilot funding not be fully utilized; staff be authorized to re-allocate program funds between the program components to ensure full utilization of annual allocations.**

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE A.M.**

(Infrastructure & Development Services/Public Health Services/Cultural Services)

September 20, 2023

A meeting was held at the County Building at 9:00 a.m. on the above date.

Present

Chair I. Veen and Members J. Agar, A. Broad, D. Boushy, T. Case, B White and Warden Kevin Marriott attended in person, and Member D. Sageman attended virtually. Various staff were present including the following General Managers: Mr. J. Cole, General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, Mr. A. Meyer, General Manager, Cultural Services, Mr. Andrew Taylor, General Manager, Public Health Services, Mr. R. Beauchamp, Deputy Clerk and Mr. S. Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent

M. Bradley.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

PD 10-01-23 An email from the City of Toronto, dated July 25, 2023 regarding the Planning and Housing Committee Item 4.8 - City Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement.

#1: Broad/Boushy: That correspondence PD10-01-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Report

Information Report dated September 20, 2023 Regarding Emergency Management Coordinator Activities

#2: Agar/Case: That Information Report dated September 20, 2023 regarding Emergency Management Coordinator Activities be received and filed.

Carried.

Committee A.M. – September 20, 2023 (page 2)

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated September 20, 2023 Regarding Core Infrastructure Asset Management Plan

#3: Case/Marriott: That County Council adopt the County of Lambton Core Infrastructure Asset Management Plan as presented.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Information Reports

#4: Boushy/Broad: That the following Information Reports dated September 20, 2023 from the Emergency Medical Services Department be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated September 20, 2023 regarding 2023 Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal Recipients.
- b) Information Report dated September 20, 2023 regarding EMS Operational Update – Q2 2023.

Carried.

Other Business

Exemplary Service Medal Recipients

Councillor Case, on behalf of all members, congratulated the Emergency Medical Services employees on their years of service and recognitions.

CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated September 20, 2023 Regarding Naming Request for Lambton Shared Services Centre Meeting Space

#5: Case/Broad: That Council directs staff to name the new multi-purpose meeting space at Lambton Shared Services Centre in Sarnia as “Ottissippi Room”, in an effort to raise awareness of Indigenous placenames used to describe the St. Clair River prior to colonization and to celebrate the rich history of the area.

Carried.

Committee A.M. – September 20, 2023 (page 3)

Report dated September 20, 2023 Regarding Building Security and Employee Safety at Sarnia Library

#6: Agar/SageMan: That Lambton County Council direct staff to work with representatives from The City of Sarnia and other working group members, to find solutions to improve the building security at Sarnia Library and enhance underutilized exterior space for active programming use.

Carried.

Report dated September 20, 2023 Regarding Library Policy Manual

#7: Marriott/Case: That Lambton County Council approve the following Library policies, as amended (if applicable), as presented: Accessibility; Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; Indigenous Awareness and Reconciliation; Facility Standards; Circulation; Privacy and Access to Information; Collection Development; and Inter-library Loan Policy.

Carried.

Report dated September 20, 2023 Regarding Museums, Gallery & Archives Collection Management July 2023

#8: Broad/Case: That the Museums, Gallery and Archives Collections Management July 2023 report be accepted, and items recommended for acceptance be approved for inclusion in the respective permanent collections.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated September 20, 2023 Regarding Strategic Plan Review and Update

#9: Broad/SageMan: That a Committee of the Warden, Deputy Warden, and one council member from each of the County's municipal groups (i.e. South, Northwest, Central and North), together with Staff, be struck to review the County's current strategic plan and recommend updates thereto, if any, to Council, by no later than February 7th, 2024.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#10: Case/Broad: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Building, Wyoming, Ontario.

Carried.

Committee A.M. – September 20, 2023 (page 4)

Time: 9:07 a.m.

Ian Veen
Chair

Ryan Beauchamp
Deputy Clerk

MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

September 20, 2023

Lambton County Council was in session in Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario at 10:00 a.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present except M. Bradley. The following members attended virtually: C. McRoberts and D. Sageman.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: Veen/Hand: That the Chair declare the meeting go in-camera to discuss the following:

- a) 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.

#2: Motion dealt with In-Camera

Adjournment

#3: Veen/Broad: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned.

Carried.

Time: 10:34 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Ryan Beauchamp
Deputy Clerk

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE P.M.**

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

September 20, 2023

A meeting was held at the County Building at 11:00 a.m. on the above date.

Present

Chair D. Ferguson and Members G. Atkinson, D. Cook, B. Dennis, B. Hand, Alternate Member J. Field, and S. Miller and Warden K. Marriott attended in person, and Member C. McRoberts attended virtually. Various staff were also present including the following: Ms. J. Joris, General Manager, Long-Term Care; Mr. L. Palarchio, General Manager, Finance, Facilities and Court Services; Ms. V. Colasanti, General Manager, Social Services; Mr. A. Meyer, General Manager, Cultural Services, Mr. R. Beauchamp, Deputy Clerk; and Mr. S. Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent

None.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

LTC 10-03-23 A letter from the Ministry of Long-Term Care, dated August 28, 2023 regarding Long-Term Care Development Project Engagement.

#1: Miller/Hand: That correspondence LTC 10-03-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Report

Information Report dated September 20, 2023 Regarding Master Program and Master Plan – Proposed Lambton Meadowview Villa Redevelopment

#2: Field/McRoberts: That the Information Report dated September 20, 2023 regarding Master Program and Master Plan – Proposed Lambton Meadowview Villa Redevelopment be received and filed:

Carried.

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Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated September 20, 2023 Regarding Small House Functional Program and Master Plan

#3: Cook/Dennis: That Staff be hereby authorized to: a) Prepare and submit the LTC Bed Application to MLTC for the two (2) additional beds to bring the Small House capacity to 12 Elders. b) Prepare and issue a Request for Proposal for a Prime Consultant to lead the various phases of building design and MLTC approval processes through all stages of the project (including design, tender, construction and opening),c) Proceed with the work to comply with the MLTC licensing review and operational preparedness processes, and d) Prepare the evaluation protocols and study framework for the pilot project of the Small House.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated September 20, 2023 Regarding Strategic Plan Review and Update

#4: Atkinson/Marriott: That a Committee of the Warden, Deputy Warden, and one council member from each of the County's municipal groups (i.e. South, Northwest, Central and North), together with Staff, be struck to review the County's current strategic plan and recommend updates thereto, if any, to Council, by no later than February 7th, 2024.

Carried.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated September 20, 2023 Regarding Court Services 2nd Quarter 2023 Statistics and Activity

#5: Miller/Cook: That Information Report dated September 20, 2023 regarding Court Services 2nd Quarter 2023 Statistics and Activity be received and filed.

Carried.

IN-CAMERA

#6: Cook/Field: That the Chair declare the Committee go in-camera to discuss the following:

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- a) to receive an information report regarding labour relations, specifically regarding collective bargaining with Unifor Local 302, pursuant to ss. 239(2)(d) of *the Municipal Act, 2001*
- b) to receive an information report, and provide instructions, regarding labour relations, specifically regarding collective bargaining with LiUNA Local 3000, Unifor Local 444, SEIU, and ONA LPH, pursuant to ss. 239(2)(d) of *the Municipal Act, 2001*.

#7: Motion dealt with in -camera.

#8: Motion dealt with in-camera.

ADJOURNMENT

#9: Cook/Field: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the County Building, Wyoming, Ontario.

Carried.

Time: 11:22 a.m.

D. Ferguson
Chair

Ryan Beauchamp
Deputy Clerk