



**AGENDA**  
**LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023 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 October 4, 2023, pursuant to s. 239 (2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to receive a report regarding the CAO's appointment and performance, pursuant to ss. 239(2)(b) and (d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- c) to receive a report regarding labor relations and employee negotiations at Lambton Public Health, pursuant to s. 239 (2)(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. Minutes of Council (Open Session)**

- a) Reading and adoption of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated October 4, 2023.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A) Correspondence to Receive and File Recommendation**

**That the following correspondence items be received and filed:**

- a) CC 11-03-23 An email dated October 16, 2023 from Alana Torresan, Deputy Clerk, Township of The Archipelago regarding a resolution passed at its regular meeting of Council on October 13, 2023, with regards to cigarette producers responsibility. The resolution is as follows (please see attached for full motion):

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of The Archipelago hereby requests the Province of Ontario to include cigarette manufacturers within the scope of producer responsibility regulations and programs;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Government takes necessary steps to develop and amend legislation to ensure cigarette manufacturers are responsible for the collection, recycling, and proper disposal of cigarette waste and the Province of Ontario be encouraged to work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders, including public health organizations, environmental groups, and retail associations, to develop comprehensive and effective strategies for the inclusion of cigarette manufacturers in producer responsibility program, taking into account the unique challenges posed by tobacco products;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario adopts regulations and policies that require cigarette manufacturers to:

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1. Take financial responsibility for the collection, transportation, recycling, or safe disposal of discarded cigarettes and related waste materials.
  2. Develop and engage in public awareness campaigns to educate the public about the environmental impact of cigarette butt litter and implement programs to educate the public on the safe disposal of cigarette butts.
  3. Implement measures to minimize the environmental impact of their products through the use of sustainable materials, reduced packaging, and improved recycling initiatives;
- AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED The Ministry of the Environment actively collaborates with other provinces and territories within Canada to encourage a nationwide approach towards including cigarette manufacturers in Producer Responsibility initiatives;

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- b) CC 11-04-23 An email dated October 18, 2023 from Sasha Helmkey-Playter, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Township of Clearview advising that at its meeting held on October 16, 2023 Council passed a resolution in support of the Town of Grimsby's resolution regarding establishing a guaranteed livable income:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, That in consideration of correspondence received September 11, 2023, from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income, Council of the Township of Clearview directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby to the Premier of Ontario, the MP and MPP for Simcoe-Grey, and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

**10. Board of Health (Lambton Public Health)**

**A) Correspondence to Receive and File**

**Recommendation**

**That the following correspondence items be received and filed:**

- 19 - 20
- a) CC 11-05-23 A letter from Councillor Kathryn Wilson, Chair, Board of Health, Peterborough Public Health dated September 26, 2023, regarding Section 50 Agreements. Peterborough Public Health would like to recommend that the Ministry of Health:

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- 1.Ensure continued opportunity for Section 50 agreements within the Health Promotion and Protection Act;
- 2.Seek to revise the HPPA to be inclusive of urban Indigenous peoples and their health needs under that Act so they have equal opportunities to help shape board of health decision-making; and
- 3.Ensure the review and revisions of the Ontario Public Health Standards maintains directives for engagement with Indigenous peoples.

- 21 - 23                    b) CC 11-06-23 A letter from René Lapierre, Chair, Board of Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts dated October 16, 2023, regarding a motion made at its September 21, 2023 meeting supporting an expansion of outdoor air quality monitoring stations and the Air Quality Health Index across Northern Ontario.

### **B) Information Reports**

- 24 - 30                    a) Information Report dated November 1, 2023 Regarding Community Safety and Well-Being Plan - Update on Implementation Report.
- 31 - 39                    b) Information Report dated November 1, 2023 Regarding Extreme Temperature Initiatives - Update.
- 40 - 47                    c) Information Report dated November 1, 2023 Regarding Lambton Public Health 2022 Annual Report.
- 48 - 50                    d) Information Report dated November 1, 2023 Regarding Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program Update.
- 51 - 53                    e) Information Report dated November 1, 2023 Regarding Tobacco, Vape and Cannabis Strategy Update.

### **11. Items Not Requiring a Motion**

- 54 - 57                    a) Lambton County Creative Committee Meeting minutes dated March 30, 2023.
- 58 - 64                    b) Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership Board Meeting minutes dated May 30, June 15 and 27, 2023.
- 65 - 68                    c) Lambton Seniors' Advisory Committee minutes dated August 22, 2023.
- 69 - 70                    d) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Board minutes dated September 28, 2023.

### **12. Reports Requiring a Motion**

#### **A) CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION**

- 71 - 76                    a) Report dated November 1, 2023 Regarding 175th Anniversary of Lambton County.

**B) CAO**

- 77 - 78 a) Report dated November 1, 2023 Regarding Strategic Plan Committee, Public Health Strategic Team.

**13. Committee Minutes**

- 79 - 81 a) Committee A.M. minutes dated October 18, 2023.  
82 - 85 b) Committee P.M. minutes dated October 18, 2023.

**14. Items Tabled from Previous Meetings**

None at this time.

**15. Notice of Motion**

**16. Other Business**

**17. Notice of By-Laws**

- a) #28 of 2023 A By-Law to Repeal and Replace Schedule "A" of By-Law No. 19 of 2016.  
b) #29 of 2023 A By-Law to Appoint a Chief Building Official and Inspectors for The County of Lambton.  
c) #30 of 2023 A By-Law of The Corporation of the County of Lambton to confirm the resolutions and motions of Lambton County Council which were adopted up to and including November 1, 2023.

**18. First and Second Reading of By-Laws**

- a) #28 - #30 of 2023.

**19. Third and Final Reading of By-Laws**

- a) #28 - #30 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 29, 2023 with the In-Camera Session to commence at 9:00 a.m.**

**21. O Canada!**

**22. Invitation**

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- a) Warden Kevin Marriott would like to invite County Council to brunch on November 29, 2023. Details provided on the invitation attached.

**MINUTES  
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**October 4, 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, Councillors Broad and McRoberts attended virtually. Also present was N. McEwan, Alternate Member to Councillor G. Atkinson, Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

Land Acknowledgement

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Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: Boushy/Ferguson: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera:

- 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*.pursuant to s. 239 (2)(c) 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*.

Carried.

Time: 9:03 a.m.

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Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session

The Clerk noted that County Council met in camera to:

- a) adopt the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) Minutes dated 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.
- b) to receive a report and provide input into the Chief Administrative Officer's appointment and performance.
- c) to receive a report on the potential acquisition of property in the City of Sarnia.
- d) to receive a report and provide instructions about a personnel matter.

Presentations

Intersection Improvements

Steven Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, BT Engineering spoke to Council regarding intersection improvements at County Road 4 (Petrolia Line) and County Road 31 (Kimball Road).

#2: Cook/White: That the proposed intersection improvements at County Road 4 (Petrolia Line) and County Road 31 (Kimball Road), as presented, be referred to the 2024 budget.

Carried.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated September 6, 2023, were presented.

#3: Sageman/White: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated September 6, 2023, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

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Correspondence to Receive and File

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.

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:

- 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

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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.

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

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.

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>

#4: Miller/Veen: That correspondence CC 10-02-23, CC 10-09-23 and CC 10-10-23, be received and filed.

Carried.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH (LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH)**

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

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,

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which is an urgent public health problem that imposes serious consequences to the health and well-being of Ontarians.

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.

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.

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.

#5: Agar/Veen: That correspondence CC 10-04-23, CC 10-05-23, CC 10-06-23 and CC 10-07-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

#### Information Reports

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

- a) Information Report dated October 4, 2023 regarding 2023-2024 Fall Respiratory Season Immunization Campaign.
- b) Information Report dated October 4, 2023 regarding Clinical and Family Services Q1-Q2 2023 Activity Report.
- c) Information Report dated October 4, 2023 regarding Health Protection – 2023 Second Quarter Activity Report.
- d) Information Report dated October 4, 2023 regarding Health Equity Strategy Update.

Carried.

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Report Requiring a Motion

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

#7: Miller/SageMan: 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.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

**INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

Report dated October 4, 2023 Regarding County Road 4/31 - Intersection Improvement Study – Schedule B Environmental Assessment Study

#8: Veen/SageMan:

- 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.

Carried.

Report dated October 4, 2023 Regarding Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force

#9: White/Field: 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 dated September 15, 2023.

Carried.

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Report dated October 4, 2023 Regarding Additional Dwelling Unit Incentive Program

#10: Bradley/Miller:

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- 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 reallocate program funds between the program components to ensure full utilization of annual allocations.

Carried.

#### Committee Minutes

Mr. I. Veen presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated September 20, 2023.

#11: Veen/Agar: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated September 20, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Warden Marriott presented the Special Joint Meeting of the Standing Committees minutes dated September 20, 2023.

#12: Cook/White: That the Special Joint Meeting of the Standing Committees minutes dated September 20, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. D. Ferguson presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated September 20, 2023.

#13: Ferguson/Dennis: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated September 20, 2023, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

#### Other Business

##### Ontario Public Library Week

Warden Marriott advised that this October, Lambton County Library is celebrating Ontario Public Library Week as a time to celebrate the valuable role libraries play in Canadians' lives.

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Housing Services Building Tour

Warden Marriott reminded Council that the deadline to register for the Housing Services Building Tour is Friday, October 6, 2023.

Monte McNaughton's Years of Service

#14: Case/Bradley: That County Council extends their thanks for the numerous years of service that Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP, Monte McNaughton, provided to Lambton County, including in acting as Ontario's Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development in Ontario since 2019.

Carried.

By-Laws

#15: Veen/Miller: That By-Law #27 of 2023, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#16: Miller/Veen: That By-Law #27 of 2023, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#17: Sageman/Veen: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Carried.

Time: 10:29 a.m.

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Kevin Marriott  
Warden

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Ryan Beauchamp  
Deputy Clerk



11-03-23

**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago  
Council Meeting**

**Agenda Number:** 15.13.  
**Resolution Number** 23-178  
**Title:** Cigarette Producer Responsibility  
**Date:** Friday, October 13, 2023

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**Moved by:** Councillor Sheard  
**Seconded by:** Councillor MacLeod

**WHEREAS** cigarette manufacturers play a crucial role in the creation and distribution of cigarette products. Cigarettes, are responsible for significant environmental damage and contribute to waste and pollution; and

**WHEREAS** cigarette butts are the most common form of litter worldwide and pose a threat to aquatic life and ecosystems. As reported 26 July 2023 to the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, Pollution Probe's Great Lakes Plastic Cleanup identified cigarette butts one of the top five items of microplastics found in the Great Lakes, and

**WHEREAS** cigarette filters are composed of non-biodegradable materials that can take several years to degrade, exacerbating the problem of waste accumulation; and

**WHEREAS** the concept of producer responsibility promotes the idea that the party that profits from the creation and sale of a product should also be responsible for managing the product's end-of-life environmental impact; and

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has successfully implemented producer responsibility programs for various industries, such as electronics, packaging, and batteries, resulting in significant improvements in waste management and environmental sustainability; and

**WHEREAS** the exclusion of cigarette manufacturers from current producer responsibility programs in our province creates an inconsistency in environmental policy and hampers our overall efforts to reduce waste and protect our environment. It is imperative to address the environmental impact of cigarette manufacturing, usage, and disposal.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of The Archipelago hereby requests the Province of Ontario to include cigarette manufacturers within the scope of producer responsibility regulations and programs;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ontario Government takes necessary steps to develop and amend legislation to ensure cigarette manufacturers are responsible for the collection, recycling, and proper disposal of cigarette waste and the Province of Ontario be encouraged to work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders, including public health organizations, environmental groups, and retail associations, to develop comprehensive and effective strategies for the inclusion of cigarette manufacturers in producer responsibility program, taking into account the unique challenges posed by tobacco products;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Province of Ontario allocate adequate resources and establish monitoring systems to ensure compliance with the newly imposed responsibilities by cigarette manufacturers, including penalties for non-compliance;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Province of Ontario adopts regulations and policies that require cigarette manufacturers to:

1. Take financial responsibility for the collection, transportation, recycling, or safe disposal of discarded cigarettes and related waste materials.
2. Develop and engage in public awareness campaigns to educate the public about the environmental impact of cigarette butt litter and implement programs to educate the public on the safe disposal of cigarette butts.
3. Implement measures to minimize the environmental impact of their products through the use of sustainable materials, reduced packaging, and improved recycling initiatives;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** The Ministry of the Environment actively collaborates with other provinces and territories within Canada to encourage a nationwide approach towards including cigarette manufacturers in Producer Responsibility initiatives;

**AND FURTHER BE FINALLY RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honorable Andrea Khanjin Minister of the Environment, Conservations and Parks, relevant Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Leader of the Opposition parties, All Municipalities in Ontario, Pollution Probe, Georgian Bay Forever, Georgian Bay Association, and other pertinent stakeholders as appropriate, urging their support and action in this matter.

**Carried**

CC 11-04-23



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October 18, 2023

File: C00.2023

Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Sent by Email

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income**

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Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on October 16, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from the Town of Grimsby regarding establishing a guaranteed livable income:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, That in consideration of correspondence received September 11, 2023, from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income, Council of the Township of Clearview directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby to the Premier of Ontario, the MP and MPP for Simcoe-Grey, and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC  
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe Grey  
Terry Dowdall, MP Simcoe Grey

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Ontario Municipalities



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**CC 11-05-23**

September 26, 2023

The Honourable Sylvia Jones  
Deputy Premier of Ontario  
Minister of Health  
[sylvia.jones@ontario.ca](mailto:sylvia.jones@ontario.ca)

**Re: Section 50 Agreements**

Dear Minister Jones:

With the August 22, 2023 provincial announcement to refine and clarify the roles of local boards of health, and the opportunity to voluntarily merge local public health agencies, Peterborough Public Health (PPH) would like to request the system protect and maintain requirement for boards of health to foster and create meaningful relationships with Indigenous Peoples.

Meaningful engagement with Indigenous Peoples and their communities is essential to addressing health inequities. This is acknowledged in the 2018 Ontario Public Health Standards where the Health Equity Standard specifically requires all boards of health to build relationships with Indigenous communities, organizations and First Nations and ensure it is done in a culturally safe way.<sup>1</sup> More recently, arising from post-pandemic evidence, this has been further reinforced within reports from both the Ontario Chief Medical Officer<sup>2</sup> of Health and Canada's Chief Public Health Officer.<sup>3</sup>

Our local experience indicates that statutory requirements and provincial standards make a difference. PPH enjoys formal relationships with Hiawatha First Nation and Curve Lake First Nation, as a result of Section 50 agreements in place since 1995. Over the last ten years we have sought to strengthen our relationship with Indigenous Peoples through the establishment of an Indigenous Health Advisory Circle that welcomes participation by the broader Indigenous community to ensure we are attending to all interests and needs regardless of where people reside within the region.

Through these actions, PPH has experienced growth in trust and partnership, not only with the two First Nation communities but also with the urban Indigenous community. But there is more work to be done and we have acknowledged this work in our current Strategic Plan.<sup>4</sup>

Therefore, in view of the Ministry of Health's current goal to deliver more equitable health outcomes, PPH would like to recommend that the Ministry of Health:

1. Ensure continued opportunity for Section 50 agreements within the Health Promotion and Protection Act;
2. Seek to revise the HPPA to be inclusive of urban Indigenous peoples and their health needs under that Act so they have equal opportunities to help shape board of health decision-making; and
3. Ensure the review and revisions of the Ontario Public Health Standards maintains directives for engagement with Indigenous Peoples.

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Serving the residents of **Curve Lake** and **Hiawatha First Nations**, and the **County** and **City of Peterborough**

As we look towards a future where Indigenous Peoples experience greater health equity, we urge the Provincial Government to continue to support boards of health so that they are able to act as better allies with Indigenous communities and amplify their voices.

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***Original signed by***

Councillor Kathryn Wilson  
Chair, Board of Health

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cc: Local MPPs  
Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health  
The Association of Local Public Health Agencies  
Ontario Boards of Health

***References***

1. [Ontario Public Health Standards, 2021](#)
2. [Being Ready: 2022 Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer of Health of the Legislature of Ontario, 2022](#)
3. [Principles for Engaging with First Nations, Inuit and Metis: Chief Public Health Officer Health Professional Forum, 2023](#)
4. [Strategic Plan 2022-2025: Peterborough Public Health](#)



**CC 11-06-23**

October 16, 2023

*VIA EMAIL*

The Honourable Minister David Piccini  
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Piccini:

**Re: Calls for expansion of outdoor air quality monitoring stations and the Air Quality Health Index across Northern Ontario**

Expanding air quality monitoring stations across Northern Ontario, to provide comprehensive data to inform the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI), is needed now more than ever.

With climate change, wildfire is an increasing risk, particularly in Northern Ontario. Exposure to wildfire smoke can cause health impacts including headaches, cough, dizziness, chest pains, shortness of breath, asthma attacks and irregular heart beat<sup>1</sup>. Some people are at higher risk of health problems when exposed to wildfire smoke, including older adults, pregnant people, people who smoke, infants and young children, people working or exercising outdoors and people with existing illnesses or chronic health conditions<sup>2</sup>.

The AQHI is a tool for Ontarians to be informed of the health risks from local air pollution and take recommended actions to protect their health<sup>3</sup>. However, many northern Ontario communities do not have local outdoor air monitoring stations and therefore do not benefit from the AQHI.

**Sudbury**

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At its meeting on September 21, 2023, the Board of Health carried the following resolution #50-23:

*WHEREAS according to recent research, climate change in Ontario is expected to increase the number of wildfires caused by human activity and by lightening by 20% and 62%, respectively, between the periods of 1975-1990 and 2020-2040, and it is expected that the increases will be even greater in parts of Northern Ontario; and*

*WHEREAS wildfire smoke can impact air quality and cause health effects hundreds of kilometers from the fire zone; and*

*WHEREAS many northern Ontario communities do not have local outdoor air monitoring stations and therefore do not benefit from the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI), a tool for Ontarians to be informed of the health risks from local air pollution and take recommended actions to protect their health; and*

*WHEREAS there is only one air quality monitoring station within Sudbury and districts that provides data for the AQHI, being one of only five stations across Northern Ontario; and*

*WHEREAS expanding air quality monitoring stations and the reach of the AQHI to more communities in the North would benefit communities' health, and would provide a more robust surveillance system on wildfire smoke impacts;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts endorse the letters dated July 5, 2023 from the Porcupine Health Unit and August 1, 2023, from the Timiskaming Health Unit to the Honourable Minister, David Piccini, calling for the installation of Air Quality Monitoring Stations in their respective service areas; and*

*FURTHER THAT air quality monitoring stations and the AQHI be expanded across Northern Ontario to improve opportunities for health for all.*

The AQHI can increase awareness of impacts of air pollutants, including those created by wildfire smoke, and reduce or eliminate serious health impacts through adherence to health protective advice. Access to the AQHI, informed by local data, could benefit everyone. At the community level, it can have a significant positive impact when used to inform health protective policies, for example for outdoor recreational programs, daycares, and long-term care homes.

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With this in mind, we support the Timiskaming Health Unit and Porcupine Health Unit calling for installation of air quality monitoring stations in their respective service areas, and further call for expansion of air quality monitoring stations and the AQHI across Northern Ontario.

Sincerely,



René Lapierre  
Chair, Board of Health

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health  
The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Member of Parliament, Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
The Honourable Mark Holland, Member of Parliament, Minister of Health  
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Viviane Lapointe, Member of Parliament, Sudbury  
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Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health  
Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies  
All Ontario Boards of Health

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 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION</b></p>	
<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH</b>
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<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>November 1, 2023</b>
<b>INFORMATION ITEM:</b>	<b>Community Safety and Well-Being Plan - Update on Implementation Report</b>

**BACKGROUND**

As of January 1, 2019, the *Police Services Act* requires municipalities to develop and adopt community safety and well-being plans. For greater clarity, requirements for the preparation and adoption of a Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan are further prescribed through the *Safer Ontario Act, under Part XIII*. To satisfy this requirement, Council directed staff to coordinate the development of a joint plan for Lambton County versus requiring all lower-tier municipalities to create individual local plans.

In follow-up, this provincial mandate was considered by County Council at its meeting on June 1, 2022, through the presentation on behalf of the CSWB Oversight Committee. The presentation was conducted by Staff Sergeants Ross Stuart and Erica VanRoboys, Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.), Lambton Detachment; John Sottosanti, Media Relations Officer, Sarnia Police Service; and Nancy Dubois, Consultant, DU B FIT Consulting, and the following motion was adopted by Council:

*#7: Bradley/Stark: That Council support the recommendation and also request that a report be brought back to Council on an annual basis, every fall, so that the motion now reads:*

- a) That Lambton County Council approve the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2022 - 2025 for Lambton County and direct staff to work collaboratively with community stakeholders to develop a Leadership Team to pursue the implementation of same.*
  - b) That any actions having budgetary implications in the future be brought to County Council for its consideration and approval prior to implementation.*
  - c) That a report be brought back to Council on an annual basis, every fall, for review.*
- Carried.*

The purpose of this report is to update County Council on the status of Lambton's CSWB implementation strategy.

**DISCUSSION**

The CSWB Plan for Lambton County provides a road map for how community partners can work together across different sectors to make the County a safer place to live, work, play and go to school. Lambton's Plan is a long-term tool to enhance the safety and well-being of our communities through proactive, targeted and locally driven actions. Lambton's plan is based on the analysis of local data, community engagement, and feedback from stakeholders. The CSWB Plan identifies five (5) priority areas of focus between 2002-2025 as follows:

1. Community Safety;
2. Housing and Homelessness;
3. Mental Health and Addictions;
4. Poverty; and
5. Systemic Racism.

For additional context, a copy of the plan can be found [here](#).

Following Council adoption, engagement has taken place to formally onboard committed partners across Lambton. To date, these efforts have resulted in several planning meetings to secure commitment and assess ongoing supports that will be necessary to support the province's requirements. Further, time has been invested to review existing connections and committees that support programs and services that are already in place. This will serve to avoid duplication as we plan for implementation and make requests to secure time commitments from our many sector partners. Lambton's CSWB Plan updates are provided under the following sections:

**A. Recommendations and Status on Implementation**

With the submission of Lambton's CSWB Plan in June 2022, the Oversight Committee had identified specific recommendations to assist with the implementation of the plan; the following recommendations and progress to date are identified as follows:

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Status</b>
Recruit the Leadership Team for the Implementation Phase	Completed
Identify leadership capacity for both the Community Safety and Poverty groups and build on those who have come together during the CSWB planning process	In Progress
Determine what the accountability requirements will be for the CSWB Plan (e.g., annual update to County Council, progress reports to the Ministry as required (i.e., every 3-5 years)	Completed
Develop an Evaluation Framework for the overall plan	In Progress
Ensure there is a designated work group for each of the five CSWB priorities	In Progress
Meaningfully engage the populations with lived/living experience and build their experiences into the development of new strategies	In Progress
Undertake community-wide awareness/education efforts to increase the understanding of the need for the CSWB initiatives overall	In Progress

**B. Governance and Oversight**

As the CSWB tables moved from planning to action, there was a need to adopt a governance structure to ensure effective collaboration and communication amongst community partners. The following structure was developed for the CSWB for 2022-2025:



An explanation of the tables that were developed to support the implementation of the Plan are highlighted below (membership has been identified in Appendix “A”):

- a. **Systems Leadership Group:** The Systems Leadership Group has been established to lead the ongoing implementation of Lambton’s CSWB Plan and direct Lambton’s model for collaboration, planning and action. The Systems Leadership Group continues to meet quarterly to provide overall support and strategic direction to CSWB planning.
- b. **Steering Committee:** The Steering Committee is responsible for overseeing the approach to plan implementation, providing recommendations to support operations, identifying potential risks and opportunities, and supporting coordination across the action tables/working groups. Steering Committee co-chairs were recruited from existing membership in spring 2022. The role of the co-chairs is to advise on direction setting, facilitate meetings and ensure the action tables stay on task.
- c. **Action Tables:** Action Tables are community-driven collaboration tables that develop targeted strategies that reflect community needs and address specific service gaps. Action Tables will be established based on emerging trends to inform the development of the CSWB Plan and provide the infrastructure to enhance community capacity to identify and respond locally to identified challenges that impact safety and well-being. Action Tables will comprise a broad range of stakeholders – service providers, grassroots groups, Police representatives, school boards, municipal and regional government representatives, and local funders – reflective of the identified priority.

C. Identified Emergent Priorities

**Intimate Partner Violence:** On September 6, 2023 County Council heard a presentation from Jennifer Vansteenkiste, Executive Director, Women’s Interval Home, regarding Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). In response, Lambton County Council declared Intimate Partner Violence as an epidemic in Sarnia-Lambton and agreed to advocate for the proper funding of The Women’s Interval Home, Sexual Assault Survivors’ Center, and Victim Services of Sarnia-Lambton.

The CSWB Systems Leadership Group met September 27, 2023, and supported next steps to invite Ms. Vansteenkiste, Executive Director, Women’s Interval Home to our next meeting to review her delegation and for IPV to be adopted as an CSWB Action Table. The CSWB Steering Committee will support the development of an IPV Action Table and will have dedicated focus and support from the CSWB framework.

**D. Next Steps**

As leadership and planning tables mature and relationships among partners further strengthen, activities will evolve to support client-facing services even further, while simultaneously enhancing system level oversight and direction for Plan implementation.

A priority setting discussion to inform goals and key activities for 2023/24 is scheduled with the System Leadership Table and the Steering Committee in November 2023.

New opportunities to support key implementation activities in collaboration with community partners will continue to be identified and priority setting discussions will continue to inform 2024 directions and successful collaborative action will align with identified needs and CSWB Plan goals.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

At this time, there are no financial obligations associated with the CSWB Plan implementation strategy. Staff will continue to monitor workload and resource requirements associated with this project and report back to Council on any significant changes, particularly if (and when) additional resources are required in the future to execute the implementation strategy.

**CONSULTATIONS**

During the preparation of this report, the CSWB System Leadership Table Group, which includes Sarnia Police Services, Ontario Provincial Police (Lambton Detachment), Deputy Warden Brian White, and staff from the County’s Social Services and Public Health Services Divisions were consulted as necessary.

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

The County’s mission statement supports strong collaborative efforts with its municipal and community partners. The County, as an organization, does not stand alone or work in singular fashion. It recognizes the need to work collaboratively with our 11 municipal partners that collectively constitute the County and many organizations and volunteers who contribute to the building, well-being and future of the Lambton Community.

**CONCLUSION**

To satisfy the Province’s legislative requirements for all municipalities to develop a CSWB Plan, County Council directed staff to coordinate the development of a joint plan for Lambton County, and the System Leadership Group is currently working to move the Plan

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to implementation. Municipalities across the province of Ontario have taken varied approaches to implementing their CSWB Plans, and we have engaged with supportive networks to help inform our local approach.

Continued collaboration and coordinated efforts must remain central to our implementation strategy, as the ability of any local agency/organization to fully deliver on any of our five (5) identified priority areas is limited. Lambton's CSWB Plan provides an opportunity to break down silos with a shared commitment towards equity and advancing well-being and community safety.

**Appendix “A”**

**CSWB Systems Leadership Group Membership**

<b>Organizations and Communities Involved</b>
Sarnia Police Service
Lambton OPP
Anishinabek Police Services
Walpole Island Police Department
Lambton County Council
County of Lambton - Lambton Public Health
County of Lambton - Social Services Division
Kettle and Stony Point First Nation
Walpole Island First Nation
Aamjiwnaang First Nation

**CSWB Steering Committee Membership**

<b>Organizations and Communities Involved</b>
Lambton OPP
Sarnia Police Service
Inn of the Good Shepherd
County of Lambton - Lambton Public Health
County of Lambton - Social Services Division
Local Immigration Partnership
St. Clair Child & Youth
Municipal CAO Clerks Group

**CSWB Action Tables Membership\*\***

*\*\* Members to be identified based on which Action Tables are formed.*

**PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION**

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<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>November 1, 2023</b>
<b>INFORMATION ITEM:</b>	<b>Extreme Temperature Initiatives – Update</b>

**BACKGROUND**

Extreme heat/cold weather events pose elevated health risks, particularly among vulnerable populations and those experiencing homelessness. Lambton Public Health (LPH) works in collaboration with community partners to administer extreme temperature initiatives in Lambton County, aimed to protect residents and reduce the negative health impacts of extreme temperature conditions. This includes processing and issuing Extreme Heat/Cold Alerts which trigger response activities among community partners including the activation of warming/cooling centres.

LPH's role in extreme temperature initiatives is enabled through the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) and Protocols which mandates Boards of Health to monitor, assess and communicate to the public about health hazards including climate change and extreme weather. Under the *Health Hazard Response Protocol, 2019*, public health units work to prevent and reduce the burden of illness from health hazards in the physical environment, including extreme weather and extreme temperatures.

This report summarizes the extreme temperature initiatives undertaken by LPH in collaboration with community partners and clarifies the question raised at the October 4, 2023, Council meeting regarding warming/cooling centres in Lambton County. The most recent update on this initiative was provided to Council for The Corporation of the County of Lambton (County) through the Council report *Air Quality and Extreme Temperature Initiatives Update* dated June 7, 2023.

**DISCUSSION**

The purpose of Extreme Heat/Cold Alerts is to provide a framework for implementing and coordinating preparedness and response activities which focus on reducing the negative health impacts of extreme weather conditions. The main objectives of these alerts are to:

- Alert the public, including and especially those most vulnerable that extreme temperature conditions are either expected or currently exist;
- Inform the public, including those most vulnerable of the precautions that can be taken to prevent heat-related illness and cold injuries; and
- Alert agencies and organizations who work with and provide services for vulnerable populations and those experiencing homelessness to prepare for a potential increase in service demand and to take appropriate measures to protect their clients from heat-related illness and cold injuries.

**Extreme Heat Alerts**

LPH adopted the provincial *Harmonized Heat Warning and Information System (HWIS)* in the summer of 2016. This system aims to provide a consistent approach for processing and issuing heat alerts in Ontario to better protect residents and vulnerable community members during the summer season. The HWIS was developed jointly by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Health Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and Public Health Ontario, in consultation with public health units.

The HWIS outlines the thresholds and processes for Heat Alerts and Extended Heat Alerts. A **Heat Alert** is issued when one or both of the following conditions are met:

- Two consecutive days where the temperature is forecasted to be 31° C or higher during the day and 20° C or higher overnight; and/or
- Two consecutive days where the humidex is forecasted to be 40° C or higher.

An **Extended Heat Alert** is issued when the event is forecasted to last longer than two days and continues for three or more days.

**Extreme Cold Weather Alerts**

An **Extreme Cold Weather Alert** is issued when one or more of the following conditions are met:

- Environment and Climate Change Canada forecasts daily predicted low temperature of -15° Celsius without wind chill;
- the wind chill reaches the level at which Environment and Climate Change Canada issues an Extreme Cold Warning; and/or
- extreme weather conditions, such as a blizzard or ice storm.

The frequency and duration of heat and cold alerts in Lambton County for the period 2012-2023 is summarized in Appendix "A".

#### Warming/Cooling Centres

Warming/cooling centres are pre-designated locations that become activated when Extreme Temperature Alerts are issued. They are intended to provide space for the public to get temporary, short-term relief from the heat/cold. These locations are offered throughout Lambton County by community partners including recreation centres, health centres, libraries, and other public and municipal buildings. LPH provides information about warming/cooling center locations on the LPH website at [LambtonPublicHealth.ca](https://www.lambtonpublichealth.ca) and in media releases issued for heat and cold alerts.

Warming/cooling centres operate during the regular business hours of the community partner. The community partners are not expected to provide extra amenities or services above what they already provide and are not expected to remain open beyond their normal business hours.

Warming/cooling centres are not available for extended or overnight stays. Individuals experiencing homelessness who require additional support or emergency shelter will be supported through emergency shelter assistance coordinated through The Good Shepherd's Lodge and Ontario Works: [Emergency Assistance - County of Lambton](#).

Lambton County Library's 25 branches have been added to the directory of warming/cooling centres. The addition of libraries expands access to warming/cooling centres throughout the County and offers more evening and weekend options. Additional County buildings are being considered for future locations. There are currently 36 warming/cooling centre locations in Lambton County. See Appendix "B" for the current directory.

#### Lambton County Extreme Temperature Stakeholder Group (ETSG)

LPH chairs the Lambton County Extreme Temperature Stakeholder Group (ETSG). Members of this group consist of local community agencies and organizations who work with and provide services for vulnerable populations including representatives who operate warming/cooling centres in Lambton County. The ETSG works together to reduce health risks associated with extreme heat and cold among populations who are most at risk for heat-related illness and cold injuries.

The ETSG meets twice a year to review Extreme Heat/Cold Alert processes and response activities. Meetings are also used to review the results of the previous season and to share ideas and recommendations for efficiencies and improvements for future response initiatives. ETSG members are responsible for ensuring that all those involved in the response from their organization are familiar with their response processes.

### Notification of Extreme Heat/Cold Alerts

Once an Extreme Heat/Cold Alert is issued, prompt notification to the public and to stakeholders and community agencies is critical to ensure that individuals and organizations can respond to protect themselves and their clients in a timely manner. Public notification of Extreme Heat/Cold Alerts occurs through media releases, LPH web pages, and LPH social media. Heat and cold alerts are also issued through Sarnia-Lambton Alerts (formerly known as myCNN) to notify residents who have signed up for this service.

LPH notifies the following groups via email when Extreme Heat/Cold Alerts are issued to ensure they are prepared for service delivery:

- Warming/Cooling Centre locations;
- Members of the Extreme Temperature Stakeholder Group which includes community partners and agencies that service vulnerable populations. The ETSG is encouraged to share the alert with their clients and partners to ensure vulnerable populations are protected. LPH maintains an email distribution list of members of the ETSG which is regularly updated. Participating members are responsible for ensuring their own internal fan-out lists are maintained and current.

### Lambton Public Health Roles and Responsibilities

LPH is responsible for the following extreme temperature actions/initiatives:

- Monitoring the ECCC weather forecasts/notices and consulting with the Medical Officer of Health as necessary when current or forecast weather conditions indicate that an Extreme Heat/Cold Alert should be issued.
- Issuing Extreme Heat/Cold Alerts when conditions have been met and communicating the alert as described above.
- Maintaining and chairing the Extreme Temperature Stakeholder Group. This group is described above.
- Providing information and education about health impacts of extreme hot/cold weather, vulnerable populations, and what people can do to protect themselves and others from these impacts. This information is available on the LPH website and is communicated through the media and social media. LPH will conduct media interviews when requested.
- Conducting surveillance of extreme temperature events and health impacts.

### Community and Municipal Partner Roles and Responsibilities

Community and municipal partners are responsible for the following actions/initiatives in response to Extreme Heat/Cold Alerts:

- Activating pre-designated warming/cooling centre locations when an Extreme Heat/Cold alert is issued.

- Sharing the alert and educational materials with clients and partners to ensure vulnerable individuals are protected.
- Preparing for an increase in service demand during the extreme weather event and taking measures aimed to protect clients from heat-related illness and cold injuries, particularly agencies and organizations who work with and provide services for vulnerable populations and those experiencing homelessness.
- Ensuring that everyone involved in the response from their organization is familiar with their internal response activities when alerts are issued.

LPH will continue to work with ETSG partners to identify other groups and organizations who are well-suited to join and contribute to the ETSG. To carry out this engagement, LPH will continue to build on established partnerships and reach out to potential new partners that are identified as having an interest in health impacts of extreme weather and vulnerable populations in Lambton County.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

All costs associated with the health hazard program and extreme temperature initiatives are cost-share funded 70 percent provincial and 30 percent municipal, as approved within LPH's 2023 Budget.

### **CONSULTATIONS**

The following individuals were consulted during the preparation of this report: General Manager, Public Health Services Division; Medical Officer of Health; General Manager, Cultural Services Division; Manager, Libraries; Manager, Homelessness Prevention and Children's Services; and Program Supervisor, Homelessness Prevention and Children's Services.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN**

LPH's health hazard program and extreme temperature initiatives 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**

LPH's Extreme Temperature Initiatives have proactively increased the public's protection and awareness of such health hazards. The partnerships and community engagement opportunities that LPH is involved in have provided effective opportunities to build capacity to address current and future concerns related to extreme temperatures.

**Appendix “A”**

**Number of Heat Alerts/Extended Heat Alerts and Cold Alerts  
2012 - 2023**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Heat Alerts Issued	6	3	2	5	7	3	6	3	5	5	7	3
Total Duration (Days)	n/a	11	3	5	23	6	21	8	17	16	19	10
Cold Alerts Issued	0	2	10	8	5	2	4	5	0	2	5	2
Total Duration (Days)	0	2	27	26	6	2	7	9	0	23	7	4

**Appendix “B”****Warming/Cooling Centre Locations in Lambton County****Alvinston**

**BAI Community Centre Complex**  
3310 Walnut St., Alvinston  
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Closed weekends

**Alvinston Library**

3251 River St., Alvinston  
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/alvinston-library.aspx>

**Arkona****Arkona Library**

16 Smith St., Arkona  
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/arkona-library.aspx>

**Brigden****Brigden Library**

1540 Duncan St., Brigden  
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/brigden-library.aspx>

**Bright’s Grove****Bright’s Grove Library**

2618 Hamilton Rd., Bright’s Grove  
[https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/bright\\_s-grove-library.aspx](https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/bright_s-grove-library.aspx)

**Camlachie****Camlachie Library**

6745 Camlachie Rd., Camlachie  
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/camlachie-library.aspx>

**Corunna****Corunna Library**

417 Lyndoch St., Corunna  
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/corunna-library.aspx>

**Courtright****Courtright Library**

1533 Fourth St., Corunna  
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/corunna-library.aspx>

**Florence****Florence Library**

6213 Mill St., Florence  
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/florence-library.aspx>

**Forest****North Lambton Community Health Centre**

#3 – 59 King St., Forest  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday 12:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Closed weekends.

**The Shores Recreation Centre**

7883 Amtelecom Pkwy., Forest  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Closed weekends

**Forest Library**

61 King St. West, Forest  
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/forest-library.aspx>

**Grand Bend****Grand Bend Community Health Centre**

69 Main St. East, Grand Bend  
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Closed weekends

**Grand Bend Library**

15 Gill Rd., Grand Bend  
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/grand-bend-library.aspx>

**Inwood****Inwood Library**

6504 James St., Inwood

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/inwood-library.aspx>**Mooretown****Mooretown Sports Complex**

1166 Emily St., Mooretown

Monday–Sunday: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**Mooretown Library**

1166 Emily St., Mooretown

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/mooretown-library.aspx>**Oil Springs****Oil Springs Library**

4596 Oil Springs Line, Oil Springs

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/oil-springs-library.aspx>**Petrolia****Petrolia YMCA**

360 Tank St., Petrolia

Monday – Friday 6:00 am – 9:00 pm

Saturday – Sunday 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Petrolia Library**

4200 Petrolia Line, Petrolia

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/petrolia-library.aspx>**Point Edward****Point Edward Library**

220 Michigan Ave., Point Edward

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/point-edward-library.aspx>**Port Franks****Port Franks Library**

9997 Port Franks Rd., Port Franks

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/port-franks-library.aspx>**Port Lambton****Port Lambton Library**

507 Stoddard St., Port Lambton

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/port-lambton-library.aspx>**Sarnia****West Lambton Community Health Centre**

429 Exmouth St., Sarnia

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed weekends

**The Inn of the Good Shepherd**

115 John St., Sarnia

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Sarnia-Lambton Rebound - The Hub (for ages up to 24)**

350 Indian Road South, Sarnia

Open to individuals ages 12-24

Monday-Friday: 2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Closed weekends

**Housing & Homelessness Resource Center (HHRC)**

837 Exmouth St., Sarnia

Weekdays between 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

**Clearwater Library (Opening Jan. 2024)**

1400 Wellington St, Sarnia

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday – Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Sarnia Library**

124 Christina St. South, Sarnia

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/sarnia-library.aspx>**Shetland****Shetland Library**

1279 Shetland Rd., Shetland

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/shetland-library.aspx>

**Sombra**

**Sombra Library**

3536 St. Clair Pkwy., Sombra  
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/sombra-library.aspx>

**Thedford**

**Thedford Library**

16 Allen St., Thedford  
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/thedford-library.aspx>

**Watford**

**East Lambton Community Complex**

61 Centennial Ave., Watford  
Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Closed weekends

**Watford Library**

5317 Nauvoo Rd., Watford  
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/watford-library.aspx>

**Wilkesport**

**Wilkesport Library**

1349 Wilkesport Line, Wilkesport  
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/wilkesport-library.aspx>

**Wyoming**

**Wyoming Library**

536 Niagara St., Wyoming  
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/wyoming-library.aspx>

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION</b></p>	
<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH</b>
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	<b>Andrew Taylor, General Manager</b>
<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	<b>Stéphane Thiffault, Chief Administrative Officer</b>
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>November 1, 2023</b>
<b>INFORMATION ITEM:</b>	<b>Lambton Public Health 2022 Annual Report</b>

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards (OPHS), public health units are required to produce an annual report, which serves to provide transparency and accountability to the community and ratepayers served. This requirement aligns with the Ministry of Health’s - Public Health Accountability Framework as follows:

*"Boards of Health provide to the ministry a report after a year-end on the affairs and operations, including how they are performing on requirements (programmatic and financial), delivering quality public health programs and services, practicing good governance, and complying with various legislative requirements."*

This report is intended to satisfy the above legislative requirement.

**DISCUSSION**

Lambton Public Health (LPH) provides public health programs and services for 11 municipalities throughout the County of Lambton, including collaboration with First Nations communities of Aamjiwnaang, Kettle and Stoney Point and Walpole Island. Under the legislative authority of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, public health units are accountable to provide public health programs within their geographic defined service areas. Throughout 2022, LPH played a significant role in safeguarding public health at the local level. Strong local connectedness is key, and LPH works in collaboration with its community partners, stakeholders and clients to assess, promote and protect health, prevent disease and injury and advocate for healthy public policy.

At the end of November 2022, the Board of Health (County Council) appointed Dr. Karalyn Dueck to the position of Medical Officer of Health for the County of Lambton, and we are excited to welcome her to our community. Dr. Dueck joins us at a critical time. She is

highly skilled and trained, and she has good public health work experience. Given the current landscape facing public health, it is important to have a strong public health leadership in place, particularly in the face of uncertainty with respect to diseases of public health significance, including outbreaks of infectious disease such as COVID-19, mpox and Measles. Public health readiness is highly important for emergencies and communicable disease outbreaks in a new community context of lagging childhood immunizations, an aging population requiring greater use of the healthcare system, climate change increasing vector borne diseases such as Lyme Disease, higher rates of sexually transmitted infections and blood-borne infections such as syphilis and hepatitis C.

During the first six (6) to nine (9) months of 2022, LPH continued to provide response activities as required to control COVID-19, including outbreak management, vaccine delivery and necessary surveillance activities and ongoing work to support infection control and safety within the community. In an effort to maintain timely access for critical response, it is imperative to have a strong workforce that are qualified, trained and ready for active duty. The pandemic has taught us that we need to have good capacity to be responsive, and as we face increased staffing pressures it will be important to maintain a sustainable public health approach, which means that we need to maintain a safe and healthy workforce.

Beginning in late spring of 2022, LPH started to transition out of its COVID-19 emergency response efforts and began recovery planning and completed an internal After-Action Review (AAR) of our pandemic response to reflect and assess strengths and challenges experienced throughout the response. Key findings from our internal review will be used to improve ongoing response work and to strengthen our preparedness for future public health emergencies. Recommendations from this review support the need to:

- prioritize post-pandemic mental health supports for staff;
- continue to protect physical and mental safety of our workforce; and
- improve communication and transparency within LPH.

Again, the scope of this reported portion of the AAR was internal only and focused on challenges and best practices that occurred within LPH. Next, LPH is working to conduct a further review that will include key external partners and stakeholders to gather lessons learned from an external perspective. This assessment affirms that we have heard loud and clear from our staff about the acute and chronic mental health impacts of working in public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the importance of peer and organizational help and offering support.

LPH's 2022 Annual Report is attached (Appendix A). The highlights in this report demonstrate that LPH has strong connections in our communities with service agencies, partners, community groups, and municipalities. Similar to 2021, this report reflects on our experiences with COVID-19 pandemic response and includes summaries of the numbers of COVID-19: vaccines administered in various settings, cases and outbreaks followed up, phone calls and inquiries answered through our vaccine call centre and liaison teams. This report also highlights some of the work of our new Health System and Community

Engagement (HSCE) Team, which supports LPH's mental health and addictions strategy and health system navigation connectedness to improve collaboration with the broader healthcare system. The HSCE Team also created a new Age-Friendly Best Practice e-learning course for businesses and service providers that was launched in March 2022 to help combat ageism in the community. Below are some of the highlights of our 2022 annual report:

- 18,000 Calls answered by Vaccine Call Centre
- 57,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses administered
- 7,829 COVID-19 cases followed up
- 5,402 Routine Immunizations administered
- 4,308 Flu Immunizations administered
- 582,000 Needle sharps exchanged with our partners
- 4,639 Naloxone Kits distributed with our partners
- 351 Senior Dental services delivered
- 1,186 Sexual Health Clinic visits

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Ministry of Health is primarily responsible for funding public health units. Revenues supporting public health's operations derive from two main sources, which include cost-shared: 70/30 percent provincial/municipal funding. Also, LPH receives 100 percent funding allocations through provincial grant, to support eligible COVID-19 expenditures. Additionally, LPH receives 100 percent grant funding through the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, to support our Healthy Babies Healthy Children's programming.

LPH also receives other revenues such as donations, and fees and service charges, which help to offset costs associated with services, such as sexual health teaching in schools, clinical supplies, and food-handler education and training.

### **CONSULTATIONS**

In the preparation of this report, the Medical Officer of Health, Managers, Supervisors, and the Epidemiologist 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**

As part of the Ministry of Health's Public Health Accountability Framework and Organizational Requirements, Lambton's Board of Health is required to demonstrate it is delivering quality public health programs and services in compliance with legislation. The COVID-19 pandemic has elevated pressures on our workforce, and it is important have supports in place to maintain a safe and healthy workforce. The restrictive fiscal climate has increased strain on our public health resources, and LPH has introduced some new short-term priorities to assist our organization to prioritize its work moving forward, as reported to County Council through the [Update on Lambton Public Health's Current and Future Budget Pressures](#) report, dated July 5, 2023.

Setting priorities is more important than ever because we cannot continue to do everything in a restricted fiscal environment. Public health is responsive, and it is imperative to remain vigilant and connected at the local level. LPH remains committed to advocating for marginalized groups and ensuring that the department is here for those people who need it the most. Understanding the impacts on the vulnerable communities that we serve enables us to respond and contribute effectively to the needs of Lambton County.



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Appendix A

**LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH**

We work to keep you, your family and our community safe and healthy.



**VISION**

Lambton Public Health's (LPH) vision is that Lambton County is a community that supports all people to strive for safety, health and well-being. LPH is part of the Public Health Services Division within the County of Lambton. LPH works with the community to: assess, promote and protect health, prevent disease and injury, and advocate for healthy public policy.

**WELCOME TO DR. KARALYN DUECK**

In November 2022, the Lambton Board of Health (County Council) appointed a new Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Karalyn Dueck. A licensed member in good standing with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO), Dr. Dueck is also a certified Family Physician with the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CCFP) and holds the specialty certification as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Public Health and Preventive Medicine (FRCPC), considered the gold standard of certification for medical officers of health.

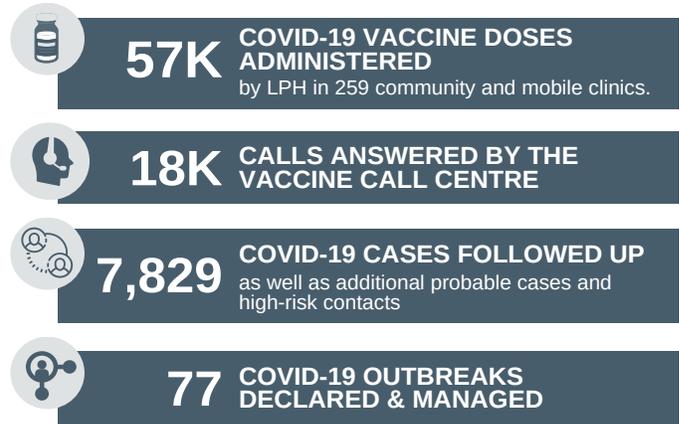
"Dr. Dueck's resume is extremely impressive, and she will be a tremendous asset to the County," said County of Lambton Warden Kevin Marriott, who also sits as Chair for the County's Board of Health. "The insight she will bring to this role thanks to her prior work experiences is invaluable and will be of great benefit, and I am pleased to welcome her to our community."



**COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE**

The COVID-19 pandemic response was a priority for service since 2020. In 2022, LPH continued to provide response activities required to control COVID-19 including outbreak management, vaccine delivery, and ongoing work to support infection control and safety within the community. Most staffing resources were redeployed to assist with pandemic emergency response in the first 6-9 months.

Presented in this report are highlights from LPH's COVID-19 pandemic response and the accountability numbers from some of the core Public Health Standards programs that continued in 2022.





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### HEALTH PROTECTION

Health Protection protects the public's health by ensuring safe water (drinking and recreational) and safe food handling practices as well as investigating health hazard complaints. Other programs include infectious diseases prevention and control including rabies and tuberculosis prevention and control; public health emergency management, which includes COVID-19 response; and vector-borne disease control activities including West Nile virus and Lyme Disease.

The Health Protection service areas also include the provision of clinical services for immunization including routine immunizations, school immunizations and the Universal Flu Shot program. Enforcement of numerous public health regulations and County By-Laws, including the Standing Water and DineSafe Lambton By-Laws.



### CLINICAL & FAMILY SERVICES

The Clinical and Family Services 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.

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.

-  **5,402** ROUTINE IMMUNIZATIONS administered by LPH
-  **4,308** FLU IMMUNIZATIONS administered by LPH
-  **1,028** FOOD PREMISE INSPECTIONS
-  **393** ANIMAL BITE INVESTIGATIONS
-  **194** RECREATIONAL WATER INSPECTIONS
-  **226** CONFIRMED REPORTABLE DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS
-  **22** NON-COVID OUTBREAK INVESTIGATIONS
-  **582K** NEEDLES DISTRIBUTED\*
-  **62K** SAFE INHALATION KITS DISTRIBUTED\*
-  **4,639** NALOXONE KITS DISTRIBUTED\*
-  **1,286** HOME VISITS COMPLETED TO 253 FAMILIES
-  **1,186** SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC VISITS
-  **710** PARENTS CONNECTED WITH AT PARENT DROP IN
-  **376** FAMILIES SEEN IN HOSPITAL starting May 2022
-  **351** SENIORS RECEIVED DENTAL TREATMENT

*\*in partnership with North Lambton Community Health Centre*



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### HEALTH PROMOTION

The Health Promotion team is responsible for programs in the areas including School Health, Health Equity, Chronic Disease Prevention, Injury Prevention, and Substance Misuse Prevention (CDIPS). This team is also responsible for implementation of the Ontario Tobacco Strategy and the Lambton Drug and Alcohol Strategy. Health Promotion staff also provide internal supports for all programs and services within LPH including program planning and evaluation, communications, and the social determinants of health.

The CDIPS Team completed COVID-19 Response activities as the Liaison Team through to May 2022. During this time, the Team responded to email and phone queries from the general public and various community sectors. In June, the team was reassigned to core programs and therefore developed an evidence-informed Operational Plan to address programmatic priorities that aligned with organizational strategic priorities; Mental Health and Addictions, and COVID-19 Recovery. Focus was given to food literacy, built environment, and tobacco/vape/cannabis programs.

The Communications Team continued support for the COVID-19 pandemic including a focus on the promotion of COVID-19 vaccine updates, eligibility, requirements, and access points, as well as a transition to pandemic recovery with the return to pre-pandemic programming, and the re-positioning of the fall as respiratory illness season. Strategies leveraged digital communications, traditional media, and media relations to amplify the messages.



#### FOOD LITERACY

- 41 Mobile Markets attended by LPH staff to engage with community members, provide resources and educate them about LPH programs and services
- Engaged at-risk populations through presentations



#### BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- Encouraged schools to participate with physical activity theme weeks, engage with Active and Safe Routes to School, and use the HOP! App ([123hop.ca](https://123hop.ca))
- Advised on a variety of municipal development proposals



#### TOBACCO / VAPE / CANNABIS

- Hosted smoke-free movie nights
- Provided resources to support those ready to quit smoking/vaping
- Presented the impact of using tobacco/vape products to schools and community groups
- 631 inspections completed by the Smoke-free Ontario Act Enforcement Team



**1K** NEW FOLLOWERS  
total of 13K Facebook followers

**2.6M** POST VIEWS  
with 1.4K Facebook posts

**4.92%** ENGAGEMENT RATE  
an increase from 3.55%



**1.7M** WEBSITE PAGE VIEWS



**43** INTERVIEWS & MEDIA BRIEFINGS

**54** NEWS RELEASES

**207** MENTIONS IN MEDIA COVERAGE



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### HEALTH SYSTEM & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM

A new Health System and Community Engagement Team was created in 2022 to support mental health and addictions needs in Lambton County, health system navigation and healthcare provider engagement, harm reduction enhancement and community engagement.

Key areas of focus in 2022 included resuming work on the Lambton Drug and Alcohol Strategy, completing an evidence review to inform a new mental health resource for Lambton County, publishing the Older Adult Care Pathway Report to inform health system planning and relaunching [www.agefriendlyarnialambton.ca](http://www.agefriendlyarnialambton.ca) to be more inclusive of all ages and stages of life. As well, LPH created a new Age-Friendly Best Practice e-learning Course for businesses and service providers that was launched in March 2022 to help combat ageism in the community.



#### RELAUNCHED AGE-FRIENDLY WEBSITE WITH SARNIA-LAMBTON ONTARIO HEALTH TEAM

**26,053** TOTAL USERS  
**24,376** NEW USERS  
**82,924** PAGE VIEWS  
**393,000** SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN VIEWS

*\*launched November 2022*



#### 169 CLIENT ENGAGEMENTS BY NEW COMMUNITY OUTREACH NURSE

*\*starting November 2022*



#### 127 AGE-FRIENDLY BEST PRACTICE COURSE COMPLETIONS



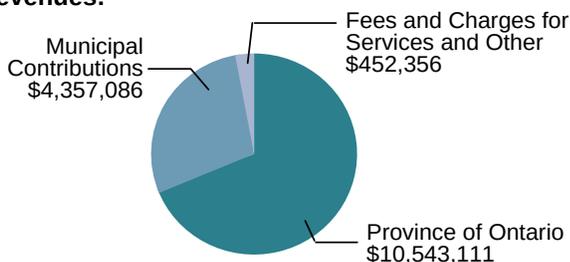
#### POSITIVE SPACE

In June 2022 LPH updated our Positive Space Policy and symbol to be more inclusive and ensure our commitment to treating everyone with dignity and respect, regardless of background, ethnicity, language, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, or economic status.

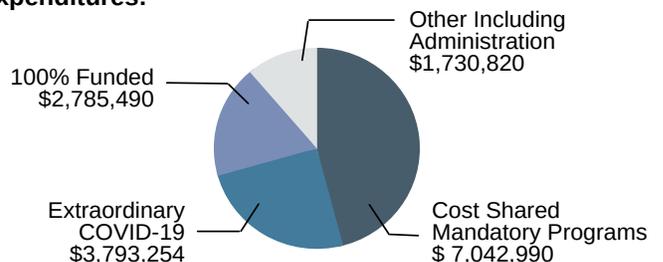
### GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

LPH is governed by the Lambton Board of Health, which is responsible for ensuring the provision of effective population health programs and services to meet the needs of the community. Public health funding is cost-shared between the Province of Ontario and the County of Lambton. In addition, LPH receives 100% provincial funding to support specific programs. LPH's operating budget in 2022 was \$15,352,553.

#### Revenues:



#### Expenditures:





**PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION**

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH</b>
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	<b>Kevin Churchill, Manager</b>
<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	<b>Andrew Taylor, General Manager Stéphane Thiffault, Chief Administrative Officer</b>
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>November 1, 2023</b>
<b>INFORMATION ITEM:</b>	<b>Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program Update</b>

**BACKGROUND**

Lambton Public Health (LPH) has been administering the Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program (OSDCP) since December 2019. The goal of the OSDCP is to avoid costly urgent and emergency dental care for eligible seniors by providing basic preventative and restorative treatment coordinated by local public health units. Ontarians aged 65 and over with an annual income of \$22,200 or less, or couples with a combined annual income of \$37,100 or less, who do not have dental benefits, will qualify for OSDCP.

Staff last reported to the Board of Health (County Council) on this program through the *Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program Update* Report dated May 18, 2022.

**DISCUSSION**

LPH's experience with the OSDCP has seen many positive outcomes for eligible clients. The OSDCP has been delivered in partnership with participating local dentists, who are reimbursed for eligible services. These are seniors who otherwise would have had no access to dental care and no dental benefits.

The OSDCP program has seen significant growth since 2019. As the "baby boomer" population cohort enters their senior years, the total number of eligible clients has grown from 240 in 2020 to 684 as of April 2023. The number of clients who have received treatment has grown proportionately, with 585 unique clients served to date in 2023 as compared to 351 in 2022 – see "Appendix A". The client volume has grown to a number that would be very challenging to accommodate in our small in-house dental clinic. The current model of distributing this care among Lambton County dental and denture providers is working efficiently. Currently, there are approximately 100 Lambton dental providers who have treated eligible OSDCP clients on a fee-for-service model. Public health dental staff assist clients with determining eligibility and liaise with local service

providers to coordinate treatment plans for eligible services, which include basic restorative care, scaling and cleaning, dental exams, and full and/or partial dentures.

This service delivery model avoids lengthy waitlists and allows seniors to be treated and seen closer to home, avoiding significant transportation costs.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The OSDCP is 100% funded by the province of Ontario.

**CONSULTATIONS**

In the delivery of the OSDCP, LPH continues to consult with local dental and denture providers.

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

Delivery of the OSDCP is consistent with the mission, principles and values identified in the County's Strategic Plan and supports the values of Lambton County as a healthy community.

**CONCLUSION**

The OSDCP contributes significantly to the quality of life for the hundreds of eligible seniors who have been able to access quality basic dental care in a timely manner.

**Appendix A: OSDCP Clients Enrolled and Served – 2020-2023**

<b>Year</b>	<b># Clients Enrolled</b>	<b># Clients Served</b>
2020	240	162
2021	374	192
2022	425	351
2023*	684	585

*\*2023 figures are year to date, as of October 20, 2023.*

**PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION**

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH</b>
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<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	<b>Andrew Taylor, General Manager Stéphane Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer</b>
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>November 1, 2023</b>
<b>INFORMATION ITEM:</b>	<b>Tobacco, Vape and Cannabis Strategy Update</b>

**BACKGROUND**

E-cigarette use, known as vaping, has surged among youth, with a 74% increase in vaping rates among 16-19 year olds between 2017 and 2019, pre-pandemic. Recent data from Health Canada's Canadian Student Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drugs Survey (2021/2022) reveals that 29% of Canadian students in Grades 7 to 12 have experimented with e-cigarettes, and 17% have vaped in the past month, making Canadian teen e-cigarette usage one of the highest globally. Stress reduction has become the most common reason for vaping among those aged 15 to 19, unlike 2019<sup>1</sup>. Schools have sounded the alarm since the pandemic, seeking help to combat the widespread vaping among students. The number of school notifications for students caught vaping on school property rose from 5 to 103 between 2018 and 2019, and these numbers have surged post-pandemic.

Youth are especially vulnerable to the detrimental effects of vaping, whether nicotine or cannabis, disrupting brain development and lung health. Research shows that vaping nicotine and cannabis directly affects the developing brain, impairing learning, decision-making, and mental health, including an elevated risk of anxiety and depression. Vaping nicotine often leads to dependence, with one in four kids who've tried an e-cigarette using it daily. E-cigarette use is also a predictor of other substance use, such as cannabis, alcohol, and tobacco, putting one in four youths at higher risk of future tobacco cigarette use. Many young people perceive vaping as socially acceptable, finding e-cigarettes easily accessible and usable in public spaces, including schools. Youth advocates, including parents and educators, highlight a lack of understanding regarding the harms of vaping among young individuals and often struggle to support youths experimenting with substances, including e-cigarettes.

The purpose of this report is to provide County Council with an update on the status of e-cigarette use amongst young people in Lambton County.

**DISCUSSION**

With increases in daily vaping rates, using vaping to manage stress, lack of awareness of the health harms, and the significant likelihood of future substance use, Lambton Public Health (LPH) is making every effort to address these concerning trends among our youth. Since 2019, the Health Promotion team has been working collaboratively with Lambton Kent and St. Clair Catholic District School Boards to strategically support both students and schools. Since the pandemic, we have experienced a higher-than-normal request rate from both secondary and elementary school administrators for vaping support. Our Health Promotion team has responded to this crisis by implementing a comprehensive approach at the individual, school, and community levels.

Prior to the pandemic, LPH conducted training sessions for school staff in both school boards and delivered presentations to all Grade 9 classrooms in Lambton County. They also organized community forums for parents and youth allies, including bus drivers. Since the pandemic, their involvement in schools and the community has expanded to address this ongoing issue. The focus has shifted towards reaching senior elementary students before they transition to secondary school with prevention messages, and we are providing cessation resources for secondary students.

In the 2022/23 school year alone, staff delivered evidence-based vaping presentations at 21 elementary and secondary schools, reaching approximately 1400 students and 70 teachers. They also offered capacity-building training to 22 Public Health Nurses, Social Workers, and Child and Youth Workers in collaboration with Chatham-Kent Public Health to support our school boards' staff. At the school level, the team continues to support senior elementary classrooms with evidence-based curriculum programs and the development of youth allies' skills. Additionally, our community Talk Early, Talk Often campaign remains ongoing, aiming to provide parents and youth allies with information and resources for discussions about tobacco, vaping, and cannabis prevention, fostering more supportive conversations with youth.

The positive impact of this strategy has been demonstrated with an average of 90% of these students indicating increased knowledge about vaping with many indicating reduced intentions to start vaping. Through the training and in-school presentations, educators are indicating increased capacity to have supportive conversations with youth who are vaping. They are also very appreciative of our support to address this problem within their schools. The work in the community using the Talk Early, Talk Often campaign has directly engaged over 500 parents and 1000 youth at 18 events, and over 30,000 Lambton County parents and youth allies were reached through the mass media campaign. To support the concerns with vaping on school property, LPH Enforcement Officers have provided one-on-one discussions about the harms of vaping and cessation support for quitting with over 200 students that have received warning letters since 2021.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**CONSULTATIONS**

Consultations with school board administrators, teachers, and support staff have been ongoing since 2019 and have informed the strategic approach. Focus groups with both school staff and students have informed improvements and development of best practice approaches. In addition, consultations with other local public health units and researchers have contributed to a more consistent and informed strategy.

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

This strategy supports the County of Lambton's Strategic Priorities by promoting the value and importance of a healthy community and developing stronger relationships with community partners. It aligns with the Lambton County Community Safety and Well-Being Plan by enhancing community and organizational capacity for mental health promotion and substance use prevention action. Our work reflects LPH's Mental Health and Addictions Strategic Priority through the Drug and Alcohol Strategy Demand Reduction Pillar's priorities by increasing awareness of the risks of substance use and educating the community on substance use trends.

**CONCLUSION**

The vaping situation among youth in Lambton County is an important public health concern and we are committed to continuing our partnership with schools and youth organizations to address it comprehensively. Our work strongly aligns with the priorities of the Lambton Drug and Alcohol Strategy and remains a priority for our Health Promotion team. Our 2024 plans include continued collaborations with school boards and community partners including the Sarnia Police Youth Bureau and our Public Health Provincial Advisory Committees. Through these partnerships, evidence-based supports will continue to be developed and implemented to support youth in our elementary and secondary schools. These efforts will aim to prevent early initiation of vaping and to reduce the burden of addiction that many youth are experiencing.

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<sup>1</sup> Health Canada. (2023). Canadian Student Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs Survey (CSTADS) 2021-2022: Key Findings Report. Retrieved from <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/canadian-student-tobacco-alcohol-drugs-survey.html>

**MINUTES**  
**LAMBTON CREATIVE COUNTY COMMITTEE**

**Via Electronic Conferencing**

**March 30, 2023**

Present: Warden Kevin Marriott, Barbara Prescott, Beverly Bressette, Brad Loosely, Dave Ferguson, Kirsty Kilner-Holmes. Also, Andrew Meyer, Tara Pounds, Bonnie Lavergne (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Chrissy McRoberts, Paul Smith, Stéphane Thiffeault, Todd Case.

1. Welcome/Call to Order

A. Meyer welcomed the members of the Committee and called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. A. Meyer introduced the new members to the Committee: Chrissy McRoberts, Todd Case and Dave Ferguson replacing previous members: Brian White, Jackie Rombouts and Alan Broad.

2. Election of Committee Chair

Staff requested a motion to elect a new Chairperson for the Committee.

#1: K. Marriott / D. Ferguson

To nominate and elect Brad Loosely as the Committee Chairperson. B. Loosely agreed to accept this nomination and election.

Carried.

3. Approval of the Agenda

#2: B. Prescott / K. Kilner-Holmes

To approve the March 30, 2023 Agenda as presented.

Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes – November 24, 2022

#3: K. Kilner-Holmes / D. Ferguson

That the November 24, 2022 Minutes be approved as presented.

Carried.

5. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to report.

Beverley Bressette joined the meeting at this time.

6. New Business

a) Overview of Creative County Grant Program

A. Meyer provided a short summary of Creative County Grant Program outlining timelines over the course of the year.

- i) Requests for applications for funding will open in October and close mid-November. During this time, staff are available to answer questions about the program for potential applicants.
- ii) At the scheduled November meeting of the Committee, members will review and approve applications for funding.
- iii) Initial payments to approved applicants typically occur mid-February. This represents 75 percent of the approved funding for each applicant.
- iv) Final payments to approved applicants occur when final report submissions have been received. This represents the remaining 25 percent of the approved funding.

#4: D. Ferguson / K. Marriott

To approve the verbal overview of the Creative County Grant Program provided by A. Meyer.

Carried.

b) Status Updates – Creative County Supported Projects

A. Meyer provided status updates of approved projects since 2020.

**2020:** 21 projects were approved with funding of \$71,880 awarded. The requirement to submit final reports was extended to December 31, 2022 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**2021:** 9 projects were approved with funding of \$37,500 awarded. All projects have been completed, with only one final report outstanding before all funding is paid out.

**2022:** 21 projects were approved with funding of \$101,965 awarded. Emphasis was placed on support for projects led by or in partnership with Indigenous organizations and communities. Updates on these projects will be provided at the September 2023 committee meeting.

**2023:** 19 projects were approved with funding of \$70,530 awarded. All initial payments of 75 percent funding were processed in February 2023. Final payments of the 25 percent remaining funding will be paid to applicants upon completion of final reports.

A. Meyer shared a video provided by the 2023 project “LCCVI Theatre Productions” highlighting the school production of “*Clue*”. Students in the video were asked to shake hands with the producer while maintaining their characters from the play.

#5: B. Prescott / D. Ferguson

To approve the verbal status update of the Creative County Grant Program provided by A. Meyer.

Carried.

7. Scheduling of Meetings

#6: D. Ferguson / K. Kilner-Holmes

To approve scheduled 2023 meetings as follows:

September 28, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. (virtual meeting)

November 30, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. (in-person meeting at the County Administration Building, Wyoming)

Carried.

8. Adjournment

#7: B. Prescott / K. Kilner-Holmes

That this meeting be adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Carried.

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, May 30th 7:30AM  
LOCATION: Videoconference/Boardroom

**Attendance:**

Bradley, Mike	Marriott, Kevin
Lee, Adrienne	Reaume-Zimmer, Paula
McEachran, Carrie	Perdeaux, Rick
Walker, Katherine	Kardas, Rob
Dochstader, Nick	Kabbes, Don
	Thiffeault, Stephane
Taylor, Dan (CEO)	
Moore, Brittany (Executive Assistant)	

**Regrets:** Cayea, David

**Call to Order**

Quorum Present

**Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve Agenda as submitted.

Moved by K. Walker. Seconded by R. Perdeaux. Carried.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None declared.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the Board Meeting held March 28th, 2023, be approved as submitted.

Moved by R. Kardas. Seconded by K. Walker. Carried.



**Chair Update**

- P. Reaume-Zimmer provided an update on the CEO review. Discussed the process and next steps. The review will begin in early July. Summarized version will be available by the September Board meeting.
- Paula attended last SLIA meeting; good chance to meet different business leaders in the community.
- PetroChem upcoming June 20/21<sup>st</sup> SLEP is co-hosting and sponsoring

**CEO Update**

- D. Taylor shared the CEO report executive summary
- Discussed staffing updates and vacancies as they relate and align to the strategic plan.
- Municipality visits remain a priority and will continue to assist with projects as needed

**Committees**

**Governance Committee**

- A. Lee shared an update on the by-law review- All Updates to by-laws completed

**Motion:** That the revised by-laws be approved as submitted and referred to the AGM on June 27, 2023 for adoption.

Moved by R. Kardas. Seconded by C. MacEachran. Carried.

- Director Recruitment

**Motion:** That Adrienne Lee be reelected for a second term as Director and for subsequent approval by the members of the corporation at the June 27th Annual General Meeting.

Moved by K. Marriott. Seconded by R. Kardas. Carried.

**Motion:** That Angela Edlington, Tim Knapp and Jeff Plain be elected for the position of Director and for subsequent approval by the members of the corporation at the June 27th Annual General Meeting.

Moved by K. Walker. Seconded by C. MacEachran. Carried.

- Strategic Plan Draft Review
- D. Taylor updated that the consensus was the content was good but we wanted to pull out operations

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- Talked about a public facing document that focuses on the 6 big moves- tying into elements the 6 big elements.

**Motion:** To adopt the brand of We've Got Chemistry.

Moved by K. Walker Seconded by N. Dochstader. Carried.

**Motion:** To adopt the 6 core elements.

Moved by K. Walker, seconded by M. Peters. Carried.

*R. Perdeaux abstains until defined further.*

- AGM Discussion- Strategic Plan Launch

**Finance Committee**

- D. Kabbes shared update on draft financials to date
- 2022 Draft Audited Financials presented by Jordan Rudanycz at BDO

**Motion:** That the draft 2022 Audited Financials Statements be approved and presented at the Annual General Meeting on June 27, 2023 for acceptance.

Moved by C. MacEachran. Seconded by M. Bradley. Carried.

- 2023 Auditors

**Motion:** That BDO Canada be appointed as auditors for 2023 and referred to the AGM on June 27, 2023 for election.

Moved by N. Dochstader. Seconded by R. Perdeaux. Carried.

**New Business**

- None

**Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by K. Walker. Seconded by R. Kardas. Carried.

Chair  
Paula Reaume-Zimmer

Secretary-Treasurer  
Stephane Thiffault

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, June 15th 3:45 pm  
LOCATION: Videoconference

**Attendance:**

Reaume-Zimmer, Paula	Peters, Mark
Cayea, David	Kardas, Rob
Lee, Adrienne	Marriott, Kevin
McEachran, Carrie	Perdeaux, Rick
Thiffeault, Stephane	Walker, Katherine
Dochstader, Nick	Kabbes, Don

Taylor, Dan (CEO)  
Moore, Brittany (Executive Assistant)

**Regrets:** Bradley, Mike  
McEachran, Carrie

**Call to Order  
Quorum Present**

**Agenda**

**Motion:** Approve agenda as submitted.

Moved by R. Kardas. Seconded by N. Dochstader. Carried.

**Strategic Plan Discussion**

- Members agreed the public facing version is clear and easy to understand what we are trying to achieve in this simplified version.
- Ensure statistics are generic statements so they do not become outdated.
- The point was raised there lacks long-term vision in this iteration of the presentation, but it was ensured that this would be addressed in the internal document.
  - This is high-level public facing document. The fulsome Strategic plan needs metrics and key steps we will be taking to accomplish

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these goals. Without the internal document the public facing overview of Strategic plan doesn't amount to much.

- Ensure we reference technology somewhere. It is the way the world is moving and should be a part of everything we are doing. Could be a mistake not to reference anywhere.
- Internal detailed document should be ready for review by September board meeting.
- For execution- the understanding is Dan will develop goals for direction of SLEP and the Board can match each goal back to these core elements. From there, have staff create operational plans.

**Motion:** To approve the public-facing strategic plan as presented with the considerations and for launch at the Annual General Meeting June 27th, 2023.

Moved by K. Walker. Seconded by A. Lee. Carried.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by P. Reaume-Zimmer, Seconded by R. Kardas. Carried.

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Chair  
Paula Reaume-Zimmer

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Secretary-Treasurer  
Stephane Thiffeault

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**2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
POST-AGM Open Session with Board Members**

Tuesday, June 27th 9:30AM  
LOCATION: Dante Club

**Attendance:**

Cayea, David	Marriott, Kevin
Lee, Adrienne	Reaume-Zimmer, Paula
Thiffeault, Stephane	Perdeaux, Rick
Kardas, Rob	Dochstader, Nick
Kabbes, Don	Knapp, Tim
Edlington, Angela	Plain, Jeff

Taylor, Dan (CEO)  
Moore, Brittany (Executive Assistant)

**Regrets:** McEachran, Carrie  
Bradley, Mike

**Call to Order**

Quorum Present

**Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve Agenda as submitted.

Moved by R. Kardas. Seconded by S. Thiffeault. Carried.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None declared.

**Board Decisions**

- 2023-2024 Board Leadership and Committee Appointments
  - Establishment of Committees (listing provided to members)

**Motion:** That the committees be approved as appointed.

Moved by N. Dochstader. Seconded by A. Lee. Carried.

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**Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by R. Kardas. Seconded by D. Cayea. Carried.

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Chair  
Paula Reaume-Zimmer

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Secretary-Treasurer  
Stephane Thiffeault

**MINUTES**

**LAMBTON SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Committee Room 1, Wyoming Administration Building

August 22, 2023

Committee Representatives	
COL County Council	Councillor Dan Sageman
Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston	Jeannette Douglas
Township of Dawn-Euphemia	Heather Childs
Township of Enniskillen	Mary Lynne McCallum
Municipality of Lambton Shores	Bill Weber
Village of Oil Springs	Cathy Martin
Town of Petrolia	Sherry Hamilton
Town of Plympton-Wyoming	Maggie Eastman
Village of Point Edward	Lois Lafond
City of Sarnia	Jamie Dillon
Township of St. Clair	Avril Helps
Township of Warwick	Jodi Campbell
Navigating Senior Care Lambton	Arlene Patterson

Present: Bill Weber (Chair), Mary Lynn McCallum (Vice-Chair), Sherry Hamilton, Lois Lafond, Heather Childs (virtual), Jeanette Douglas, Jodi Campbell, Jamie Dillon, Cathy Martin, Avril Helps, Arlene Patterson, Anita Trusler (COL staff/recorder)

Regrets: Maggie Eastman, Dan Sageman

1. Welcome/Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement

B. Weber called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Lisa Leggate, Communications & Marketing Coordinator attended to take photos for LSAC identification badges.

2. Approval of the Agenda/Additions

A. Patterson requested that Community Legal Education Office be added under 5.1 New Business.

#1(L. Lafond/C. Martin): That the agenda for August 22nd, 2023, be approved as amended.

Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes from June 27, 2023

#2 (M. McCallum/J. Douglas): That the minutes from June 27, 2023, be approved as presented.

Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Last Meeting

4.1 Update on motions passed on June 27<sup>th</sup>

- i) Identification badges for LSAC Committee members – L. Leggate attended today’s meeting to take photos for the LSAC identification badges. Badges will be mailed to committee members when they are ready.
- ii) Process for distributing LSAC minute to municipalities – A. Trusler confirmed that LSAC meeting minutes are now being shared with Municipal Clerks/Administrators once they have been received by County Council.
- iii) Terms of reference revision re: Indigenous engagement – the LSAC Terms of Reference were revised on June 27<sup>th</sup> to include the following statement *“The Lambton County SAC is committed to participating in meaningful Indigenous engagement opportunities that support the Calls to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Report and align with County of Lambton best practices for engagement.”*  
  
LSAC members engaged in discussion and expressed a need to learn about Indigenous elders and better understand the culture around how seniors are supported in First Nations communities. A. Trusler will follow-up to explore potential opportunities to have the Committee visit our First Nations communities for the purpose of education and knowledge sharing.
- iv) Land acknowledgement – the County of Lambton Land Acknowledgement is now an embedded practice at the start of each LSAC meeting. The County of Lambton Land

Acknowledgement statement has been saved to the LSAC Basecamp project folder for reference.

5. New Business

5.1 Community Legal Education Office

A. Patterson shared resource handouts that are available through the [Community Legal Education Office](#), a local resource branch for community legal clinics in Ontario. The resources are helpful for interpreting laws and staying current with existing laws and rights for seniors. Three resources were distributed:

- Elder Abuse <https://www.cleo.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/elderab.pdf>
- Power of Attorney [https://www.cleo.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/power\\_0.pdf](https://www.cleo.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/power_0.pdf)
- Residents' Bill of Rights (Long Term Care) <https://www.cleo.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/everyres.pdf>

Additional resources are available at [www.CLEO.on.ca](http://www.CLEO.on.ca)

Discussion ensued regarding the role of LSAC and what resources might be needed to help seniors access the information they need for supports as they age. County libraries were identified as a great access point for information. Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton ([www.agefriendlysarnialambton.ca](http://www.agefriendlysarnialambton.ca)) and the Community Navigator phone line (available 7 days a week from 9:00 a.m. - 10 p.m.) 519-336-3000 were also identified as existing supports in Lambton County. The LSAC can help to ensure seniors across Lambton County are aware of how to access the information they need.

#3 (A. Patterson/S. Hamilton) Request through the County of Lambton that a distribution network be created, based on an up-to-date environmental scan of existing senior's committees/groups, for the purpose of sharing and distributing resources to seniors throughout Lambton County.

Carried.

#4 (C. Martin/M. McCallum) That County staff identify grant funding opportunities that can support LSAC recommendations related to information and communication of services and supports for seniors (funding to advertise and print resources, conduct outreach with seniors' groups, attend Age-Friendly EXPO, fund transportation to 2024 Age-Friendly EXPO).

Carried.

#5 (A. Patterson/J. Campbell) That Andrew Bolter, Executive Director of Community Legal Assistance Sarnia (CLAS), be invited to the October meeting

of the LSAC to present on CLAS and to educate LSAC members on how they can help seniors get the supports they need.

Carried.

#6 (J. Dillon/ L. Lafond) That staff correspond with the organizers of the Age-Friendly Expo event to request LSAC representation on the 2024 Age-Friendly Expo planning committee.

Carried.

6. Standing Items

6.1 Committee roundtable

A. Patterson shared that through Navigating Senior Care Lambton she is supporting three patients with patient navigation needs and apologized for missing the June meeting due to patient navigation commitments.

J. Douglas updated LSAC members that the issues at the senior's apartment building in Alvinston are ongoing and she has been waiting for CLAS to follow-up. A. Patterson offered to call Andrew Bolter from CLAS for tenant follow-up. A. Patterson also shared that CLAS recently won an unprecedented lawsuit on behalf of forty-two tenants living in a Sarnia building.

S. Hamilton updated committee members that she shared intercommunity transportation funding links with the Town of Petrolia in follow-up to MP Marilyn Gladu's presentation at the June LSAC meeting. S. Hamilton also asked if County Council agendas and meeting links could be shared with LSAC Committee members so that the Committee can stay up to date with County Council discussions. A. Trusler shared that County Council agendas and minutes are available to the public online at <https://calendar.lambtononline.ca/meetings>. County Council meetings, and AM/PM Committee meetings can also be viewed live, and/or recordings can be accessed online at the same link.

7. Next steps/Action Items

A. Trusler will move the motions from today's meeting forward to the appropriate contacts for follow-up.

8. Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for October 24, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

B. Weber adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

TOURISM SARNIA-LAMBTON  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 28- 9:00 am  
Tourism Sarnia Lambton: 1455 Venetian Blvd, Point Edward, ON N7T 7W7

**HELD AT:** Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, 1455 Venetian Blvd., Point Edward, ON – In Person

**PRESENT:** Bev Hand, Kevin Marriott, Laura Boogemans, Al Duffy, Rose Atkins, Kelly Provost, Stephane Thiffault, Daniel Taylor, Dan Sageman, Thera Wagner, Rachel Veilleux, Angela Edlington, Geoff Eisenbraun Mark Perrin, (Executive Director)

**REGRETS:** Sydney MacDonald

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

All Duffy called the meeting to order at 9:00am

**2. COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

MOTION #1

Moved by Rose Atkins and seconded by Thera Wagner

CARRIED.

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 19th, 2023**

MOTION# 2

Moved by Dan Sageman and seconded by Stephane Thiffault to accept the minutes of July 13 2023, as written.

CARRIED.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/AGENDA: None**

**6. BOARD ACTIVITIES**

**7. FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

- a. 2022 Financials – Presented by BDO
- b. 2023 Treasurer's – Report and Financial

Moved by Bev Hand and seconded by Geoff Eisenbraun to accept the Financials presented by BDO as written. CARRIED.

**8. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- a. Executive Director's Report
- b. Hockey Canada – Rivalry Series
- c. Holiday Dreams – Christmas Rock Story 2023
- d. Cheers to the Coast – Octoberfest Postponed

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- e. Stars on Ice Show
- f. Tall Ships 2025 Bid / Hockey Canada – Women’s U-18 National Championship Bid
- g. Marketing – Video Commercial Package
- h. Overall Marketing
- i. Sarnia Council Meeting

Motioned by Geoff Eisenbraun and seconded by Bev Hand to accept Rivalry Series hosting and event costs.

CARRIED.

Moved by Geoff Eisenbraun and second by Rose Atkins to explore consultant options of doing a follow up study from the 2014 City of Sarnia Arena Management Study that includes the entertainment economic and tourism potential and comparable facilities and partnerships. Options should include costs and if MAT can be allocated or if City of Sarnia would on splitting costs.

CARRIED.

**9. IN CAMERA – None**

**10. STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES**

- a. Job Evaluation and Comparison review being started – Colette Annett

**11. UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

- a. AGM - Wednesday, October 4, 2023
- b. Next Board Meeting – November 16<sup>th</sup> – 9am

\*Rescheduling the AGM due to quorum, new date is Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>,2023

**12. Meeting Adjourned**

MOTION: #7

Motioned by Stephane Thiffeault seconded by Kelly Provost at 10:24am

CARRIED.

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BOARD CHAIR

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VICE CHAIR

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	<b>CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION</b>
<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION</b>
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	<b>Andrew Meyer, General Manager, Cultural Services</b>
<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	<b>Stéphane Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer</b>
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>November 1, 2023</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lambton County</b>

**BACKGROUND**

While the story of this region, its habitation, settlement and development, stretches back thousands of years, the year 2024 will mark an important milestone in the more recent history of local government.

Local government in what is now Ontario dates back to the late 1700s, when the Upper Canada legislature set up Districts as the basic unit of local government. Lambton County was once part of the “District of Hesse”, later known as the “Western District”, which included a large tract of British territories west of Long Point on Lake Erie that essentially included all of western Ontario. District boundaries changed several times as the population grew, and its territorial divisions were renamed over time.

During this period, treaties were signed between the Crown and the Indigenous peoples who inhabited these lands, including the Chippewa, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples, referred to collectively as the Anishinaabeg. The land in Lambton County was included in three Treaties: Treaty #7 (1796), which included Sombra Township, Treaty #21 (1819), the Long Woods Tract and Treaty #29 (1827), the Huron Tract. The treaties entered into between the Crown and Indigenous peoples since the 18th century permitted the evolution of Lambton as it is known today.

With the passage of the *Baldwin Act* in 1849, the districts were abolished and replaced with a two-tier system of municipal government that saw counties as the senior local level. It was a result of this legislation that Lambton County was incorporated as The Corporation of the County of Lambton. Initially, the three counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton were united for municipal purposes, with Kent County withdrawing in 1851, and Lambton County achieving municipal independence in 1852 when it withdrew from its connection with Essex County. The earliest record of Lambton County’s municipal transactions is quoted from a minute book recording the “meeting of the Provisional Council of the County of Lambton, held at Port Sarnia, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1852”. The Warden at the time was Thomas Fisher of the Township of Moore.

The County system of local government established under the *Baldwin Act* was composed of various cities, towns, villages and townships, each with its own council. When the municipalities achieved certain population thresholds, they could elect one or two deputy reeves, who would also sit on county council. Under the *Baldwin Act*, there were population thresholds for the categories of urban municipalities: villages (1,000 people), towns (3,000) and cities (10,000), with more authority and responsibility for the larger centres. Rural areas were designated as townships and were divided into wards, each electing one township councillor.

With increased settlement, Lambton County would evolve throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth century to consist of eight incorporated villages, Alvinston, Arkona, Courtright, Oil Springs, Point Edward, Thedford, Watford and Wyoming; two towns, Forest and Petrolia; one city, City of Sarnia, and ten rural townships, Bosanquet, Brooke, Dawn, Enniskillen, Euphemia, Moore, Plympton, Sarnia, Sombra and Warwick. This federation of municipalities remained largely unchanged for decades to follow, until the amalgamations of the late 1990s that shaped the current municipal landscape within Lambton County.

### **DISCUSSION**

In 2024, The Corporation of the County Lambton will commemorate its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and celebrate its role as a unified federation of local municipalities that have worked together with a spirit of collaboration, innovation and ambition. The unique challenges faced throughout the evolution of Lambton County presented problems that required the ingenuity of past residents to solve. Generations of resourcefulness and partnership between local communities has transformed this landscape, and shaped Lambton County's identity as an agricultural heartland and the birthplace of a commercial oil industry that has transformed the world.

In recent years, this same spirit has helped Lambton County evolve from its roots in agriculture, tourism and petrochemical industries to a position of leadership in fields of research, innovation and the bio-economy. Local industries are evolving to meet future energy, agriculture and consumer needs in a way that avoids the depletion of natural resources and maintains ecological balance. The County and its municipal partners have worked collaboratively to strive for economic expansion and diversification while modelling environmental sustainability and supporting development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

In 2024, the year presents the opportunity to not only mark the milestone anniversary, but to celebrate these past achievements of the County federation, and to look ahead to its promising future as a unified government that works collectively to promote economic growth, environmental stewardship, and to enhanced quality of life for the residents of Lambton County. This builds on the efforts of past Councils, who coordinated celebratory

events and commemorative programs to mark Lambton County's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1949, and its 150<sup>th</sup> in 1999.

In celebration of this milestone anniversary, the General Manager team has identified the following suggested activities for Council's consideration, that can be implemented in 2024 with the support of County staff and partners:

- The Office of the CAO, together with the senior management team, will work with Council and its appointed Strategic Planning Committee, to develop a new County of Lambton Strategic Plan that recognizes Lambton's proud legacy and 175-year history, while creating a vision for the future.
- The "Lambton County Celebrates" 175th Anniversary brand, as depicted in Schedule "A" attached hereto, will be utilized in promotional opportunities throughout the year.
- Council will mark the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a special ceremony at the June 5, 2024, session of County Council (as the nearest council session to the anniversary date of the *Baldwin Act*, May 30, 1849), to include historical displays from Lambton County Museums from each of the municipalities.
- The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme will be used for existing County events throughout the year (annual staff picnic, Warden's banquet, employee recognition, etc.) to celebrate the history of the community and recognize the milestone.
- Lambton County Archives will digitize the historical portraits of County Warden's currently on display in the lobby of the County Administration building, and create an online exhibition and portrait gallery. The portraits will be relocated into the Council Chambers as part of a commemorative 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary feature.
- Lambton County Archives, Lambton Heritage Museum, and Oil Museum of Canada National Historic Site will introduce free admission for residents for the 2024 year to encourage residents to experience the rich history of Lambton.
- The Cultural Services Division sites will feature special anniversary-themed exhibitions and programs throughout the year.
- Lambton County Library will coordinate community 'Show & Tell' events at library locations across the County in collaboration with Lambton County Museums, encouraging residents to share their items of historical significance with the community.
- Working with partners (St. Clair Region Conservation Authority), staff will coordinate the planting of 175 trees at the Oil Museum of Canada National Historic Site property to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.
- Museum staff will coordinate a County-wide 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary recognition award and nomination process to recognize citizens that have demonstrated leadership in advancing heritage preservation and protection in their communities.
- The Creative County Grant Program will work with 2024 grant recipients to promote the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary wherever possible.
- Celebrate the naming of the new meeting space at LSSC as "Ottissippi Room" (meaning "Clear Water") to recognize traditional Indigenous place names as part of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

- Re-introduce the popular community Doors Open event in the fall of 2024 with a special 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme.
- Set a goal to complete the restoration of the log cabin project at Lambton Heritage Museum (representing the oldest known building in Lambton) as a 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative project.
- Engage the community through social media to nominate and vote for a list of the 175 most important historic buildings or properties in the County of Lambton.
- Introduce a new national anthem video for use in Council Chambers as part of County Council meetings to celebrate the rich history of Lambton communities.
- Lambton Heritage Museum, Oil Museum of Canada and Lambton County Archives will publicly launch an online collections database, giving residents and researchers online access to the collections at all three sites.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The planned programs and activities identified to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be accomplished within existing budget resources. The waiving of admission fees to the Lambton Heritage Museum, Lambton County Archives and Oil Museum of Canada will have an impact on admission revenues associated with these two sites. However, the impact can be mitigated by an enhanced effort to encourage donations by visitors upon entry. An analysis of entry donations revenue versus admissions will be reported back to Council at the end of 2024.

**CONSULTATIONS**

In preparation for this report, staff consulted with the General Manager team, and Cultural Services Division staff to align planned programming and services with the proposed 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration activities.

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

The recognition of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Corporation of the County of Lambton is aligned with Area of Effort 5 within the County of Lambton Strategic Plan related to Partnerships: “Developing stronger relationships with community partners, municipalities, and Indigenous groups as a basis to build a shared community of interest”, and also aligns with the County’s principles and values related to a “positive organizational culture” that celebrates its past.

**CONCLUSION**

In 2024, The Corporation of the County of Lambton will commemorate its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Staff recommend a program of activities to mark this important milestone, and celebrate the role of the County as a unified federation of local municipalities that has worked collectively for generations to support its residents.

175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lambton County (page 5)

November 1, 2023

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That staff be authorized to implement the activities outlined in this report to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Corporation of the County of Lambton and to celebrate its role as a unified federation of local municipalities that have worked collectively for generations to support the residents of Lambton County.**

**Schedule "A"**

**Anniversary Brand / Logo**



 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER</b></p>	
<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL</b>
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	<b>Stéphane Thiffault, Chief Administrative Officer</b>
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>November 1, 2023</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Committee Public Health Strategic Team</b>

**BACKGROUND**

At its October 4, 2023, meeting, County Council adopted the following resolution to strike the noted team and committee:

*#7: Miller/Sageam: 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; and*

at the same meeting, County Council adopted the following resolution from the Committee P.M. minutes dated September 20, 2023:

*#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.*

**DISCUSSION**

Following the adoption of each of the above-noted resolutions, each municipal quadrant members was asked to nominate its representative, by email, during the month of October, to the following two (2) committee/team:

- (a) **Strategic Plan Committee**, which will serve to provide guidance and direction to Staff on updating the County’s strategic plan, for Council’s review and consideration; and
- (b) **Public Health Strategic Team**, which will serve to provide guidance and direction to Staff, subject to County Council’s ongoing oversight through regular Staff update reports, on the Province’s proposed voluntary mergers.

Each municipal quadrant has nominated its representative.

The purpose hereof is to:

- update Council on the membership of the committee/team, and
- seek Council's ratification of the committee and team's final membership.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications to carrying out the works contemplated herein with internal resources.

**CONSULTATIONS**

Not applicable.

**CONCLUSION**

Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**(a) That the following membership of the Strategic Plan Committee be hereby approved and ratified:**

**Kevin Marriott, Warden  
Brian White, Deputy Warden  
Jeff Agar, South  
Bill Dennis, Northwest  
Bev Hand, Central  
Dan Sageman, North**

**(b) That the following membership of the Public Health Strategic Team be hereby approved and ratified:**

**Kevin Marriott, Warden  
Brian White, Deputy Warden  
Dave Ferguson, South  
Bill Dennis, Northwest  
Bev Hand, Central  
Dan Sageman, North**

**MINUTES  
COMMITTEE A.M.**

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

**October 18, 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, T. Case, B. White and Warden Kevin Marriott attended in person, and Member M. Bradley 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. A. Taylor, General Manager, Public Health Services, Mr. R. Beauchamp, Deputy Clerk and Mr. S. Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer.

**Absent**

D. Boushy and D. Sageman.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

**INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

**Correspondence to Receive and File**

PD 11-01-23 Notice of Study Commencement from Stacey Ngabire and Lora Yurdakul, Ministry of Transportation regarding a Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment study for the rehabilitation of Highway 21 from the north limit of Forest to 0.5 kilometres south of Lambton Road 7.

#1: Broad/White: That correspondence PD 11-01-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

**Information Report**

Information Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding 2023 Roads and Bridges Construction Update

#2: Agar/Case: That Information Report dated October 18, 2023 regarding 2023 Roads and Bridges Construction Update be received and filed.

Carried.

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**Reports Requiring a Motion**

Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Maintenance Activity Report April to October 2023

**#3:** Case/Broad: That County Council adopt the County of Lambton Winter Operations Plan for the 2023/24 winter season as presented.

Carried.

Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Speed Limit Adjustment on County Road 7 for PXO

**#4:** White/Marriott: That a draft By-Law be presented to County Council for its consideration to repeal and replace only Schedule A of By-Law No. 19 of 2016 with the revised Appendix A attached hereto.

Carried.

Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Update Appointment By-Law for Inspectors

**#5:** White/Agar: That a draft By-Law deleting, Mr. Mario Blazevic, Ms. Colleen Ellis, Ms. Jamie Garrison, and appointing Ms. Jessica Van Den Berge as an Inspector be presented to County Council for its consideration.

Carried.

**PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**Information Report**

Information Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Community Paramedicine Program Activity Update

**#6:** White/Broad: That the Information Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Community Paramedicine Program Activity Update be received and filed.

Carried.

**CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION**

**Information Reports**

**#7:** White/Broad: That the following Information Reports from the Cultural Services Division be received and filed:

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- a) Information Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Closure of Mallroad Library.
  - b) Information Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Lambton Heritage Museum Renovation Post Project Review.
- Carried.

**Reports Requiring a Motion**

Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Library Policy Manual

**#8:** Case/Agar: That Lambton County Council approve the following Library policies: Planning, Evaluation, Children’s Services and Teen Services.

Carried.

Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Museums, Gallery & Archives Collections Management August 2023

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

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**#10:** Broad/Bradley: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the County Building, Wyoming, Ontario.

Carried.

Time: 9:10 a.m.

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Ian Veen  
Chair

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Ryan Beauchamp  
Deputy Clerk

**MINUTES  
COMMITTEE P.M.**

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

**October 18, 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. Hand, Alternate Member J. Field, and Warden Kevin Marriott attended in person. 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

B. Dennis and C. McRoberts.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

**LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION**

**Correspondence to Receive and File**

LTC 11-02-23 A memo from Ontario Health, dated October 3, 2023 regarding operational direction to prepare for and respond to the fall/winter surge in respiratory viruses.

#1: Field/Miller: That correspondence LTC 11-02-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

**Information Report**

Information Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Respiratory Season Preparedness

#2: Field/Miller: That the Information Report dated October 18, 2023 regarding Respiratory Season Preparedness be received and filed.

Carried.

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**Invitation**

Members were invited to a number of Long-Term Care Homes' Christmas Dinners held on various dates. Members were asked to please RSVP to Laura Bydeley at laura.bydeley@county-lambton.on.ca by November 17, 2023 if interested to attend any of the dinners.

**CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION**

**Report Requiring a Motion**

Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding County Council Corporate Policy Review

**#3:** Cook/Hand: That the following policies attached hereto as Appendix "A" are hereby approved and their amendments made effective, on a prospective basis, as of November 1, 2023:

- C00 #12 Council Member Pregnancy, Birth and/or Adoption of Child Leave Policy;
- C00 #13 Council-Staff Relations Policy;
- C12 #01 Alternate Members Policy;
- L07 #01 Sale / Disposition of Surplus Lands Policy; and
- L15 #01 Land Acknowledgement Policy.

Carried.

**FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION**

**Information Report**

Information Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding the Annual Donations Report

**#4:** Miller/Marriott: That Information Report dated October 18, 2023 regarding the Annual Donations Report be received and filed.

Carried.

**Report Requiring a Motion**

Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Policing Grant Review

**#5:** Atkinson/Cook:

- a) That the County continue the annual Policing Grant to the local municipalities in their current amounts, for a total aggregate amount of \$600,000 shared between all municipalities, and to continue the same for 2024 year.

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- b) That staff be instructed to consult with all local municipalities on the potential discontinuation of the grant, and the potential timelines therefor, and return to Council with a report thereon by no later than July 2024.

Carried.

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION**

**Information Reports**

**#6:** Atkinson/Cook: That the following Information Reports from the Social Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Affordable Housing Site Review.
- b) Information Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Canada Learning Bond Project.
- c) Information Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Child Care and Early Years Update.
- d) Information Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Housing, Homelessness and Addictions Summit Outcomes Committee.
- e) Information Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Out of the Cold Program.

Carried.

**Report Requiring a Motion**

**Report dated October 18, 2023 Regarding Affordable Housing Initiatives - New Units**

**#7:** Miller/Field:

- a) That Council hereby approves the following:
- i. the creation of a one-bedroom unit in the existing lounge space at 230 Capel; and
  - ii. the creation of a bachelor unit in the existing storage area at 124 Queen.
- b) That the costs for those items set out in paragraph (a) be funded from existing provincial funding, where available, and that any deficit in such funding, if any, be funded through the 10-year Capital Asset Management Plan.

Carried.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**#8:** Atkinson/Marriott: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the County Building, Wyoming, Ontario.

Carried.

Time: 11:08 a.m.

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David Ferguson  
Chair

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Ryan Beauchamp  
Deputy Clerk

**WARDEN KEVIN MARRIOTT  
INVITES COUNTY COUNCIL TO**

# **BRUNCH**

**FOLLOWING  
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL**



**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH**

**10:00AM - 11:00AM**

**COUNTY OF LAMBTON ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING**

**789 BROADWAY STREET, WYOMING ON**

**COMMITTEE ROOM 1**