

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

November 1, 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, with Councillor M. Bradley attending virtually. Also present was N. McEwan, Alternate Member to Councillor G. Atkinson, Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

Councillor Loosley's Thank You

Warden Marriott acknowledged Councillor Loosley's return from a leave of absence. Councillor Loosley thanked Warden Marriott, Mr. Thiffeault, CAO, County staff, County Councillors, Joel Field (alternate member to Councillor Loosley), local Municipal Councils, local corporations and businesses, and members of the public who sent Councillor Loosley flowers, plants, fruit baskets, get-well cards, and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Land Acknowledgement

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

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

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

- 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 ss. 239(2)(d) of *the Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Time: 9:03 a.m.

Open Session

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

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session

The Clerk noted that County Council met in camera to:

- a) adopt the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) Minutes dated October 4, 2023;
- b) receive a report regarding the CAO's appointment and performance; and
- c) receive a report regarding labor relations and employee negotiations at Lambton Public Health.

Take Your Kids to Work Day – November 1, 2023

Today is take Your Kids to Work Day. This annual event provides students with a glimpse into the working world and for us, the many ways municipal staff provide caring, growing and innovative services to the residents of Lambton County.

This day involves students from Grade 9 spending the day in the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host, where they experience and learn about the world of work.

We would like to welcome Will Deline, Emelia Hamill, Alyssa Bydeley, Cole vanKlinken, Lochlan Kennedy, Drew Mullen, Laylah Leveille, Aiden Coulson, Avery Titus, Emma Bogaert, Jaiden Bedard, and Megan Thomas who are with us in person and on-line.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated October 4, 2023, were presented.

#2: Broad/Ferguson: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated October 4, 2023, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

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.

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 An email dated October 18, 2023, from Sasha Helmky-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.

#3: Boushy/Agar: That correspondence CC 11-03-23 and CC 11-04-23, be received and filed.

Carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH (LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH)

Correspondence to Receive and File

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:

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.

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.

#4: Veen/Case: That correspondence CC 11-05-23 and CC 11-06-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#5: Veen/Ferguson: That the following Information Reports from the Board of Health (Lambton Public Health) be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated November 1, 2023 Regarding Community Safety and Well-Being Plan - Update on Implementation Report.
- b) Information Report dated November 1, 2023 Regarding Extreme Temperature Initiatives - Update.
- c) Information Report dated November 1, 2023 Regarding Lambton Public Health 2022 Annual Report.

d) Information Report dated November 1, 2023 Regarding Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program Update.

e) Information Report dated November 1, 2023 Regarding Tobacco, Vape and Cannabis Strategy Update.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

#6: Dennis/Loosley: That the following Items not Requiring a Motion be received and filed:

a) Lambton County Creative Committee Meeting minutes dated March 30, 2023.

b) Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership Board Meeting minutes dated May 30, June 15 and 27, 2023.

c) Lambton Seniors' Advisory Committee minutes dated August 22, 2023.

d) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Board minutes dated September 28, 2023.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated November 1, 2023 Regarding 175th Anniversary of Lambton County

#7: Broad/Cook: That staff be authorized to implement the activities outlined in this report to mark the 175th 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.

Carried.

CAO

Report dated November 1, 2023 Regarding Strategic Plan Committee, Public Health Strategic Team

#8: Miller/Sageman:

- 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

Carried.

Committee Minutes

Mr. I. Veen presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated October 18, 2023.

#9: Veen/Hand: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated October 18, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. D. Ferguson presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated October 18, 2023.

#10: Ferguson/Dennis: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated October 18, 2023, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Other Business

Addressing Homelessness In Sarnia and Point Edward

Councillor Bradley asked staff to provide insight in relation to: (1) the hours of operation for the Out of the Cold emergency shelter and the Housing and Homelessness Resource Centre located in Laurel Lea Centre – St. Matthew’s Presbyterian Church and other warming centers throughout the City of Sarnia and the Village of Point Edward;

(2) hours of assistance provided by the County's homelessness prevention outreach staff; (3) the continuation of the Housing and Homelessness Resource Centre following expiry of the County's existing lease in April 2024; and (4) the hours of operation of the local medical transportation van funded and operated by Bluewater Health, Canadian Mental Health Association and West Lambton Community Health Centre.

Housing Services Building Tour

Councillor Case thanked County staff for organizing the Housing Services Department building tour that took place on October 25, 2023. Councillor Case encouraged any County councillors who could not attend the tour to do so for any future events as it was very informative and eye-opening to see the County's facilities firsthand.

Councillor Hand seconded Councillor Case's comments and added that it was helpful to see the buildings and units currently undergoing renovations.

By-Laws

#11: Loosley/McRoberts: That By-Laws #28 - #30 of 2023, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#12: McRoberts/Loosley: That By-Laws #28 - #30 of 2023, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#13: Veen/Ferguson: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

Carried.

Time: 9:48 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Ryan Beauchamp
Deputy Clerk