

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

November 29, 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 I. Veen, and Councillor A. Broad attending virtually. Also present was P. Brown, Alternate Member to Councillor S. Miller, Township of St. Clair.

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: Councillor Loosley advised that his son is now working for The Corporation of the County of Lambton as a Paramedic and given that, declared a pecuniary interest regarding Items 10 b) and 15 a) of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) agenda dated November 29, 2023 regarding Lambton EMS' proposed Master Plan 2024-2028. Councillor Loosley recused himself when these matters were discussed.

In-Camera

#1: Case/Loosley: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera:

- a) to review the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated November 1, 2023, and the Committee A.M. (In-Camera) minutes dated November 15, 2023 pursuant to s. 239 (2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to receive a report, and provided instructions related thereto, regarding negotiations between Lambton Public Health and a third party regarding organizational matters, pursuant to s. 239(2)(k) of *the Municipal Act, 2001*.
- c) to receive a report, and provide instructions related thereto, on a proposed collective agreement between The Corporation of the County of Lambton and Unifor 302, pursuant to s. 239 (2) (d) of *the Municipal Act, 2001*.
- d) to receive a report concerning information systems network security, pursuant to s. 239 (2) (a) of *the Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.
Time: 9:04 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 November 1, 2023 and the Committee A.M. (In-Camera) Minutes dated November 15, 2023;
- b) to provide instructions regarding negotiations between Lambton Public Health and a third party on organizational matters; and
- c) to provide instructions on a proposed collective agreement between the County of Lambton and Unifor 302.

Donation Recognition 2023

Warden Kevin Marriott, on behalf of Lambton County Council and staff, thanked those who have made very generous donations to several Lambton County programs and facilities over the past year. These donors include Noelle's Gift to Children, Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation, The Lodge Auxiliary, The Villa Auxiliary, The Manor Auxiliary, Ron Van Horne and Scott Ferguson, Don and Anne McGugan and The Famous 5 Sarnia Lambton Speaker Series. Links to the video presentations can be found on the Lambton County website at www.lambtononline.ca/donors.

Delegations

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

Carried.

Petrolia Childcare Advocacy Group

Jenna Simpson, Kate Wagar, and Shalen Hunter, Members of the Petrolia Childcare Advocacy Group spoke to County Council highlighting the childcare crisis in Lambton County.

#3: Loosley/Bradley: That staff report back to County Council prior to the 2024 budget deliberations on:

- a) The current status of childcare in Lambton County including the availability of spaces and the number of spaces occupied and/or vacant.
- b) The current funding for childcare spaces available in Lambton County.
- c) The steps taken and/or to be taken to reasonably improve access to childcare in Lambton County, including opportunities for potential private and public partnerships.
Carried.

Ontario Aboriginal Housing Support Services Corporation

Gail Obediah, Development Manager of the Ontario Aboriginal Housing Support Services Corporation spoke to County Council regarding its housing project at 940 Confederation Street, Sarnia and all the wonderful amenities/services that will be provided on site as well as an update on some of the challenges/delays, next steps, and anticipated timelines.

Presentations

Huron Shores Area Transit

Susan Mills, Transit Coordinator, Huron Shores Area Transit spoke to Council on its transit system in Bluewater, Kettle & Stony Point First Nation, Lambton Shores, North Middlesex and South Huron.

#4: Bradley/Case: That a staff report be brought to County Council on February 7, 2024, on the information provided by Ms. Mills, Transit Coordinator, Huron Shores Area Transit, and how it can be applied to rural transportation in Lambton County.

Carried.

Lambton EMS' Proposed Master Plan 2024-2028

Stephen Turner, Manager, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) spoke to Council to provide details regarding Lambton EMS' proposed Master Plan 2024-2028.

#5: Bradley/Dennis:

- a) That Council accept the report and the recommendations contained within.
- b) That the presentation be circulated to each council of the local municipalities within Lambton County requesting their input prior to January 31, 2024.

Carried.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated November 1, 2023, were presented.

#6: Agar/White: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated November 1, 2023, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 11-08-23 An email from Sarah Carter, Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor, Municipality of North Perth dated October 26, 2023 advising that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on October 23rd, 2023 regarding a request for support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022 from Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP.

Moved By: Lee Anne Andriessen Seconded By: Sarah Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports Consent Agenda Item 7.11 Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP – Request for Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022.

AND THAT: Staff be directed to forward the resolution to other provincial entities and other Council counterparts across Ontario.

CARRIED.

CC 11-09-23 An email from Sarah Carter, Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor, Municipality of North Perth dated October 26, 2023 advising that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on October 23rd, 2023 regarding Policy Update – Social and Economic Prosperity Review from the Association of Municipalities Ontario.

Moved By: Matt Duncan Seconded By: Allan Rothwell

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth endorses the briefing from AMO calling for discussion on Social and Economic Prosperity and that North Perth is willing to participate.

AND THAT: The resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, AMO, Perth-Wellington MP John Nater, Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rae, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED.

CC 11-10-23 An email from Sarah Carter, Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor, Municipality of North Perth dated October 26, 2023 advising that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on October 16th, 2023 regarding “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario.

Moved By: Sarah Blazek Seconded By: Matt Richardson

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth endorses the resolution from the Town of Midland and circulates the resolution to relevant stakeholders.

CARRIED.

CC 11-14-23 An email from Andrea Clegg, P.Eng. GHD Project Manager dated November 20, 2023 regarding the Notice of Online Public Information Centre: Highway 40 Widening Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment being held from Monday, November 27 to Sunday, December 10, 2023 and is available on the project website.

CC 11-15-23 An email dated November 16, 2023 from Kelly Beri, Senior Environmental Planner, on behalf of Waste Management Canada providing Notice of Public Information Session 2 for the Twin Creeks Environmental Centre Landfill Optimization Project that will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 and Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at the Twin Creeks Environmental Centre, 5768 Nauvoo Road, Watford, ON from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#7: Cook/McRoberts: That correspondence CC 11-08-23, CC 11-09-23, CC 11-10-23, CC 11-14-23 and CC 11-15-23, be received and filed.

Carried.

Correspondence from Member Municipalities

CC 11-11-23 An email dated October 26, 2023 from Erin Kwarciak, Clerk, Town of Plympton-Wyoming advising that at the regular Council Meeting held October 25th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the attached resolution from the Township of McKellar regarding a Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006.

Motion 10

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support item ‘L’ of correspondence from the Township of McKellar regarding a Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006.

Carried.

#8: Brown/Boushy: That correspondence CC 11-11-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH (LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH)

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 11-12-23 A letter from Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Sudbury & Districts dated October 27, 2023, regarding public health strengthening and chronic disease prevention. The Sudbury & Districts Board of Health urges the Provincial Government to ensure all health system actors, including local Public Health, are supported to invest in coordinated action to promote health and reduce the burden of chronic diseases, affecting so many Ontarians.

CC 11-13-23 A letter from Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Sudbury & Districts dated October 27, 2023, regarding a resolution made at its Board of Health meeting on October 29, 2023. The Sudbury & Districts Board of Health support the recommendations submitted by the Coalition for Healthy School Food to the Government of Canada as part of advance consultations for Budget 2024.

#9: Ferguson/Case: That correspondence CC 11-12-23 and CC 11-13-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#10: Dennis/Atkinson: That the following Information Reports from the Board of Health (Lambton Public Health) be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated November 29, 2023 Regarding After Action Review of Lambton Public Health's COVID-19 Pandemic Response - Partner Engagement Reports.
- b) Information Report dated November 29, 2023 Regarding Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks' Sarnia Area Environmental Health Project.
- c) Information Report dated November 29, 2023 Regarding Health Protection - 2023 Third Quarter Activity Report.
- d) Information Report dated November 29, 2023 Regarding Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Hub Funding for 2023-24.

Carried.

Information Reports

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated November 29, 2023 Regarding Alternate Member Appointments – Policy C12.01

#11: Loosley/Cook: That the Information Report dated November 29, 2023 regarding Alternate Member Appointments – Policy C12.01 be received and filed.

Carried.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated November 29, 2023 Regarding Court Services 3rd Quarter Statistics and Activity

#12: Atkinson/Case: That the Information Report dated November 29, 2023 regarding Court Services 3rd Quarter Statistics and Activity be received and filed.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

Mr. J. Agar presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated November 15, 2023.

#13: Agar/Sageman: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated November 15, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

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

#14: Ferguson/Dennis: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated November 15, 2023, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Items Tabled from a Previous Meeting

Information Report dated November 29, 2023 Regarding Rural Transportation Follow-Up

#15: Bradley/White: That the Information Report dated November 29, 2023, regarding Rural Transportation Follow-Up, be tabled until February 7, 2024, so that it can be considered alongside the report to be brought by County staff on that same day, regarding the Huron Shores Area Transit presentation made to County Council on November 29, 2023.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

Reconsideration of Motion

Councillor Bradley requested a Reconsideration of Council's June 7, 2023, decision on Councillor Boushy's following motion, which was defeated:

#13: Boushy/Dennis: That County Council support the following motion:

Given that our two-county council committees are half of council we should consider joining together with council and meet once a month as a whole county council, on a trial basis.

Joining as one county council will:

1. Save council time.
2. Save staff reports and staff time.

Motion Withdrawn.

Meeting as a Committee of the Whole

Councillor Case provided Notice of Motion for the November 29, 2023, Lambton County Council meeting that Council consider meeting as a Committee of the Whole once per month rather than the current Committee A.M. and Committee P.M. structure.

#16: Case/Bradley: That the Committee A.M. and Committee P.M. structure be replaced with a single Committee of the Whole, on a one-year trial basis beginning in January 2024, with meetings set to start at 9:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month as scheduled.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor McRoberts was requested by Councillor Bradley on Motion #16 of this day's minutes.

Councillor	Vote
J. Agar	No (3)
G. Atkinson	No (3)
D. Boushy	Yes (3)
M. Bradley	Yes (3)
A. Broad	Yes (1)
T. Case	Yes (2)
D. Cook	Yes (2)
B. Dennis	Yes (3)
D. Ferguson	No (1)
B. Hand	Yes (1)

Councillor	Vote
B. Loosley	Yes (2)
K. Marriott	Yes (1)
C. McRoberts	Yes (3)
P. Brown	Yes (2)
D. Sageman	Yes (3)
I. Veen	Absent
B. White	Yes (3)

Yeas - 29; Nays - 7.

Motion Carried.

Other Business

Homelessness Prevention

Councillor White asked what assistance can be provided for those that choose to be unsheltered, to find shelter for them during the cold weather months.

Accessibility Advisory Committee Vacancy

Councillor Cook, as chair of the Lambton County Accessibility Advisory Committee, advised of the passing of one of the committee members, Luanna Cameron, and sent condolences to her family. Councillor Cook requested that his fellow councillors, who sit on an accessibility committee, consider whether one of their members would also like to sit on the Lambton County Accessibility Advisory Committee. More information can be provided by reaching out to Laurie Webb, staff member of the committee.

By-Laws

#17: Atkinson/Agar: That By-Laws #31 - #32 of 2023, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#18: Agar/Atkinson: That By-Laws #31 - #32 of 2023, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#19: Atkinson/Loosley: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

Carried.

Time: 11:50 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Ryan Beauchamp
Deputy Clerk