

MINUTES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

(Infrastructure & Development Services/Public Health Services – Emergency Medical Services/Cultural Services/Long-Term Care/Corporate Services/Finance, Facilities and Court Services/Social Services)

April 17, 2024

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

Present

Chair K. Marriott and Members J. Agar, G. Atkinson, D. Boushy, M. Bradley, A. Broad, T. Case, D. Cook, D. Ferguson, B. Hand, C. McRoberts, S. Miller, D. Sageman and B. White attended in person. Member B. Loosley attended virtually. Various staff were present including the following General Managers: Mr. J. Cole, General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, Mr. A. Taylor, General Manager, Public Health Services, Mr. A. Meyer, General Manager, Cultural Services, 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, Ms. O. Leger, General Manager, Corporate Services and Mr. S. Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent

B. Dennis.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

PW 05-05-24 A letter from Andrea Fischer, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Town of Goderich, dated March 8, 2024 regarding a motion passed at the Monday, February 26, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting asking that the ROMA & OGRA boards re-establish a combined ROMA and OGRA annual conference and that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions.

PW 05-06-24 A letter from Janet Denkers, Clerk, the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston, dated March 19, 2024 regarding support of the County of Lambton's comments on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) amendment application (ERO number 019-

8205) and associated documentation submitted by York 1 Environmental Waste Solutions.

#1: Miller/Boushy: That correspondence PW 05-05-24 and PW 05-06-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#2: Boushy/Cook: That the following Information Reports dated April 17, 2024 from the Infrastructure and Development Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated April 17, 2024 regarding Woodlands Annual Report 2023.
- b) Information Report dated April 17, 2024 regarding 2024-2028 Roads Construction Program.
- c) Information Report dated April 17, 2024 regarding Upcoming 2024 Public Works Conferences.
- d) Information Report dated April 17, 2024 regarding York1 Environmental Waste Solutions Ltd. Applications.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated April 17, 2024 Regarding Appointment of Emergency Management Program Coordinators and Alternates

#3: Sageman/Cook: That a draft By-Law appointing Jay vanKlinken as the Emergency Management Program Coordinator, and David Larkin, Lynn McCreary, and Brian Soulard as Alternate Emergency Management Program Coordinators be presented to County Council for its consideration.

Carried.

Report dated April 17, 2024 Regarding County of Middlesex Boundary Agreement

#4: Ferguson/Veen:

- a) That The Corporation of the County of Lambton enter into an agreement with the County of Middlesex for the maintenance and repair of boundary roads and bridges subject to the terms and conditions of the agreement attached hereto as Appendix A.
- b) That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute all relevant documentation.
- c) That the appropriate By-Law be presented to County Council for their consideration.

Carried.

Report dated April 17, 2024 Regarding Parking By-Law – Enforcement and Penalty Provision Amendment

#5: Case/Atkinson:

- a) That the By-Law No. 24 of 2023 “A By-Law to Regulate Parking” (hereinafter the “Parking By-Law”) be amended by deleting section 10 therefrom and replacing section 10 with the following provisions:

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- 10.1 *A police officer, provincial offences officer, or such other person designated by By-Law from time to time may enforce all provisions of this By-Law.*
- 10.2 *A police officer, provincial offences officer, or such other person designated by By-Law from time to time to enforce this By-Law, may cause a Vehicle Parked in contravention of this By-Law to be moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place, and all costs and charges for removing, caring and storing, if any, shall be assessed as a lien against the Vehicle and enforced as such in the manner provided by in the Repair and Storage Liens Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. R.25; and*
- 10.3 *Any person who contravenes this By-Law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to such fine and other penalty as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 33 as amended.*
- 10.4 *Where a Vehicle has been left Parking in contravention of this ByLaw, the owner of the Vehicle, notwithstanding that he or she was not the driver of the Vehicle at the time of the contravention of this By-Law, is guilty of an offence and is liable to the fine assessed in accordance with section 3 and the costs set out in section 2, as applicable, unless, in respect only of the fine assessed in accordance with section 3, at the time of the contravention of this By-Law, the Vehicle was in the possession of some person other than the owner without the owner’s consent. The owner of the Vehicle shall have the onus of demonstrating that the Vehicle was in possession of some person other than the owner without the owner’s consent for the purposes of this By-Law. Regardless of who was in possession of the Vehicle at the time of the contravention of the By-Law, all charges in moving or taking to and placing or storing the Vehicle shall continue to be assessed and placed as a lien against the Vehicle in accordance with section 2 hereof.*
- b) That the appropriate By-Law be presented to County Council amending the Parking By-Law in accordance with paragraph a) above for Council’s consideration and approval.

Carried.

Report dated April 17, 2024 Regarding County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Sub-Committee Recommendations

#6: Veen/Miller:

- a) That Council approve the County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) draft Terms of Reference, dated March 5, 2024, attached hereto as Appendix “B”.
- b) That County of Lambton staff and associated resources assemble and facilitate the Committee under the newly adopted Terms of Reference.

Carried.

#7: Broad/Case: The Council accept Councillor A. Broad’s resignation from the County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee and that Councillor G. Atkinson be appointed to the County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2024 year.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

No reports from Public Health Services Division – Emergency Medical Services.

CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

CUL 05-01-24 A letter dated December 12, 2023 from The Honourable Neil Lumsden Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport to the Lambton County Public Library Board, announcing approval of grant funds under the Public Library Operating, Pay Equity and First Nation Salary Supplement Grants program for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Such funding supports the organization by providing important library services and access to information to residents within the community.

CUL 05-04-24 A letter from Julie Kirkelos, Clerk, The Town of Lincoln, dated February 28, 2024, regarding a resolution as passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its February 26, 2024 Council meeting. The Town of Lincoln is seeking support on the resolution below. Please see the attached letter for the full motion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and

strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing postpandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience.

CUL 05-09-24 A letter from Kristina Lepik, Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services, The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg, dated March 8, 2024 regarding a resolution as passed by the Town of Cobourg at its February 28, 2024 Council meeting. The Town of Cobourg is seeking support on the resolution below. Please see the attached letter for the full motion.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobourg authorize the Mayor to promptly send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030.

#8: Boushy/Agar: That correspondence CUL 05-01-24, CUL 05-04-24, and CUL 05-09-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#9: Miller/Veen: That the following Information Reports from the Cultural Services Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated April 17, 2024 regarding Show and Tell with Lambton County Library and Lambton County Museums.

b) Information Report dated April 17, 2024 regarding Bright's Grove Library Expansion.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated April 17, 2024 Regarding Library Policy Manual

#10: Cook/Broad: That Lambton County Council approve the following Library policies: Video Surveillance and Sponsorships and Partnerships.

Carried.

Report dated April 17, 2024 Regarding Museums, Gallery & Archives Collections Management January and February 2024

#11: Agar/Atkinson: That the Museums, Gallery and Archives Collections Management January and February 2024 Report be accepted, and items recommended for acceptance be approved for inclusion in the respective permanent collections.

Carried.

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

LTC 05-07-24 A letter from the Ministry of Long-Term Care, dated April 2, 2024 regarding approval of two (2) additional beds (for a total of 12) for the Long-Term Care Development Project at Lambton Meadowview Villa.

#12: Case/Cook: That correspondence LTC 05-07-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#13: Veen/McRoberts: That the following Information Reports dated April 17, 2024 from the Long-Term Care Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated April 17, 2024 regarding Ministry of Long-Term Care Inspections – 2023.
- b) Information Report dated April 17, 2024 regarding One Time Funding.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

CORP 05-08-24 A letter from Catalina Blumenberg, Clerk, The County of Prince Edward, dated March 28, 2024 regarding a resolution as passed by The County of Prince Edward at its March 26, 2024 Council meeting. The County of Prince Edward is seeking support on the resolution below. Please see the attached letter for the full motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Prince Edward County strongly encourages action on the part of the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) create a "Municipal Accessibility Fund" for municipalities to develop, implement and enforce AODA standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings. Such a fund could be modeled after the Canada Community-Building Fund or the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund on a per household basis; and**
- b) to commit to working with municipalities to implement the Donovan Review immediate crisis recommendations.**

#14: Veen/Atkinson: That Lambton County Council support the resolution in correspondence CORP 05-08-24.

Carried.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report

Information Report dated April 17, 2024 Regarding 2023 Council Remuneration and Related Expenses

#15: Miller/Hand: That Information Report dated April 17, 2024 regarding 2023 Council Remuneration and Related Expenses be received and filed.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated April 17, 2024 Regarding 2024 Tax Policy

#16: Broad/McRoberts:

- a) That for all property classes except the Landfill Property Class, there be no change to the broad property class ratios for these classes from those set by Council for the 2023 Taxation year, and that these ratios continue to apply in the 2024 Taxation year.
- b) That the Tax Class Ratio for the Landfill Property Class be set at the maximum value as permitted in Subsection 10.2(3) as described in O.Reg. 385/98 as amended, being 22.035526.

Carried.

Report dated April 17, 2024 Regarding the 2023 Year-End Monitoring Report

#17: Broad/McRoberts: That Council, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy approved by County Council on July 6, 2022, authorize the General Manager, Finance, Facilities and Court Services/County Treasurer to contribute the 2023 year-end surplus, estimated in the amount of \$550,000, to the County's Stabilization Reserve.

Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

SOC 05-02-24 A resolution from Catalina Blumenberg, Clerk, the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward dated February 13, 2024 regarding Prince Edward County

Council's support for a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates.

#18: Ferguson/Hand: That correspondence SOC 05-02-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#19: Broad/Case: That the following Information Reports from the Social Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated April 17, 2024 regarding Affordable Housing Update 2.
- b) Information Report dated April 17, 2024 regarding Employment Ontario Delivery Update.
- c) Information Report dated April 17, 2024 regarding the Out of the Cold Shelter Program.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated April 17, 2024 Regarding Kathleen Avenue Development

#20: Cook/Bradley:

- a) That staff proceed with the design, engineering and construction of up to 50 affordable housing units on the lands described as Lots 19-23 on Plan 299 and the north half of Christy Street (closed) also on Plan 299 in the City of Sarnia (hereinafter, the "Kathleen Avenue Development") at an estimated cost of \$16.5 million.
- b) That the County be authorized to seek additional debt financing of up to \$7,611,620.00 on the Kathleen Avenue property to partially fund the Kathleen Avenue Development.
- c) That staff provide County Council with quarterly project updates, including confirmation of the number of affordable housing units to be constructed and capital budget monitoring updates.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor T. Case wished the Alvinston Killer Bees hockey team the best of luck in the Championship series.

#21: Bradley/McRoberts: That the County of Lambton and City of Sarnia host a joint virtual Town Hall meeting within the next four weeks to address questions and concerns

regarding housing and homelessness in the community, and that the media and the public are invited to attend.

Carried.

Councillor J. Agar invited Council to attend the United Way Campaign kickoff BBQ hosted by St. Clair Township at the Mooretown Civic Centre on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

IN-CAMERA

#22: Atkinson/Bradley: That the Chair declare the Committee go in-camera to discuss the following:

- a) a report to provide an update and instructions relating to information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by the Province of Ontario, pursuant to s. 239(2)(h) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) a report regarding the potential acquisition of property in the City of Sarnia, and to provide instructions in relation thereto, pursuant to s. 239(2)(c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- c) a report and provide instructions regarding negotiations between the County and a third party relating to a lease agreement in the City of Sarnia, pursuant to ss. 239(2)(k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- d) a report and provide instructions regarding negotiations between the County and a third party relating to a development project in the City of Sarnia, pursuant to s. 239(2)(e)(k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

#23: (Motion to be dealt with at the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) meeting dated May 1, 2024).

#24: (Motion to be dealt with at the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) meeting dated May 1, 2024).

#25: (Motion to be dealt with at the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) meeting dated May 1, 2024).

#26: (Motion to be dealt with at the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) meeting dated May 1, 2024).

#27: Bradley/Broad: That the Chair declare the Committee go back into Open Session.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#28: Boushy/Agar: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Western Sarnia-Lambton Research Park, 1086 Modeland Road, Sarnia, Ontario.

Carried.

Time: 9:31 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Chair

Olivia Leger
Clerk