

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

May 1, 2024

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.

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: Loosley/Sage-man: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera:

- a) to review the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated April 3, 2024 pursuant to s. 239(2) (d),(e) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to review the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) minutes dated April 17, 2024 pursuant to s. 239(2) (c),(e),(h) and (k) 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 9:04 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 April 3, 2024.
- b) adopt the Committee of the Whole In-Camera Minutes dated April 17, 2024 with respect to the following:
 - i. an update and instructions relating to information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by the Province of Ontario;
 - ii. potential acquisition of property in the City of Sarnia, and to provide instructions in relation thereto;
 - iii. negotiations between the County and a third party relating to a lease agreement in the City of Sarnia; and
 - iv. negotiations between the County and a third party relating to a development project in the City of Sarnia.

Delegations

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

Carried.

POGG Primer: Ending the Public/Private Partnership Fraud

Alison Maxwell and Larry Swart presented to County Council regarding the "POGG Primer: Ending the Public/Private Partnership Fraud."

County of Lambton Community Development Corporation (CLCDC) Board Update and Request

Dr. Katherine Albion, Executive Director, Western Sarnia-Lambton Research Park and Derrek Lennox, Managing Partner, Kewin Consulting presented to Council regarding an update and request to County Council on behalf of the County of Lambton Community Development Corporation (CLCDC) Board.

#3: Broad/Agar:

- a) That County Council grant the County of Lambton Community Development Corporation (CLCDC) the base operating funding of \$1.35 million through to March 2025, subject to the following conditions:

- i. That 50% of the grant be provided to CLCDC forthwith; and
 - ii. That the remaining 50% of the grant be released only upon receiving further direction from County Council, confirming that the remaining amounts may be released, following a progress update, including its financial status, from CLCDC at the September 4, 2024 County Council meeting.
- b) That Staff report back to County Council on the funding and financial obligations with respect to CLCDC by September 2024.
- c) That Staff also report back to County Council on the remaining lease term for Tourism Sarnia-Lambton with respect to its lease at the tourism facility, and whether there are any opportunities for other County community partners, including Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, to lease space at the Research Park.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor McRoberts was requested by Councillor Bradley on motion #3 of this day's minutes.

Councillor	Vote
J. Agar	Yes (3)
G. Atkinson	Yes (3)
D. Boushy	No (3)
M. Bradley	No (3)
A. Broad	Yes (1)
T. Case	Yes (2)
D. Cook	Yes (3)
B. Dennis	No (3)
D. Ferguson	Yes (1)
B. Hand	Yes (1)
B. Loosley	Yes (2)
K. Marriott	Yes (1)
C. McRoberts	Yes (3)
S. Miller	Yes (2)
D. Sageman	Yes (2)
I. Veen	Yes (1)
B. White	Yes (3)

Yeas - 28; Nays - 9.

Motion Carried.

Western Sarnia-Lambton Research Park's Value to the Economic and Innovation Ecosystems of the Region

Rob Kardas, President and CEO, Lambton College, Dr. David Muir, Associate Vice-President, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships, Western University, Kelly Provost, Director of Economic Development, City of Sarnia, and Matthew Slotwinski, Interim CEO,

Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership presented to County Council regarding the importance of the Western Sarnia-Lambton Research Park to the economic and innovation ecosystems of the region.

Guest Speakers

Honourable Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and MPP Bob Bailey sent their regrets for not being able to attend the Council meeting due to an unforeseen commitment with Premier Doug Ford.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated April 3, 2024 were presented.

#4: Sageman/Veen: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated April 3, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH (LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH)

Board of Health Correspondence to Receive and File

BOH 05-11-24 A letter from Dr. Charles Gardner, President, Association of Local Public Health Agencies (“alPHa”) dated April 5, 2024 in response to the Chief Medical Officer of Health’s (“CMOH”) 2023 Annual Report, which addresses substance use and harms and recommends strategies to reduce them. alPHa has endorsed several resolutions that are directly connected to the themes of CMOH’s Annual Report. A selection of these resolutions and their connections to the CMOH’s observations and recommendations are outlined in the correspondence. See correspondence and links within for full resolution details.

BOH 05-12-24 A letter from René Lapierre, Board of Health Chair, and Dr. Mustafa Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Sudbury & Districts dated April 22, 2024, regarding a resolution as passed at the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury and District’s meeting on April 18, 2024, relating to recommendations for government regulation of nicotine pouches. Please see the attached letter for the full motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourage Health Canada to take immediate action to close the regulatory gap that permits the sale of nicotine pouches to youth under 18 years of age.

#5: Case/Agar: That correspondence BOH 05-11-24 and BOH 05-12-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Board of Health Information Reports

#6: Miller/Sage-man: That the following Information Reports from the Board of Health (Lambton Public Health) be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated May 1, 2024 regarding Clinical and Family Services Q1 2024 Update.
- b) Information Report dated May 1, 2024 regarding Rabies Prevention and Control Program Update.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 05-10-24 A letter from Bill Weber, Chair, and Matthew Butler, Staff Representative of Lambton Senior's Advisory Committee ("SAC") dated April 5, 2024 regarding Rural Intercommunity Travel. At its March 26, 2024 meeting, the Lambton SAC endorsed the following motion:

That the Lambton Seniors Advisory Committee recognizes the need for equitable access to public transportation for both urban and rural residents and that the Committee supports the County of Lambton in pursuing a solution for rural/inter-community transportation throughout Lambton County.

#7: Cook/Ferguson: That correspondence CC 05-10-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Correspondence from Member Municipalities

CC 05-13-24 A letter from Amanda Gubbels, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)/Clerk, Township of Warwick, dated April 22, 2024 regarding the Township of Warwick's comments in relation to York1 Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Amendment Number 019-8417.

CC 05-14-24 A letter from Mayor Mike Bradley, The City of Sarnia, dated April 24, 2024 regarding encampments and homelessness. Please see the attached letter for full details.

#8: Miller/Atkinson: That correspondence CC 05-13-24 and CC 05-14-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

#9: Bradley/McRoberts: That County Council send correspondence to the Province of Ontario seeking that the encampments be addressed as an urgent issue and bring all municipalities, public health units, and other agencies together to devise a comprehensive plan to address this issue.

Carried.

Information Report

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated May 1, 2024 Regarding Homelessness Prevention Department Funding

#10: Veen/Ferguson: That Information Report dated May 1, 2024 regarding Homelessness Prevention Department Funding be received and filed.

Carried.

Item Not Requiring a Motion

The Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) Board minutes dated January 30, 2024 were presented to Council for its information.

#11: Case/Cook: That the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) Board minutes dated January 30, 2024 be received and filed.

Carried.

Committee of the Whole (Open Session) Minutes

The Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated April 17, 2024 were presented.

#12: Atkinson/SageMan: That the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated April 17, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Item Tabled from a Previous Meeting

Re: Tabling Motion #11 of the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated January 17, 2024 reads as follows:

That the report dated January 17, 2024 regarding County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee (CLAAC) Revitalization be tabled until the April 17, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

#13: Broad/Cook: That the report dated January 17, 2024 regarding County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee (CLAAC) Revitalization be lifted from the table.

Carried.

#14: Veen/Loosley: That the report dated January 17, 2024 regarding County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee (CLAAC) Revitalization be received and filed.

Carried.

Other Business

#15: Broad/Bradley: That County Council send a letter of congratulations to the Bergsma family on winning the BASF's Growing Home's \$25,000 grant for their Three Oaks Respite Cabin.

Carried.

Councillor M. Bradley left the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

By-Laws

#16: Case/Cook: That By-Laws #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, and #16 of 2024, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#17: Case/Cook: That By-Laws #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, and #16 of 2024, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#18: Veen/McRoberts: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 with the In-Camera Session to commence at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 10:33 a.m.

Jane Joris Retirement

Congratulations to Jane Joris on her retirement from the County of Lambton. Jane has served the County in a number of positions since 1996, including that of Supervisor, Administrator and, most recently, General Manager, Long Term Care Division. She will be dearly missed by her many friends and colleagues.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Olivia Leger
Clerk