

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

June 5, 2024

Lambton County Council was in session in Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 9:35 a.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called. All members present except D. Boushy, with Councillor M. Bradley attending virtually.

Morning Reception with Heritage Champions

County Councillors were invited to attend a morning reception with the Heritage Champions from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the lobby, prior to the start of the Council meeting.

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.

Lambton County's 175th Anniversary Recognition

Warden Marriott welcomed guests and recognized the rich history of Lambton County for Lambton County's 175th Anniversary.

Warden Marriott also recognized the following past members of County Council who were in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Warden</u>
Steve Arnold	1989 – 2022	2011-2012
Margaret Bird	2018 – 2022	
Jim Burns	2004 – 2011	2006 – 2008, 2009 - 2010
Terry Burrell	1992 – 1997	
Pat Davidson	1986 – 2006	1995, 2000, 2001, 2002
Roger Gallaway	1992 – 1993	

Peter Gilliland	2007 - 2018	
Karen Hart	1998 – 2003	
Lloyd Hyatt	1986 – 1991, 1995 – 1997	
Don McGugan	2002 – 2018	
Lonny Napper	1998 – 2000, 2006 - 2022	
David Smith	1977 – 1985	1983
Bev MacDougall	2004 – 2018	2015-2016

Warden Marriott then read messages received from MP Marilyn Gladu, MP Lianne Rood, and Governor General, Mary Simon.

Heritage Champions Recognition

As part of the Lambton County's 175th Anniversary celebrations, Lambton County Archives launched the Heritage Champions Awards in February, with the intent of recognizing the exceptional efforts of individuals and groups who have dedicated themselves to preserving and promoting the rich heritage of Lambton County. The following 27 outstanding individuals and organizations from each of the 11 municipalities within Lambton County were recognized:

Alan Campbell, for his dedicated support of the local Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) branch, representing families from across Lambton County.

Arkona Lions Club, for their work in preserving and interpreting an impressive collection of Devonian-Era fossils, minerals and artifacts found in the local area at the Arkona Lions Museum and Information Centre.

Bill Dokter Masonry, for their most recent project involving the restoration of a historic commercial building at 599 Broadway Street in Wyoming.

Charlie Fairbank, for his work in drawing attention to the oil history of Enniskillen Township for over 50 years, engaging government, industry associations, media, educational institutions and the community in preserving and celebrating Lambton's proud oil heritage.

George Smith (Posthumous), an avid historian and local history author, for his past work with the Lambton County Historical Society and heritage advocacy.

Greg Stott, for his work in promoting the history of Lambton County as an author and historian.

Helen Danby, for her work in researching and recording the history of local Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE) chapters, and as volunteer Archivist for IODE Ontario.

Heritage St. Clair Committee, for their work in preserving and promoting the storied history of St. Clair Township, including heritage advocacy, programs and events, advisory support to the municipality, and community interpretive signage.

John Rochon, for his work in local historical research and promoting awareness of the history of Lambton County.

Kip Cuthbert, for his work in research and writing about the stories of Sarnia and Lambton County for over 50 years.

Kiwanis Club of Forest, for their work in rehabilitating and expanding the 107-year-old Kineto Theatre, Forest in a manner that celebrates the rich history of the theatre in the community.

Krystyna Stalmach, for her promotion of Polish-Canadian heritage and the experiences of Polish immigrants through research, tours and exhibitions.

Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame, for their work in honouring the individuals, organizations and businesses that have had a positive influence on agriculture and the rural community within Lambton County.

Lambton County Developmental Services, for their work on the restoration and conversion of the former post office in downtown Petrolia to create accessible, affordable housing and street front shops.

Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group, for their leadership as a volunteer group working with organizations to preserve the natural heritage of Lambton County through the removal and control of invasive phragmites.

Liz Welsh, for her work in preserving and celebrating the history of the Town of Petrolia through the Petrolia Heritage Advisory Committee, Lambton County Historical Society, and Petrolia Discovery.

Marg Scott, for her work in preserving the history of the Village of Point Edward, and making research and historical artifacts available at the Point Edward Library.

Marjorie Cumming, for her work in promoting the history of Brooke-Alvinston and her work with the Lambton County Historical Society.

Mary and Paul Janes, for volunteering their time and talents to preserving the heritage of Warwick Township through research, the scanning of old photos, contributions to historical publications, and the development of video projects celebrating local history.

Pat McGee, for her work in advocating for the oil history of Oil Springs, and working in collaboration with the County of Lambton and the Oil Museum of Canada National Historic Site to raise awareness of the importance of Lambton's oil heritage.

Plympton-Wyoming Historical Society, for their dedication to the preservation of the history of Plympton-Wyoming through the museum site and a variety of community events and programs.

Ray Lloyd, for his work with the Lambton County Historical Society and his passionate collecting to preserve the history of Lambton County.

Shelley Lucier-Lord, for her past and current work with the Sombra Museum, supporting the museum's collections, exhibits, events and programs.

Shirley Perriam, for her many years of work in preserving and promoting the heritage of Arkona and area.

Steve Loxton, for his local heritage advocacy efforts, and for his work on the preservation of the Cull Drain Bridge.

Sydenham Antique Club, for their work in celebrating rural heritage in Dawn-Euphemia through the annual 'Grand Ole Power Days' event.

Council had a recess and then reconvened for the regular Council Session at 10:15 a.m.

In-Camera

#1: Hand/Sagean: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera:

- a) to review the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated May 1, 2024, pursuant to ss. 239(2) (c), (d), (e), (h) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to receive a report on labour negotiations between The Corporation of the County of Lambton and LiUNA Local 3000, pursuant to s. 239(2) (d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- c) to review the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) minutes dated May 15, 2024 pursuant to ss. 239(2) (c), (e), and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Time: 10:16 a.m.

Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 10:22 a.m.

Introduction of New General Manager, Long-Term Care

Congratulations to Michael Gorgey on his new role as General Manager, Long-Term Care Division, effective as of Monday, June 3rd, 2024, following Jane Joris' retirement on May 31st, 2024.

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 May 1, 2024.
- b) adopt the Committee of the Whole In-Camera Minutes dated May 15, 2024 with respect to the following:
 - i. proposed acquisition of property in the City of Sarnia, and to provide instructions in relation thereto; and
 - ii. negotiations between the County and a third party relating to a development project in the City of Sarnia.
- c) provide instructions with regards to collective bargaining with LiUNA Local 3000.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated May 1, 2024 were presented.

#2: Miller/SageMan: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated May 1, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH (LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH)

Board of Health Correspondence to Receive and File

BOH 06-10-24 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 May 28, 2024, regarding a resolution as passed at the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury and District's meeting on May 16, 2024, supporting Bill C-322, National Framework for a School Food Program Act. Please see the attached letter for the full motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & District commend the Government of Canada for prioritizing healthy school food in Budget 2024 and for working in partnership with provinces, territories and Indigenous communities throughout Canada; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Health urges local Members of Parliament and other key partners to endorse Bill C-322, *National Framework for a School Food Program Act* and continue to uphold the commitment to the health and well-being of children and youth in Canada.

#3: Cook/Loosley: That correspondence BOH 06-10-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Board of Health Information Reports

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

- a) Information Report dated June 5, 2024 regarding Health Protection - 2024 First Quarter Activity Report.
- b) Information Report dated June 5, 2024 regarding Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program Update.
- c) Information Report dated June 5, 2024 regarding Vector-Borne Disease Program Update.

Carried.

Information Report

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated June 5, 2024 Regarding Supportive Housing Partnership Update

#5: Veen/White: That Information Report dated June 5, 2024 regarding Supportive Housing Partnership Update be received and filed.

Carried.

Item Not Requiring a Motion

The Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) Board minutes dated March 26, 2024 were presented to Council for its information.

#6: Cook/SageMan: That the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) Board minutes dated March 26, 2024 be received and filed.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated June 5, 2024 Regarding Victoria Street Parking Lot

#7: McRoberts/SageMan:

- a) That Staff be authorized to enter into further discussions with the City of Sarnia Staff on an Option to Purchase Agreement for the donation of the Victoria Street Parking Lot ("Parking Lot") from the City of Sarnia; and
- b) That Staff return to Council for final instructions and directions on any proposed binding agreement for the donation of the Parking Lot.

Carried.

OFFICE OF THE CAO

Report dated June 5, 2024 Regarding City-County Agreement 2024 Renewal

#8: Atkinson/Loosley: That the County renew for a further five-year term its City-County Agreement with the City, on its current terms and conditions, so that the agreement now expires in July 2029.

Carried.

Report dated June 5, 2024 Regarding County of Lambton Strategic Plan 2024-2027

#9: SageMan/White: That the attached County of Lambton Strategic Plan 2024-2027 be approved.

Carried.

Committee of the Whole (Open Session) Minutes

The Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated May 15, 2024 were presented.

Councillor J. Agar requested a recorded vote, starting with Councillor C. McRoberts, on motion #12 of the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated May 15, 2024, which reads as follows:

That staff provide a report on the percentage of payments made by each municipality to the County Budget and the percentage of services each municipality receives in return for those contributions on a high-level basis.

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

Yeas - 18; Nays - 16.

Motion Carried.

#10: Hand/Miller: That the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated May 15, 2024 be accepted as amended.

Carried.

Other Business

Councillor B. Loosley invited everyone to participate in Petrolia's 150th upcoming events, particularly the Participaction competition for the month of June for a chance to win \$100,000.

#11: Bradley/McRoberts:

- a) That Sarnia City Council request comments from Lambton Public Health and the County of Lambton's Social Services Division regarding the provision of sanitation

services at Rainbow Park and/or any other encampments in the City and the County to determine their support for such services in the park; and

- b) That comments be requested and provided as soon as possible and by no later than the July 8, 2024 meeting of Sarnia City Council.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor B. Dennis starting with Councillor B. Hand on motion #11 of this day's minutes.

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

Yeas - 17; Nays - 17.

Motion Defeated.

By-Laws

#12: Loosley/Agar: That By-Laws #17 and #18 of 2024, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#13: Loosley/Agar: That By-Laws #17 and #18 of 2024, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#14: Veen/Loosley: 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: 10:52 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Olivia Leger
Clerk