

**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)

June 19, 2024

A meeting was held at the County Building at 9:03 a.m. on the above date.

Present

Chair K. Marriott and Members J. Agar, G. Atkinson, T. Case, D. Cook, B. Hand, B. Loosley, C. McRoberts, S. Miller, D. Sageman, I. Veen and B. White attended in person. Members M. Bradley, A. Broad and B. Dennis attended virtually. Various staff were present including the following General Managers: Mr. J. Cole, General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, Mr. S. Turner, Manager, Emergency Medical Services, Mr. A. Meyer, General Manager, Cultural Services, Mr. M. Gorgey, 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, County Solicitor and Clerk, and Mr. S. Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent

D. Boushy and D. Ferguson.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

GUEST SPEAKERS

MPP Bob Bailey and MPP Steve Pinsonneault joined the Committee of the Whole meeting and received questions and comments from members of County Council on a variety of matters.

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

IDS 07-01-24 A resolution from Sébastien Dion, Clerk, the Municipality of Casselman, dated May 7, 2024 regarding Autonomy of Conservation Authorities in Ontario. The

Municipality of Casselman is seeking support on its resolution below. Please see attached for the full resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Casselman stands in solidarity, expressing deep concern and opposition to the proposed regulatory changes under the Conservation Authorities Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Casselman supports the call to uphold the principles of scientific integrity, local expertise, and community input in conservation efforts, advocating for the autonomy of conservation authorities to protect our environment from decisions that favor development at the expense of environmental integrity;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Municipality of Casselman urges all Ontario municipalities to join in this call by supporting the letter addressed to the MNR by Mayor Genevieve Lajoie, and to advocate for the MNR to reconsider the proposed regulatory changes in favor of environmental stewardship, public trust, and the rights of future generations.

PD 07-03-24 A letter from Chuck Chivers, President, Lambton County Radio Club, dated June 12, 2024 regarding an invitation to County Councillors to attend the Lambton County Radio Club Field Day 2024 event on Saturday June 22nd at Krall Park, 4477 Shilo Line, Enniskillen.

#1: Loosley/Veen: That correspondence IDS 07-01-24 and PD 07-03-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#2: Miller/Atkinson: That the following Information Reports from the Infrastructure and Development Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated June 19, 2024 regarding Bill 185, *The Cutting Red Tape To Build More Homes Act, 2024* and Draft Provincial Policy Statement 2024.
- b) Information Report dated June 19, 2024 regarding Active Transportation and the County Road Network.
- c) Information Report dated June 19, 2024 regarding MECP ERO Application Regarding York1 Site.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated June 19, 2024 Regarding Two New Service Agreements and Staffing Levels

#3: Cook/Sage: That the Building Services Department is hereby authorized to add a full-time Building Inspector to its staff.

Carried.

Report dated June 19, 2024 Regarding Update Appointment By-Law for Area Weed Inspectors

#4: Hand/Loosley: That Ms. Jessica Van Den Berge be appointed an Area Weed Inspector and that By-Law No. 13 of 2019 be updated to reflect such appointment.

Carried.

Report dated June 19, 2024 Regarding Update Appointment By-Law for Inspectors

#5: White/Cook: That Mr. Michael Anic be appointed as Building Inspector and that By-Law No. 29 of 2023 be updated to reflect such appointment.

Carried.

Report dated June 19, 2024 Regarding Woodlands Conservation By-Law Revision

#6: Miller/Veen:

a) That the revisions to the Woodlands Conservation By-Law, including the Woodlands Hearings Board Rules of Procedure (“Woodlands By-Law”), attached hereto are hereby approved and shall take effect on July 3, 2024, and that the revised Woodlands By-Law be presented to County Council for its review and consideration.

b) That By-Law No. 1 of 2024 (“Fees Schedule By-Law”) be amended as follows:

- a. The \$1,250 fee associated with the deleted Application for Exemption to Clear Woodlands be removed;
- b. That the Appeal Fee of \$400.00 be added;
- c. That the \$275.00 fee for Farm Edge Maintenance Application be added; and
- d. That a revised Fees Schedule By-Law be presented to County Council for its review and consideration.

Defeated.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

No reports.

CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report

Information Report dated June 19, 2024 Regarding EarlyON Centre Pop-Up at Sarnia Library

#7: Agar/Loosley: That Information Report dated June 19, 2024 regarding EarlyON Centre Pop-Up at Sarnia Library be received and filed.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated June 19, 2024 Regarding Museums, Gallery and Archives Collections Management April 2024

#8: Loosley/Veen: That the Museums, Gallery and Archives Collections Management April 2024 Report be accepted, and items recommended for acceptance be approved for inclusion in the respective permanent collections.

Carried.

Report dated June 19, 2024 Regarding County of Lambton Corporate Climate Change Strategy

#9: Cook/Miller: That the Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Strategy attached hereto be adopted.

Carried.

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Information Report

Information Report dated June 19, 2024 Regarding 2024 Quality Initiative Report for Long-Term Care

#10: Atkinson/McRoberts: That Information Report dated June 19, 2024 regarding 2024 Quality Initiative Report for Long-Term Care be received and filed.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

No reports.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

#11: Case/Cook: That the following Information Reports from Finance, Facilities and Court Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated June 19, 2024 regarding 2024 - 1st Quarter Financial Update.
- b) Information Report dated June 19, 2024 regarding Court Services - 2024 1st Quarter Statistics and Activity.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated June 19, 2024 Regarding Policing Grant Consultation

#12: Loosley/Sageman:

- a) That the County continue providing the annual Policing Grant of \$600,000 in the 2025 budget and the grant be reallocated to each municipality based on 2023 property assessment data.
- b) That the Policing Grant provided to local municipalities be reassessed in two (2) years in preparation of the 2027 Budget.

Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

#13: Miller/Atkinson: That the following Information Reports from the Social Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated June 19, 2024 regarding Housing and Homelessness Plan Progress Report.
- b) Information Report dated June 19, 2024 regarding Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Update.

Carried.

OFFICE OF THE CAO

Correspondence to Receive and File

CAO 07-02-24 A letter from Carrie McEachran, Chief Executive Officer, Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce, dated June 3, 2024 congratulating the County of Lambton on its 175th Anniversary.

#14: Case/White: That correspondence CAO 07-02-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Time: 10:01 a.m.

IN-CAMERA

#15: Veen/Loosley: That the Chair declare the Committee go in-camera to discuss the following:

- a) to receive a report regarding the 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*.
- b) 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.

#16: (Motion to be dealt with at the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) meeting dated July 3, 2024).

#17: (Motion to be dealt with at the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) meeting dated July 3, 2024).

#18: White/Loosley: That the Chair declare the Committee go back into Open Session.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#19: Veen/McRoberts: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the County Building, Wyoming, Ontario.

Carried.

Time: 10:10 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Chair

Olivia Leger
Clerk