

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

July 3, 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 except Councillor B. Hand

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 I. Veen declared a pecuniary interest regarding item #14. c) of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) agenda dated July 3, 2024, referring to the minutes of Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, as a family member is employed with Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, and therefore recused himself on motion #7 of this day's minutes.

In-Camera

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

- a) to review the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated June 5, 2024, pursuant to s. 239(2) (c), (d) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to review the Committee of the Whole In-Camera minutes dated June 19, 2024, pursuant to ss. 239(2) (c), (e) 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 9:07 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 June 5, 2024.
- b) adopt the Committee of the Whole In-Camera Minutes dated June 19, 2024 with respect to the following:
 - i. the 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.

Councillor B. Hand joined the meeting in person at 9:16 a.m.

Delegation

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

Carried.

Traffic Safety Measures Around London Road Public School, Sarnia

Robert Dickieson presented to County Council regarding implementation of traffic safety measures around London Road Public School, Sarnia. Two short videos were also played as part of the presentation.

#3: Bradley/Sageman: That County Council refer the request to staff to review and consider the implementation of traffic safety measures around London Road Public School, Sarnia.

Carried.

Staff Presentation

Lambton County Housing and Homelessness Progress Report 2023

Ian Hanney, Program Supervisor, Homelessness Prevention and Social Planning, Social Services, The County of Lambton, presented to County Council regarding Lambton County Housing and Homelessness Progress Report 2023.

#4: Case/McRoberts: That County staff request a meeting with Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to address the ongoing issue of housing and homelessness in Lambton County and to discuss the associated costs and funding for the development of affordable and supportive housing.

Carried.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated June 5, 2024 were presented.

#5: Sageman/Miller: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated June 5, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH (LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH)

Board of Health Information Reports

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

- a) Information Report dated July 3, 2024 regarding Lambton Drug and Alcohol Strategy - Update on First Year of Implementation.
- b) Information Report dated July 3, 2024 regarding Opioid Overdose Early Warning System and Alerts.
- c) Information Report dated July 3, 2024 regarding Supporting Healthy Growth and Development - Update.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

#7: Case/Cook: That the following items be received and filed:

- a) Lambton Seniors' Advisory Committee minutes dated March 26, 2024.
- b) Lambton Creative County Committee minutes dated September 28, 2024.
- c) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Board minutes dated November 16, 2023, December 14, 2023, February 7, 2024, April 4, 2024, and May 8, 2024.

Carried.

#8: Bradley/Loosley:

- a) That County staff request for Tourism Sarnia-Lambton to provide its latest audited financial statements for inclusion in Lambton County Council September 4, 2024, meeting package, and that their audited financial statements also be included as part of the County grant process going forward.
- b) That County staff request for Tourism Sarnia-Lambton to provide its Board meeting minutes following each Board meeting.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Report dated July 3, 2024 Regarding Small House Development Plan Update

#9: Miller/Cook:

- a) That the Small House Addition Project (“Project”) for Lambton Meadowview Villa (the “Project”) at an estimated cost of \$10.82M is hereby approved and authorized.
- b) That the Project be funded as follows:
 - a. \$2.5M from LTC Reserves;
 - b. \$7.72M from debt (recoverable);
 - c. \$0.6M from provincial grants; and
 - d. that Staff be authorized to draw and/or commit the corporation to the stated debt, as noted above.
- c) That Staff be authorized to finance the pre-construction costs for the Project by drawing from the LTC Reserve.
- d) That Staff be directed to award a Construction Manager contract for the Project without a signed Development Agreement with the Ministry of Long-Term Care to enable the County to issue the bid packages and prepare the Class B cost submission necessary for completion of the Development Agreement with the Ministry of Long-Term Care.
- e) That Staff update Council, through the Committee of the Whole, in September 2024 on the status of this project.

Carried.

Committee of the Whole (Open Session) Minutes

The following minutes were presented to County Council:

- a) Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated June 19, 2024.
- b) Audit Committee minutes dated June 19, 2024

#10: Ferguson/Loosley:

a) That motion #6 of the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated June 19, 2024 be pulled from the minutes to be dealt with separately, and that the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated June 19, 2024 be otherwise accepted.

b) That the Audit Committee minutes dated June 19, 2024 be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Re: Motion #6 of the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated June 19, 2024 Regarding Woodlands Conservation By-Law Revision

#11: Ferguson/White: That motion #6 of the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated June 19, 2024 be amended to remove part b) a. "That the \$1,250 fee associated with the deleted Application for Exemption to Clear Woodlands be removed" and that the Woodlands By-Law be updated accordingly and brought back to Council for its consideration so that the motion now reads:

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, save and except that the discretionary exemptions shall remain within the Woodlands By-Law and that the revised Woodlands By-Law be presented to County Council for its review and consideration at its September 4, 2024 meeting and shall take effect on September 4, 2024.

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

- a. That the Appeal Fee of \$400.00 be added;
- b. That the \$275.00 fee for Farm Edge Maintenance Application be added;
and
- c. That a revised Fees Schedule By-Law be presented to County Council for its review and consideration.

Defeated.

#12: Ferguson/Dennis: That County Council move motion #6 of the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated June 19, 2024 as follows:

- 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. That 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.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor M. Bradley was requested by Councillor A. Broad on motion #12 of this day’s minutes.

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

Yeas - 1; Nays - 36.

Motion Defeated.

Notice of Motion

Councillor M. Bradley gave Notice of Motion at the July 3, 2024 County Council meeting for discussion at the September 4, 2024 County Council meeting requesting for staff to advise as to the role of the County, should a member municipality wish to pursue an injunction to address encampments in municipal parks across Lambton County.

Other Business

Councillor A. Broad informed County Council that the Minister of Environment is requiring a comprehensive Environmental Review for the York1 Dresden landfill.

Councillor A. Broad also informed County Council that Nick Wammes, from Dawn-Euphemia, will be representing Team Canada at the 2024 Summer Olympics in track cycling and extended a congratulations to Nick.

Councillor G. Atkinson announced that Garrett Rutledge will be hosting the 2024 Memorial Cup at the Wyoming Legion on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. All are welcome to visit and take photos.

By-Laws

#13: Sageman/Veen: That By-Laws #19, #20 and #21 of 2024, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#14: Sageman/Veen: That By-Laws #19, #20 and #21 of 2024, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#15: McRoberts/Loosley: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 with the In-Camera Session to commence at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Invitations

- a) Marshall Gowland Manor Family BBQ, Tuesday, July 16th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- b) North Lambton Lodge Family BBQ, Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

c) Lambton Meadowview Villa Family BBQ, Thursday September 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

NOTE

The annual Council Steak Fry will be hosted by the Village of Point Edward this year, following the September 4, 2024 Council meeting. Invitations and details will be sent out at a later date.

Time: 10:21 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Olivia Leger
Clerk