



MINUTES LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

October 2, 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

Councillor B. Loosley declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 9. a) of the County of Lambton (Open Session) agenda dated October 2, 2024, referring to Lambton EMS' Deployment Plan presentation, due to his son being employed with Lambton EMS, and therefore recused himself from discussions during the deliberations of this item.

IN-CAMERA SESSION - 9:03 A.M.

#1: Hand/Loosley: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss the following:

a) to review the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated September 4, 2024, pursuant to s. 239(2) (e), (i), (f) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

b) to receive advice subject to solicitor-client privilege and provide direction with respect to the County's role in an injunction proceeding involving a member municipality, in accordance with section 239(2)(f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

c) to review the Committee of the Whole In-Camera minutes dated September 18, 2024 pursuant to s. 239(2) (d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

OPEN SESSION

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:14 a.m.

RISE AND REPORT MOTIONS OF THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

The Clerk noted that County Council met in camera to:

a) to review and approve the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated September 4, 2024.

b) to receive advice subject to solicitor-client privilege and provide direction should the City of Sarnia move forward with an application for an injunction, the County will support the City in providing affidavit evidence and any other information reasonably required.

c) to review and approve the Committee of the Whole In-Camera minutes dated September 18, 2024.

DELEGATIONS

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

Carried.

Kate Burns Gallagher, Executive Director, Western Ontario Wardens Caucus (WOWC), presented to County Council regarding Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Strategic Priorities for 2024-2025, including accomplishments over the past year.

PRESENTATIONS

Stephen Turner, Manager, Lambton Emergency Medical Services presented to County Council to provide details regarding updates to Lambton EMS' Deployment Plan.

Sarah Churchill, Community Engagement Specialist, Social Services Division, presented to County Council regarding Be Part of the Solution Campaign.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL (OPEN SESSION)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated September 4, 2024 were presented.

#3: Broad/Agar: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated September 4, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH (Lambton Public Health)

Board of Health Correspondence to Receive and File

BOH 10-06-24 A letter from Trudy Sachowski, Chair, Association of Local Public Health Agencies (“**alPHa**”) dated August 29, 2024 in response to the provincial government’s announcement: [Ontario Protecting Communities and Supporting Addiction Recovery with New Treatment Hubs](#).

#4: Case/Ferguson: That correspondence BOH 10-06-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Board of Health Information Reports

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

a) Information Report dated October 2, 2024 regarding 2024-25 Respiratory Season Planning and Preparedness.

b) Information Report dated October 2, 2024 regarding Harm Reduction - Community Sharps Disposal Update.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 10-04-24 A memorandum from Sean Court, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long-Term Care, dated September 11, 2024 regarding “Public consultations on proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 246/22 under the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021*”. A detailed summary of the proposed amendments will be available on the Ontario Regulatory Registry from September 11, 2024, to October 11, 2024.

#6: Cook/Hand: That correspondence CC 10-04-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

CC 10-05-24 A letter from Matthew Slotwinski, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership, received September 17, 2024, regarding a request for resolution in support of Lambton County's participation in the Regional Economic Development through Immigration (REDI) Pilot via Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP). SLEP is requesting County Council to adopt the following resolution:

That County Council hereby supports the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership's (SLEP) application to the Regional Economic Development through Immigration (REDI) pilot and Lambton's participation therein and, if the application is successful, hereby authorizes SLEP to a) engage with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and other relevant government stakeholders to secure Lambton County's position in the program, and to (b) collaborate with community stakeholders, local businesses, and educational institutions to support a comprehensive action plan for welcoming, integrating, and retaining newcomers who arrive through the REDI pilot.

#7: Bradley/Sage: That County Council hereby supports the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership's (SLEP) application to the Regional Economic Development through Immigration (REDI) pilot and Lambton's participation therein and, if the application is successful, hereby authorizes SLEP to a) engage with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and other relevant government stakeholders to secure Lambton County's position in the program, and to (b) collaborate with community stakeholders, local businesses, and educational institutions to support a comprehensive action plan for welcoming, integrating, and retaining newcomers who arrive through the REDI pilot.

Carried.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Social Services Division

Information Report dated October 2, 2024 Regarding Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Update

#8: Miller/Veen: That Information Report dated October 2, 2024 regarding Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Update be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Report dated October 2, 2024 Regarding Maxwell Park Place Affordable Housing Development Update #12

#9: Case/Broad: That Information Report dated October 2, 2024 regarding Maxwell Park Place Affordable Housing Development Update #12 be received and filed.

Carried.

Office of the CAO

Information Report dated October 2, 2024 Regarding County Budget Allocations

#10: Agar/Veen: That Information Report dated October 2, 2024 regarding County Budget Allocations be received and filed.

Carried.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A MOTION

#11: Broad/Cook: That the following items be received and filed:

- a) Lambton Seniors' Advisory Committee Minutes dated May 28, 2024.
- b) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Board Minutes dated August 28, 2024.

Carried.

REPORTS REQUIRING A MOTION

Long-Term Care Division

Report dated October 2, 2024 Regarding Small House Financial Estimate Update

#12: Ferguson/Loosley:

a) That the Small House Addition Project for Lambton Meadowview Villa (the "Project") at a revised estimated cost of \$12.22M be approved and authorized.

b) That the Project be funded as follows:

- \$2.5M from LTC Reserves;
- \$8.72M from debt (recoverable);
- \$0.6M from provincial grants; and
- that Staff be authorized to draw and/or commit the Corporation to the stated debt, as noted above.

c) That Staff continue to update Council, through the Committee of the Whole on the status of this project.

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (OPEN SESSION) MINUTES

The Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated September 18, 2024 were presented.

#13: Atkinson/Miller: That the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated September 18, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

NOTICE OF BY-LAWS

24 of 2024 A By-Law to Appoint a Chief Building Official and Inspectors for The County of Lambton.

25 of 2024 A By-Law to Appoint Officers under the County of Lambton's By-Law No. 4 of 2012, being The County of Lambton Woodlands Conservation By-Law".

26 of 2024 A By-Law to Dedicate Certain Lands as Part of the County Road/Highway System.

27 of 2024 By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 33 of 2014.

28 of 2024 A By-Law of The Corporation of the County of Lambton to confirm the resolutions and motions of Lambton County Council which were adopted up to and including October 2, 2024.

First and Second Reading of By-Laws

#14: Miller/Veen: That By-Laws #24, #25, #26, #27 and #28 of 2024, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

Third and Final Reading of By-Laws

#15: Miller/Veen: That By-Laws #24, #25, #26, #27 and #28, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#16: Atkinson/Loosley: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 with the In-Camera Session to commence at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 10:16 a.m.

Kevin Marriott, Warden

Olivia Leger, Clerk