



AGENDA
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 9:00 AM
Council Chambers, Wyoming

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1. MORNING BREAKFAST

County Councillors are invited to attend a morning breakfast at 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room #3, prior to the Council meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

3. 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.

4. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

If any.

5. IN-CAMERA SESSION - 9:00 A.M.

Recommendation

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 October 2, 2024, pursuant to s. 239(2)(f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to receive a report on labour negotiations between The Corporation of the County of Lambton and ONA Local 019 (Lambton Public Health), pursuant to s. 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- c) to review the Committee of the Whole In-Camera minutes dated

October 16, 2024 pursuant to s. 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

6. OPEN SESSION

The Open Session meeting will commence immediately following the Closed Session meeting.

7. SILENT REFLECTION

8. RISE AND REPORT MOTIONS OF THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

If any.

9. MINUTES OF COUNCIL (OPEN SESSION)

- 5 - 11 a) Reading and adoption of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated October 2, 2024.

10. BOARD OF HEALTH (Lambton Public Health)

A) Board of Health Correspondence to Receive and File Recommendation

That the following correspondence items be received and filed:

- 12 - 15 a) BOH 11-07-24 A letter from Councillor Joy Lachica, Chair, Board of Health, Peterborough Public Health dated October 2, 2024, regarding support for Bills S-233 and CC-233 "*An Act to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income*". The Peterborough Board of Health supports income-based solutions, such as a guaranteed livable basic income, needed to address poverty, income insecurity, and household insecurity and their significant impacts on health and well-being.
- 16 - 17 b) BOH 11-08-24 A letter from Mark Signoretti, Vice-Chair, Board of Health Chair, and Dr. Mustafa Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Sudbury & Districts dated September 11, 2024, commending the Honourable Mark Holland for the recent Ministerial order to introduce additional safeguarding measures regarding nicotine replacement therapies (NRT), aimed at protecting youth from targeted advertising, restricting access to nicotine pouches, and prevent further misuse of NRT.

B) Board of Health Information Reports

- 18 - 27 a) Information Report dated November 6, 2024 Regarding Extreme Temperature Initiatives - Update.

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- 28 - 30 b) Information Report dated November 6, 2024 Regarding Post-Partum Mental Health Support Group Update.
- 31 - 36 c) Information Report dated November 6, 2024 Regarding Rabies Prevention and Control - Update.
- 37 - 40 d) Information Report dated November 6, 2024 Regarding Healthy Built Environment.

C) Board of Health Other Business

11. CORRESPONDENCE

No other correspondence items.

12. INFORMATION REPORTS

A) Social Services Division

- 41 - 47 a) Information Report dated November 6, 2024 Regarding Integrated Housing and Homelessness Update.

13. ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A MOTION

- 48 - 53 a) Sarnia-Lambton Economic Development (SLEP) Board minutes dated May 28, 2024 and POST Annual General Meeting (AGM) minutes dated June 27, 2024.
- 54 - 57 b) Creative County Committee minutes dated June 27, 2024.

14. REPORTS REQUIRING A MOTION

A) Social Services Division

- 58 - 61 a) Report dated November 6, 2024 Regarding Child Care Facility Development.

15. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (OPEN SESSION) MINUTES

- 62 - 68 a) Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated October 16, 2024.

16. ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None at this time.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION

- a) Councillor J. Agar gave Notice of Motion dated October 20, 2024 for the November 6, 2024 Lambton County Council meeting for County Council to consider the following:

That the speed limit on Mandaumin Road (County Road 26),

Courtright Line, (Highway 80), and Petrolia Line (County Road 4) in the County of Lambton, that are posted at 90 km/ hour, be reduced to 80 km/hour effective no later than October 1, 2025.

18. OTHER BUSINESS

19. NOTICE OF BY-LAWS

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a) 29 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 November 6, 2024.

A) First and Second Reading of By-Laws

a) #29 of 2024.

B) Third and Final Reading of By-Laws

a) #29 of 2024.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation

That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting of County Council be held on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 with the In-Camera Session to commence at 9:00 a.m.

21. O CANADA!



**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

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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/Sageman: 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



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October 2, 2024

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RE: Support for Bills S-233 and C-233 “An Act to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income”

Dear Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Health, House Leaders, and National Finance Committee:

Peterborough Public Health (PPH) agrees with our peers in Middlesex-London, Ottawa Public Health and Thunder Bay Public Health Units, in our support for a guaranteed livable basic income as a policy option for addressing poverty, income and food insecurity and for boosting opportunities for people with lower incomes. We urge you to support Bills S-233 and C-233 “An Act to develop a national framework for a

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guaranteed livable basic income", currently being considered by the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance and in the process of the second reading in the House of Commons. These Bills are designed to ensure progress towards developing a basic income model that will be effective in moving individuals and their families out of poverty.

An agreed model, when implemented, will impact many lives. In 2022, 10.9% of Ontarians lived in poverty based on the Market Basket Measure, an increase from 7.7% in 2021.¹ In 2022, 16.2% of Peterborough households, with or without children (20,210 people), were low income based on the Census Family Low Income Measure (CFLIM-AT).² Nearly one in five (19%) local households live in a food insecure household.³ PPH conducts the Nutritious Food Basket survey annually to monitor the affordability of food in Peterborough City and Region. The 2023 results, with its various case studies, demonstrate that incomes, particularly when dependent on social assistance, are not adequate for many residents of Peterborough and its region to afford basic needs.⁴

As our Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Thomas Piggott pointed out at a recent local Symposium on Healthy Incomes: "All paths to health lead to income." The evidence to support this assertion is significant:

The link between income and health or well-being

- Income has a critical impact on health, with better health outcomes associated with higher income levels, and poorer health outcomes associated with lower income levels.⁵
- Income increases access to other social determinants of health (e.g., education, food, housing).⁵ In fact, income is understood as having the strongest socioeconomic determinant of food insecurity.^{6,7}
- Children living in poverty have an increased risk for cognitive shortfalls and behavioural conditions, and an increased risk of negative health outcomes into adulthood (e.g., cardiovascular disorders, certain cancers, mental health conditions, osteoporosis and fractures, dementia).^{8,9,10}
- Food insecurity is associated with an increased risk of a wide range of physical and mental health challenges, including chronic conditions, non-communicable diseases, infections, depression, anxiety, and stress.^{11,12,13,14,15,16}
- Among young children, food insecurity is also associated with poor child health, low birth weight, chronic illness, developmental risk, and poor cognitive outcomes, including vocabulary and math skills.^{17,18,19}

Findings from interventions

Evidence from Canadian trials and internationally suggests that basic income positively impacts health and wellbeing.^{20, 21} Successful examples of a Canadian basic income include the Old Age Security (OAS) and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). In a cohort of individuals over 65 receiving OAS/GIS, compared to a cohort aged 55-64 years, the probability of food insecurity was reduced by half, even when age, sex, income level, and home ownership were considered.²² In addition, evidence suggests income supplementation reduces food insecurity for low-income Canadians and positively impacts childhood health outcomes (e.g., birth weight, mental health).²³ Early findings about the impact of cash transfers in British Columbia also indicate reduced homelessness and substance use for people recently unhoused.²⁴

Upstream income-based solutions, such as a guaranteed livable basic income, are needed to address poverty, income insecurity, and household food insecurity and their significant impacts on health and well-being.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Councillor Joy Lachica
Chair, Board of Health

Serving the residents of **Curve Lake** and **Hiawatha First Nations**, and the **County and City of Peterborough**

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BOH 11-08-24



September 11, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honourable Mark Holland
Minister of Health of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

dear Minister Holland:

Re: New measures to help prevent harms to youth from nicotine replacement therapies

Public Health Sudbury & Districts commends the Honourable Mark Holland for the recent Ministerial order to introduce additional safeguarding measures regarding nicotine replacement therapies (NRT). We are deeply appreciative of your commitment to protect youth from targeted advertising, restrict access to nicotine pouches, and prevent further misuse of NRT which are intended to be used by adults trying to quit smoking.

The new measures outlined in your order are a significant step forward in limiting the interest, access, and recreational use of NRT among young people. These measures align closely with our previous [board resolution](#) (#26-24) and [correspondence](#) to your office, wherein we urged Health Canada to address the regulatory gap which allowed the sale of nicotine pouches to youth. We also called for increased regulations to restrict the sale of emerging tobacco and nicotine products to ensure that access remains strongly regulated and kept away from children and youth.

We are pleased to recognize that your Ministerial order has addressed these concerns and demonstrate your continued commitment to public health and the protection of youth. We thank you for your attention to this important issue and look forward to working alongside the Ministry of Health to promote and protect the health of all Canadians.

Sincerely,


Mark Signoretti (Sep 12, 2024 12:49 EDT)

Mark Signoretti, Vice Chair, Board of Health *on behalf of*
René Lapierre, Chair, Board of Health



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Acting Medical Officer of Health and
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INFORMATION ITEM:	Extreme Temperature Initiatives – Update

BACKGROUND

Extreme heat/cold weather events pose elevated health risks, particularly among vulnerable populations. Lambton Public Health (“LPH”) works in collaboration with community partners to administer extreme temperature initiatives in Lambton County aimed to protect residents and reduce the negative health impacts of extreme temperature conditions. This includes coordinating or issuing of the Environment and Climate Change Canada (“ECCC”) Extreme Heat/Cold Alerts which trigger response activities among community partners including the activation of warming/cooling centres.

LPH’s role in extreme temperature initiatives is enabled through the Ontario Public Health Standards (“OPHS”) and Protocols which mandates Boards of Health to monitor, assess, and communicate to the public about health hazards including climate change and extreme weather. Under the *Health Hazard Response Protocol, 2019*, public health units work to prevent and reduce the burden of illness from health hazards in the physical environment, including extreme weather and extreme temperatures.

This report summarizes the extreme temperature initiatives undertaken by LPH in collaboration with community partners. The most recent update on this initiative was provided to Lambton’s Board of Health (County Council) on November 1, 2023 in the [Extreme Temperature Initiatives Update](#) report.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of amplifying Extreme Heat/Cold Alerts is to provide a framework for implementing and coordinating preparedness and response activities which focus on reducing the negative health impacts of extreme weather conditions. The main objectives of these alerts are to:

- Alert the public, including and especially those most vulnerable that extreme temperature conditions are either present or expected;
- Inform the public, including those most vulnerable of the precautions that can be taken to prevent heat-related illness and cold injuries;
- Alert agencies and organizations who work with and provide services for vulnerable populations to prepare for a potential increase in service demand and to take appropriate measures to protect their clients from heat-related illness and cold injuries.

Extreme Heat/Cold Alerts

LPH adopted the provincial *Harmonized Heat Warning and Information System* (“**HWIS**”) in the summer of 2016. This system aims to provide a consistent approach for processing and issuing heat alerts in Ontario in order to better protect residents and vulnerable community members during the summer season. The HWIS was developed jointly by ECCC, Health Canada, Ministry of Health, and Public Health Ontario, in consultation with public health units.

The HWIS outlines the thresholds and processes for Heat Alerts and Extended Heat Alerts. A **Heat Alert** is issued when one or both of the following conditions are met:

- Two consecutive days where the temperature is forecasted to be 31° C or higher during the day and 20° C or higher overnight;
- Two consecutive days where the humidex is forecasted to be 40° C or higher.

An **Extended Heat Alert** is issued when the event is forecasted to last longer than two days and continues for three or more days.

An **Extreme Cold Alert** is issued when one or more of the following conditions are met:

- ECCC forecasts daily predicted low temperature of -15° Celsius without wind chill;
- The wind chill reaches the level at which ECCC issues an Extreme Cold Warning; or
- Extreme weather conditions, such as a blizzard or ice storm.

The frequency and duration of Heat and Cold Alerts in Lambton County for the period 2017-2024 is summarized in **Appendix "A"**.

Notification of Extreme Heat/Cold Alerts

Once an Extreme Heat/Cold Alert is issued, prompt notification to the public, stakeholders, and community agencies is critical to ensure that individuals and organizations can respond to protect themselves and their clients in a timely manner. Public notification of Extreme Heat/Cold Alerts occurs through media releases, LPH web pages, and LPH social media. Heat and Cold Alerts are also issued through Sarnia-Lambton Alerts to notify residents who have signed up for this service.

LPH notifies the following groups via email when Extreme Heat/Cold Alerts are issued to ensure they are prepared for service delivery:

1. Warming/Cooling Centre locations: Warming/cooling centres are pre-designated locations that become activated when Extreme Temperature Alerts are issued. They are intended to provide space for the public to get temporary, short-term relief from the heat/cold. These locations are offered throughout Lambton County by community partners including recreation centres, health centres, libraries, and other public and municipal buildings. LPH provides information about warming/cooling center locations on the LPH website at [LambtonPublicHealth.ca](https://www.lambtonpublichealth.ca) and in media releases issued for heat and cold alerts.

Warming/cooling centres operate during their regular business hours. They are not expected to provide extra amenities or services above what they already provide, and they are not expected to remain open beyond their normal business hours.

Warming/cooling centres are not available for extended or overnight stays. Individuals experiencing homelessness who require additional support or emergency shelter are supported through emergency shelter assistance coordinated through The Good Shepherd Lodge and Ontario Works: [Emergency Assistance - County of Lambton](#), the Overflow Shelter, currently operated by the County, and the Resource Hub for access during the day.

Lambton County libraries were added to the directory of warming/cooling centres in 2023. The addition of libraries expanded access to warming/cooling centres throughout the County and offers more evening and weekend options. There are currently 37 warming/cooling centre locations in Lambton County. See **Appendix "B"** for the current directory.

2. Members of the Extreme Temperature Stakeholder Group (ETSG): This group, chaired by LPH, includes community partners and agencies that service vulnerable populations. The ETSG is encouraged to share the alert with their clients and partners to ensure vulnerable populations are protected. Participating members are responsible for ensuring members are familiar with their response processes.

The ETSG meets twice per year to review Extreme Heat/Cold Alert processes and response activities. The group also shares ideas and recommendations for efficiencies and improvements for future response initiatives.

Lambton Public Health Roles and Responsibilities

LPH is responsible for the following extreme temperature actions/initiatives:

- Monitoring the ECCC weather forecasts/notices and consulting with the Medical Officer of Health as necessary when current or forecast weather conditions indicate that an Extreme Heat/Cold Alert should be issued.

- Issuing Extreme Heat/Cold Alerts when conditions have been met and communicating the alert as described above.
- Maintaining and chairing the Extreme Temperature Stakeholder Group. This group is described above.
- Providing information and education about health impacts of extreme hot/cold weather, and what people can do to protect themselves and others from these impacts. This information is available the LPH website and is communicated through the media and social media.
- Conducting surveillance of extreme temperature events and health impacts. LPH has developed a [Climate Change Dashboard](#) where this surveillance data is housed. LPH's Climate Change Dashboard will be launched in November and examines the impacts of climate change by monitoring and exploring local trends. The goal of this dashboard is to encourage climate action through promoting awareness of the impacts of climate change and educating users on interventions to lessen the impacts of climate change. The dashboard includes local data on emergency department visits due to heat and cold, vector borne disease, food and water borne disease, air quality, and water quality.
- LPH will continue to work with ETSG partners to identify other groups and organizations who are well-suited to join and contribute to the ETSG. To carry out this engagement, LPH will continue to build on established partnerships and reach out to potential new partners that are identified as having an interest in health impacts of extreme weather and vulnerable populations in Lambton County.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with the health hazard program and extreme temperature initiatives are cost-share funded between the province and municipality, as approved within LPH's 2024 Health Protection budget.

CONSULTATIONS

The following individuals were consulted during the preparation of this report: Lambton Public Health Epidemiologist, General Manager for Public Health Services Division, and the Medical Officer of Health.

STRATEGIC PLAN

LPH's health hazard program and extreme temperature initiatives are consistent with the principles, values, and areas of effort identified in the County's strategic plan, supporting the area of effort toward community development, health, and wellness; service and communications; and partnerships.

CONCLUSION

LPH's extreme temperature initiatives have proactively increased the public's protection and awareness of such health hazards. The partnerships and community engagement opportunities that LPH is involved in have provided effective opportunities to build capacity to address current and future concerns related to extreme temperatures.

Appendix "A"

**Number of Heat Alerts/Extended Heat Alerts and Cold Alerts
2017 - 2024**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Heat Warnings Issued	3	6	3	5	5	7	3	3
Total Duration (Days)	6	21	8	17	16	19	10	10
Cold Alerts Issued	2	4	5	0	2	5	2	1
Total Duration (Days)	2	7	9	0	23	7	4	1

Appendix "B"**Warming/Cooling Centre Locations in Lambton County****Alvinston**

BAI Community Centre Complex
3310 Walnut St., Alvinston
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Closed weekends

Alvinston Library
3251 River St., Alvinston
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/alvinston-library.aspx>

Arkona

Arkona Library
16 Smith St., Arkona
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/arkona-library.aspx>

Brigden

Brigden Library
1540 Duncan St., Brigden
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/brigden-library.aspx>

Bright's Grove

Bright's Grove Library
2618 Hamilton Rd., Bright's Grove
https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/bright_s-grove-library.aspx

Camlachie

Camlachie Library
6745 Camlachie Rd., Camlachie
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/camlachie-library.aspx>

Corunna

Corunna Library
417 Lyndoch St., Corunna
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/corunna-library.aspx>

Courtright

Courtright Library
1533 Fourth St., Corunna
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/corunna-library.aspx>

Florence

Florence Library
6213 Mill St., Florence
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/florence-library.aspx>

Forest

North Lambton Community Health Centre
#3 – 59 King St., Forest
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Closed weekends.

The Shores Recreation Centre
7883 Amtelecom Pkwy., Forest
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Closed weekends

Forest Library
61 King St. West, Forest
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/forest-library.aspx>

Grand Bend

Grand Bend Community Health Centre
69 Main St. East, Grand Bend
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Closed weekends

Grand Bend Legion Branch 49

20 Municipal Drive, Grand Bend, ON

Monday: 1 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Tuesday – Wednesday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday: 1 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Saturday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Grand Bend Library

15 Gill Rd., Grand Bend

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/grand-bend-library.aspx>**Inwood**

Inwood Library

6504 James St., Inwood

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/inwood-library.aspx>**Mooretown**

Mooretown Sports Complex

1166 Emily St., Mooretown

Monday–Sunday: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Mooretown Library

1166 Emily St., Mooretown

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/mooretown-library.aspx>**Oil Springs**

Oil Springs Library

4596 Oil Springs Line, Oil Springs

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/oil-springs-library.aspx>**Petrolia**

Petrolia YMCA

360 Tank St., Petrolia

Monday – Friday 6 am – 9 pm

Saturday – Sunday 7 am – 4 pm

Petrolia Library

4200 Petrolia Line, Petrolia

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/petrolia-library.aspx>**Point Edward**

Point Edward Library

220 Michigan Ave., Point Edward

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/point-edward-library.aspx>**Port Franks**

Port Franks Library

9997 Port Franks Rd., Port Franks

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/port-franks-library.aspx>**Port Lambton**

Port Lambton Library

507 Stoddard St., Port Lambton

<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/port-lambton-library.aspx>**Sarnia**

West Lambton Community Health Centre

429 Exmouth St., Sarnia

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed weekends

The Inn of the Good Shepherd

115 John St., Sarnia

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sarnia-Lambton Rebound-The Hub

(for ages up to 24)

350 Indian Road South, Sarnia

Open to individuals ages 12-24

Monday-Friday: 2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Closed weekends

Housing & Homelessness Resource Center (HHRC)

837 Exmouth St., Sarnia

Weekdays between 12:30 p.m. - 4:00

p.m.

Clearwater Library
1400 Wellington St, Sarnia
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/clearwater-library.aspx>

Sarnia Library
124 Christina St. South, Sarnia
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/sarnia-library.aspx>

Shetland

Shetland Library
1279 Shetland Rd., Shetland
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/shetland-library.aspx>

Sombra

Sombra Library
3536 St. Clair Pkwy., Sombra
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/sombra-library.aspx>

Theford

Theford Library
16 Allen St., Theford
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/theford-library.aspx>

Watford

East Lambton Community Complex
61 Centennial Ave., Watford
Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Closed weekends

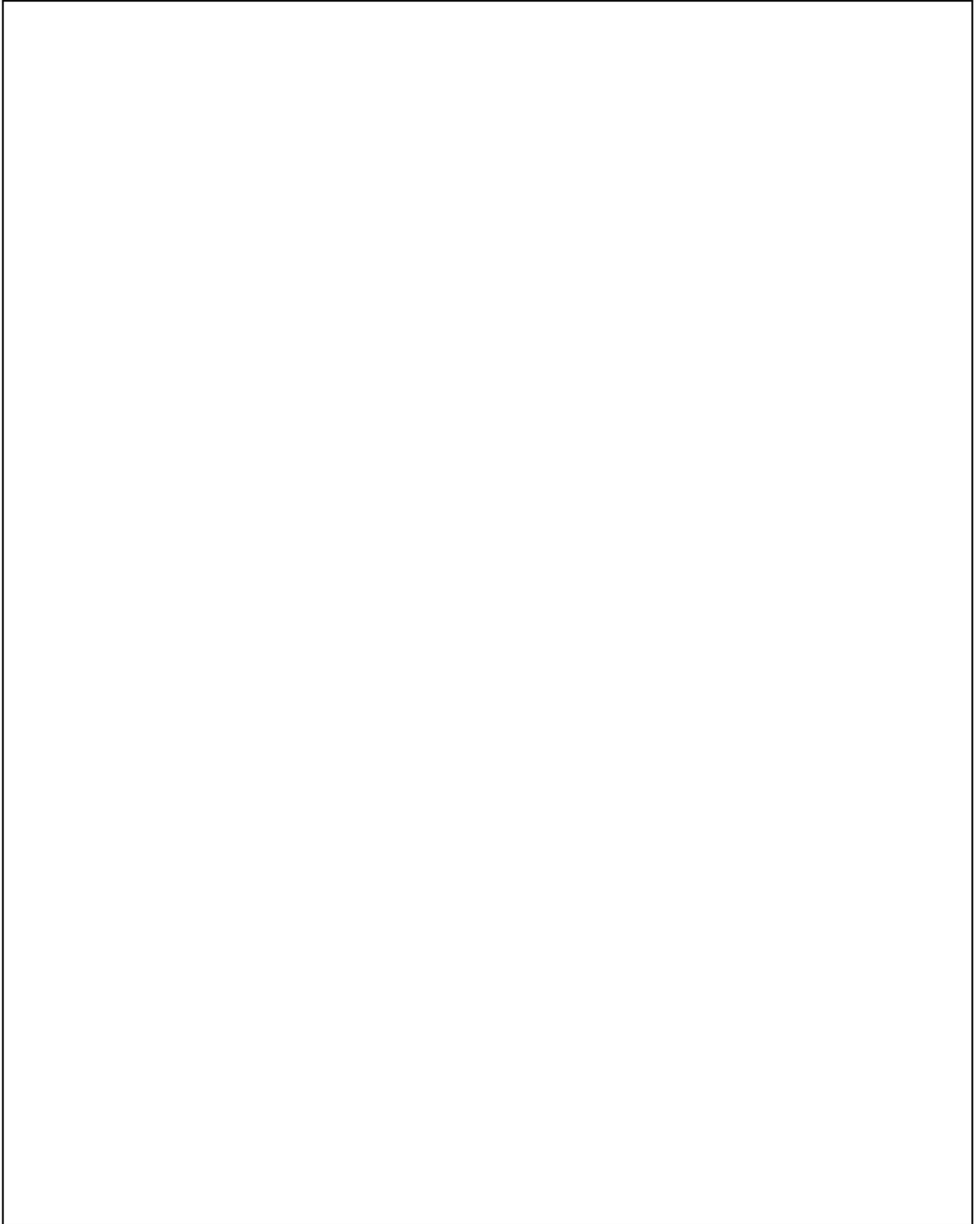
Watford Library
5317 Nauvoo Rd., Watford
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/watford-library.aspx>

Wilkesport

Wilkesport Library
1349 Wilkesport Line, Wilkesport
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/wilkesport-library.aspx>

Wyoming

Wyoming Library
536 Niagara St., Wyoming
<https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/visit/wyoming-library.asp>



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BACKGROUND

The Clinical and Family Services team supports the Healthy Growth and Development Standard of the Ontario Public Health Standards in many ways, throughout the life course. The standard is very comprehensive and includes the following topics: breastfeeding, growth and development, healthy pregnancies, healthy sexuality, mental health promotion, oral health, preconception health, pregnancy counselling, preparation for parenting, positive parenting, and visual health.

Lambton Public Health (“LPH”) works very closely in partnership with the Family Counselling Centre Sarnia-Lambton and St. Clair Child & Youth Services, to facilitate the provision of comprehensive and effective assistance to individuals and families navigating the challenges of post-partum experiences. In Ontario, almost one-quarter (23%) of mothers who recently gave birth reported feelings consistent with either post-partum depression or an anxiety disorder.¹ The challenges can be overwhelming for new parents, and the importance of dedicated support services cannot be overstated. On a positive note, post-partum mental health needs are supported by local community partnerships, well positioned to provide a holistic and supportive approach to care.

This report is intended to highlight one of the programs that the Clinical and Family Services team undertakes to meet the Healthy Growth and Development Standard ensuring the implementation of programs and services which positively impact the health of families and communities.

¹ Statistics Canada. [Maternal Mental Health in Canada](#), 2018-2019.

DISCUSSION

Public Health Nurses (“**PHNs**”) are a reliable, accessible, and highly knowledgeable source of trustworthy information on supporting individuals and families to achieve optimal parental and family health. This occurs through healthy growth and development during pregnancy, in infancy, and early childhood. Child Health PHNs have received focused training to promote mental health among families. PHNs provide comprehensive and effective support and assistance to individuals and families navigating the challenges of post-partum experiences. Families and individuals can access additional information about the post-partum mental health support group through calling LPH’s Family Health Line.

Post-Partum Mental Health Support Group: The post-partum support group (“**PSG**”) is a program provided by LPH, the Family Counselling Centre Sarnia-Lambton, and St. Clair Child and Youth Services, to parents experiencing post-partum mood disorders and post-partum adjustment challenges. It is a weekly, in-person class facilitated by LPH PHNs using evidenced-based guidelines and recommendations. The program has seven (7) goals: provide education on post-partum issues, provide referrals, normalize the post-partum experience, foster social support, develop coping skills, encourage self-reflection, and build community.

In 2024, the PSG program will host three (3) sessions in total. Winter, spring, and fall program sessions will run for a total of eight (8) weekly sessions per program. Each weekly session occurs for approximately 1.5 hours. This program continues to be well attended and receives positive evaluations from 100% of participants, who report impactful outcomes. Evidence-based interventions are reported to be highly effective in managing post-partum challenges, learning new coping skills, fostering a supportive community, and facilitating access to healthcare resources. The group has empowered participants to navigate the challenges of early parenthood with greater resilience. It has not only enhanced their individual well-being, but also strengthened the foundation of their families. The success of the group underscores its importance as a transformative resource in the lives of new parents.

Healthy Babies, Healthy Children: LPH’s Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program identifies parents with risk and links parents to resources through telephone consultations, home visiting, and referral to many community supports, including post-partum mental health services and programs.

Family Health Line: LPH’s Family Health Line connects caregivers to a PHN to answer questions relating to their infant, children, and family. Confidential telephone support and one-to-one information is offered to address concerns or answer questions about post-partum mental health and supports; healthy pregnancy; breastfeeding or infant nutrition; parenting and raising healthy children; and child growth and development – including important developmental milestones. Caregivers may access the service by calling 519-383-3817 with PHNs available Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with meeting objectives under the Healthy Growth and Development standard are approved within LPH's Clinical and Family Services 2024 budget. The program is also supported by St. Clair Child & Youth Services, in collaboration with the Family Counselling Centre Sarnia-Lambton through a donation to the Post Partum Mood Disorders Program in memory of Ann Balcom, a former staff member at St. Clair Child & Youth Services and passionate advocate for post-partum services, who passed away in 2023.

CONSULTATIONS

St. Clair Child & Youth Services and the Family Counselling Centre Sarnia-Lambton.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Healthy Growth and Development activities described are consistent with the 2023-2024 LPH Strategic Priority of Mental Health and Addictions, working with external partners to support mental health promotion. Activities are also consistent with the guiding principles, vision, mission, and areas of effort identified in the County's Strategic Plan, supporting the County's areas of effort toward community development, health, and wellness; service and communications; and partnerships.

CONCLUSION

Supporting parents and caregivers of infants and children in their earliest years yields important benefits that can improve health over the life course. As trusted and knowledgeable health professionals, PHNs facilitate mental health promotion and supports with the post-partum mental health support group, as well as facilitate access to community services and referrals.

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BACKGROUND

Human rabies is an extremely rare disease in Canada due to effective public health prevention and control measures. The Ontario Public Health Standards sets out requirements for the rabies prevention and control program by standardizing the response of local public health units to animal to human contacts that could lead to rabies.

For the first time since 1967, a human case of rabies was identified in Ontario at the beginning of September 2024. The human case was identified outside Lambton County, with reported risk of direct exposure to a bat in northern Ontario. Rabies cases in humans are very rare in Canada, with 27 human cases since 1924, all of which were fatal.

Given this recent case of human rabies in Ontario, this report serves to provide Lambton’s Board of Health (County Council) with an update on the current status of rabies in Lambton County and to highlight the work of Lambton Public Health (“LPH”) in the rabies prevention and control program. Staff last reported to County Council on this subject matter through the May 1, 2024 [Rabies Prevention and Control Program Update](#) report.

DISCUSSION

Rabies is a viral infection that causes brain and spinal cord inflammation. It is typically spread to humans through direct contact with saliva or mucous membranes of an infected animal, such as through a bite or a scratch. Without prompt investigation and treatment rabies is almost always fatal. Skunks, foxes, racoons, and bats are the most common animals to have rabies in Canada, however, most warm-blooded animals can become infected.

Rabies Prevention and Control Measures

Canadian incidence of rabies in humans remains very low due to well-established and effective public health prevention and control measures. As reported to County Council on May 1, 2024, these measures involve multiple agencies at the federal, provincial, and local levels, along with professionals including veterinarians, physicians, and public health inspectors among others.

The success of the rabies prevention and control program is bolstered by the availability of safe and effective post-exposure prophylaxis, through timely administration of rabies immunoglobulin and rabies vaccines for instances where humans come into contact with animals that are suspected of being rabid or the animal's health cannot be determined. Pre-exposure immunization is also available for individuals at high risk of close contact with rabid animals or the rabies virus (e.g., occupational exposures, laboratory workers, certain travellers, and for specific high-risk activities such as hunters or trappers in rabies endemic areas).¹

Public health inspectors are responsible to enforce provincial legislation that requires all cats and dogs over three months of age to be vaccinated for rabies. To support access to these vaccinations, municipalities host low-cost animal rabies vaccination clinics in their communities, inviting local veterinarians to participate, further strengthening rabies prevention measures.

Local public health units play a critical role in the prevention and control of rabies, including public awareness campaigns, animal bite/scratch investigation and risk assessments available 24/7, monitoring and/or arranging testing for suspect animals for rabies, and by facilitating rabies post-exposure prophylaxis when warranted.

Epidemiology of Animal Rabies in Lambton County

Positive cases of animal rabies remain low in Lambton County with only six (6) animal rabies cases identified since 2013. However, all six (6) instances were in bats. The last positive animal (bat) identified in Lambton County were two (2) identified in 2021. See **Appendix "A"** for a summary of Lambton County animal rabies data from 2013-present.

Across Ontario in 2023, almost all instances of animal rabies were in bats (49 of a total of 56 animals). The remaining 7 animal cases included one (1) domestic cat and six (6) skunks. See **Appendix "B"** for animal rabies cases in Ontario for 2023.

Bats can pose a unique risk for rabies due to their ability to easily escape capture after human contact and that their bites and scratches can appear very small and difficult to detect. Approximately 30% of all rabies vaccinations in Lambton County, since 2019, are a result of direct exposures to bats. See **Appendix "C"** for rabies post-exposure prophylaxis for bat exposures in Lambton County from 2019-2024.

¹ Canadian Immunization Guide. Rabies vaccines. Retrieved from: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/canadian-immunization-guide-part-4-active-vaccines/page-18-rabies-vaccine.html>

Prevention of Risk of Rabies Exposure

Routine precautions should always be practiced to reduce the exposure of rabies:

- Stay away from and do not touch unfamiliar animals,
- Supervise children when around animals,
- Keep pets and livestock fully immunized against rabies,
- Do not approach animals that appear to be aggressive or sick, and
- Maintain your residence in good repair to prevent the entrance of pests.

If an individual is exposed to direct contact with a bat, or if an individual is bitten or scratched by any other animal known to carry rabies, they should immediately wash the affected area with soap and water. The individual should subsequently seek medical attention promptly for risk assessment and potential rabies post-exposure prophylaxis, particularly children or individuals who may not be able to provide fulsome details regarding their potential exposure.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The rabies prevention and control program is cost-share funded between the province and municipality, as approved within LPH's 2024 Health Protection budget.

CONSULTATIONS

In the preparation of this report, the Medical Officer of Health was consulted.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The rabies prevention and control program is consistent with the principles, values, and areas of effort identified in the County's strategic plan. The program supports the County's area of effort toward community development, health, and wellness; service and communications; and partnerships.

CONCLUSION

Rabies is a rare but serious disease that can be spread by infected animals to humans. The disease requires continued public health vigilance in order to prevent human cases. LPH plays a significant role working closely with provincial and federal agencies to educate the public as to the risks posed by rabies and monitor/investigate instances of human interactions with animals that could lead to rabies.

Appendix "A"

Summary of Rabies Positive Animal Cases by Lambton Public Health 2013-2024

Year	# of Positive Animal Rabies
2013	3 bats
2014	0
2015	0
2016	1 bat
2017	0
2018	0
2019	0
2020	0
2021	2 bats
2022	0
2023	0
2024**	0

* Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis
** To date as of October 22, 2024

Appendix “B”

Animal Rabies Cases in Ontario by region in 2023
 (with data from the [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#))

Species	Strain type	County	Number
Big brown bat	Bat	Durham	2
Big brown bat	Bat	Elgin	1
Big brown bat	Bat	Haliburton	1
Big brown bat	Bat	Halton	3
Big brown bat	Bat	Hamilton	8
Big brown bat	Bat	Hastings	1
Big brown bat	Bat	Huron	1
Big brown bat	Bat	Middlesex	4
Big brown bat	Bat	Niagara	1
Big brown bat	Bat	Nipissing	1
Big brown bat	Bat	Oxford	1
Big brown bat	Bat	Peel	2
Big brown bat	Bat	Peterborough	2
Big brown bat	Bat	Prescott & Russell	2
Big brown bat	Bat	Renfrew	1
Big brown bat	Bat	Simcoe	3
Big brown bat	Bat	Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	1
Big brown bat	Bat	Toronto	4
Big brown bat	Bat	Kawartha Lakes	1
Big brown bat	Bat	Waterloo	2
Little brown bat	Bat	York	3
Domestic cat	Unknown	Niagara	1
Hoary bat	Bat	Ottawa-Carleton	1
Little brown bat	Bat	Grey	1
Little brown bat	Bat	Simcoe	1
Little brown bat	Bat	York	1
Skunk	Raccoon	Niagara	6

Appendix "C"

Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis in Lambton County for bat exposures.

Year	Total PEP	PEP due to Bats
2019	34	11
2020	21	6
2021	49	24
2022	32	9
2023	49	13
2024 *	50	14

* To date October 22, 2024

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INFORMATION ITEM:	Healthy Built Environment

BACKGROUND

The Built Environment Program Standard in the Ontario Public Health Standards directs public health to provide input into municipal plans. ¹ As part of our built environment and healthy local public policy development work, Lambton Public Health (“LPH”) provides review and comment on municipal policies (e.g. official plan, master plan, subdivision plans) to ensure policy makers have information to consider the health and climate change impact of policies and development proposals.

The built environment, which includes the buildings, parks, schools, road systems and other infrastructure that we encounter in our daily lives, can positively or negatively influence our health as well as reduce the impacts of climate change. Designing communities to help reduce the risk of chronic disease is especially important given current rates of physical activity in Lambton County.²

This report is intended to highlight the importance of a healthy built environment and the collaborative work LPH does to reduce the risk of chronic disease through its Built Environment Program initiatives.

DISCUSSION

Physical activity is associated with improved mental health and reduced chronic disease risk (e.g. Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease); however, most Lambton County residents are not active enough for optimal health. Current self-reported data shows that

¹ [Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability Protecting and Promoting the Health of Ontarians](#)
Effective: June, 2021.

² Health Canada, Division of Childhood and Adolescence (2002), Natural and Built Environments.

only 44% of Lambton County adults (compared to 52.1% in Ontario) are active.³ Additionally, almost 80% of 12–17-year-olds (self-reported) Lambton County residents are active.⁴

According to the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology (CSEP) [24-Hour Movement Guidelines](#), it is recommended that:

- Adults ages 18-64 years obtain 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous aerobic physical activity per week, with muscle strengthening activities at least twice per week;
- Children 5-17 years old obtain 1 hour of moderate to vigorous aerobic physical activity per day with muscle and bone strengthening activities at least three times per week; and
- Children 1-4 obtain 180 minutes of physical activity per day.

Following the 24-Hour Movement Guidelines is associated with a “lower risk of mortality, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, type 2 diabetes, several cancers, anxiety, depression, dementia, weight gain and adverse lipid profile. It is also associated with improved bone health, cognition, quality of life and physical function”.⁵

When municipalities and developers create communities where schools, workplaces and other important destinations (e.g. groceries, banks, etc.) are within walking and biking distance, and include safe, well lit, connected routes, we create opportunities to add physical activity to one’s day and improve physical and mental health outcomes.

Influencing the daily patterns of life, work, and leisure can have a significant impact on health. Building healthier communities can reduce the risk of chronic disease as well as reduce impacts of other outcomes like climate change.

Examples of this work include identifying health and climate change benefits of an urban forestry master plan. Other built environment measures to improve health include:

- Bike paths, sidewalks, trails that are safe and connected to key destinations (e.g. parks, stores, school, workplace, etc.) to encourage active transportation rates.
- Increased access to healthier, affordable foods (e.g. grocery stores, farmers markets, community gardens) and reducing access to unhealthy foods (e.g. fast food near schools) can help improve diet.

³ Public Health Ontario. [Physical Activity Snapshot](#). Self-reported adult physical activity at or above recommended level from the Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines. Age standardized rate (both sexes). 2020. Accessed September 17, 2024.

⁴ Public Health Ontario. [Physical Activity Snapshot](#). Self-reported youth (12-17) physical activity below recommended level from the Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines, Crude rate (both sexes). Accessed September 17, 2024.

⁵ Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology. [24-Hour Movement Guidelines](#). Accessed September 24, 2024.

- Safe, functional greenspaces (e.g. parks, trails) for persons of all ages and abilities can help improve mental and physical health.
- Trees, which can improve air quality, reduce noise pollution, and heat island impact by cooling neighbourhoods. Shade trees are especially important for seniors, children and lower income residents who are more vulnerable to heat extremes and may not have access to air conditioning.
- Affordable housing is a key determinant of health. When people have access to safe, affordable housing it can improve mental health and reduce stress which contributes to chronic disease. Locating residential areas away from sources of pollution (e.g. traffic-related air pollution, industry) reduces risk of chronic disease (e.g. asthma).

These are just some of the many examples of how the built environment and the policy decisions associated with these factors can improve the health of our community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with healthy built environment activities are cost-share funded between the province and municipality, as approved within LPH's 2024 Health Promotion budget.

CONSULTATIONS

Lambton Public Health Dietitians and Public Health Nurses were consulted in the development of this report.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The work done to support a healthy built environment is consistent with the principles, values, and areas of effort identified in the County's strategic plan. The program supports the County's area of effort toward community development, health, and wellness; service and communications; and partnerships.

This work also aligns with Lambton Public Health's strategic priority and work under Mental Health & Addictions pillar and supports the initiatives of Lambton County's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

CONCLUSION

Healthy communities are the result of community partners (municipalities, developers, businesses, and residents) working together to achieve better health outcomes. The built environment and how we design our communities is an upstream way to create supportive environments for health. The work of LPH and collaboration with community partners

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ensures that we design for health and help to reduce the burden of illness associated with chronic disease and climate change.

 <p style="text-align: center;">SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION</p>	
REPORT TO:	WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT:	HOUSING SERVICES HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND SOCIAL PLANNING ONTARIO WORKS
PREPARED BY:	Melisa Johnson, Manager Ian Hanney, Manager Melissa Fitzpatrick, Manager
REVIEWED BY:	Valerie Colasanti, General Manager Stéphane Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer
MEETING DATE:	November 6, 2024
INFORMATION ITEM:	Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Update

BACKGROUND

At its meeting dated April 3, 2024, Lambton County Council asked that staff *provide brief monthly updates on its affordable housing projects and homelessness prevention efforts within the community.*

As the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (“**CMSM**”), the Social Services Division is responsible for the delivery of homelessness prevention services as well as housing services.

This report is an update on the current state of each program area.

DISCUSSION

Ontario Works

Ontario Works (“**OW**”) provides financial assistance to those in financial need including emergency assistance to individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless. Financial assistance is provided to assist with living expenses including food, rent and utilities. OW is often the first point of contact for someone who is at risk of becoming homeless and in addition to financial support, action plans are developed, and referrals are made to prevent homelessness. This plan may include housing applications, childcare applications, life stabilization supports and employment readiness activities. Hundreds of households receive these supports monthly.

For the month of September 2024, the OW caseload was 3,013. During the same time frame, the number of OW emergency applications received were 73. In addition to this, 66 households were supported through the Housing Stability Assistance benefit. This includes households in receipt of OW, Ontario Disability Support Program (“**ODSP**”), low-income families not in receipt of social assistance and seniors. OW data is extracted from the provincial database called the Social Assistance Management System (“**SAMS**”).

Housing Services

The Housing Advocacy Program is an eviction prevention program. Community Support Workers (“**CSWs**”) within this program provide outreach and supports to tenants and their families by advocating on behalf of tenants to improve their quality of life while maintaining their housing. The CSWs have caseloads that consist of many hard to serve individuals with complex needs.

During the month of September:

- 122 unique tenants were assisted to maintain their tenancy.
- 244 visits/contacts were made.
- 21 evictions were prevented.
- Eight applicants were housed from the centralized housing wait list.
- 57 applications were received for the centralized wait list.
- 926 households remain on the centralized wait list.
- 48 months is the average wait time on the list for a one-bedroom unit.
- One Lambton Renovates conditional letters of approval was issued.

Kathleen Avenue Development

Pre-development work is progressing on Kathleen Avenue. A completed zoning application has been submitted for this property. Housing Services staff held a public information session on October 8, 2024 to share information on the development with the neighbourhood.

By-Name-List

The By-Name List (“**BNL**”) is a comprehensive, real-time list of every known and consenting individual experiencing homelessness. This number includes individuals experiencing absolute homelessness (i.e. living rough) as well as individuals or families without stable, safe, permanent, appropriate housing, or the immediate prospect, means and ability of acquiring housing. As of September 30, there were 326 individuals on the BNL. This represents an increase of five individuals or 2.6%. There were 229 individuals who were experiencing chronic homelessness, which represents an increase of 19 individuals. Chronic homelessness refers to individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness and have a total of at least six months of homelessness over the past year.

Integrated Homelessness Prevention Team

The County's integrated homelessness team contains CSWs that serve as either Intensive Housing Case Managers or Rapid Rehousing Workers. Intensive Housing Case Managers support lower caseloads of households that are experiencing chronic homelessness, often facing concurrent complex mental health and addictions challenges, to secure and retain permanent housing.

Rapid Rehousing Workers support larger caseloads of households that are newly or episodically experiencing homelessness, to retain or quickly resecure permanent housing. Both forms of CSW offer life stabilization supports, and work in close partnership with several local multidisciplinary teams to ensure the health and social needs of these households are supported.

During the month of September:

- 162 unique individuals received services from a CSW.
- 602 visits/contacts were made.
- 16 individuals/families were moved into more permanent housing.
- 10 rent supplements were approved to assist individuals move into more permanent housing.

Community Outreach Workers

The Community Outreach Workers provide assertive community outreach to households experiencing homelessness. The team's efforts are primarily directed toward individuals that are experiencing absolute homelessness. The housing case management provided through this team is brought to households experiencing homelessness, wherever they are, and is often delivered outside. Assistance is concentrated on progressing the household along the housing continuum for long-term success. While addressing the basic needs of this vulnerable population is a vital component of the service, the primary goals of engagement are housing centric. Tools for engagement are commonly used to meet immediate needs including food security, temporary shelter, hygiene, health, and sanitation.

During the month of September:

- 69 unique individuals were served.
- 108 contacts/visits were made.
- Two individuals moved from the street to more permanent housing (some individuals may have entered the shelter system for several nights).
- Four successful referrals to external services were made.

Top three reasons 69 individuals provided for sleeping rough:

Reason for sleeping rough	Proportion
Chose not to stay in shelter, personal relationships	17%
Chose not to stay in shelter, substance use	30%
Chose not to stay in shelter, mental health	26%

Emergency Shelter

The County provides funding to the Inn of the Good Shepherd to operate the following shelter services:

- The Good Shepherd's Lodge – 35 beds. 88.7% occupancy during September.
- Out of the Cold Program – 35 temporary beds (increased from 28 to 35 beds in September). 89.7% occupancy during September.
- Haven Youth Shelter – 9 beds. 43.3% occupancy during September.
- Overall system occupancy for the month of September was 86.1%.

In addition to the above, the County has secured additional beds through local motels and hotels to provide greater capacity and flexibility within the emergency shelter system, should the need arise. There are several families experiencing homelessness presently placed within motels.

At its October 2, 2024 Council meeting, Council considered a Notice of Motion and accompanied correspondence that enquired whether the County has looked at the restrictions as it relates to couples and other issues that would remove any court challenge. At this same meeting, Council asked staff to provide a report at its next meeting on the cost to upgrade the shelter to meet some of the court requirements, specifically accommodating couples.

The emergency shelter system aims to be responsive to the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness with the provision of necessary social supports and the County Social Services' team will continue to monitor and evaluate these supports. All individuals seeking assistance have their needs assessed and reasonably accommodated. This includes, among other accommodations, couples and families, as well as individuals experiencing homelessness who own a pet. Every situation is evaluated individually.

Couples may be accommodated through local motels and hotels. It is not possible to alter the existing emergency shelter locations to accommodate couples at these locations, and so utilizing motels is the only current option. Notwithstanding this, staff have explored other locations in the City of Sarnia for a congregate care emergency shelter, however each possible location would be required to undergo a rezoning process and application to permit a congregate care use; this process typically takes approximately 3-5 months.

Discussions have been exploratory in nature, as such leasing costs are unknown at this time, though expected to be significant.

Since the spring of 2023, through inter-agency coordinated efforts but driven by the County of Lambton's integrated homelessness team, nearly 50 families, comprised of almost 150 individuals have been progressed from an experience of homelessness into permanent housing. Individualized emergency housing accommodations have also been used to reasonably support exceptional needs. The current monthly cost to support existing households is more than \$30,000. This monthly cost has been as high as \$65,000. The demand for this intervention is highly variable, driven by families newly experiencing homelessness.

On a monthly basis, and identified in this report, the County of Lambton homelessness outreach team identifies uniquely, by client, the primary reason why individuals are living unsheltered. In this most recent month, 12 individuals identified personal relationships as this primary reason. This includes choosing to avoid individuals staying in shelter, choosing to stay outside with another individual, or personal conflicts that supersede their choice to access shelter. Currently, there are greater than six but fewer than 12 households identified as a couple. This includes individuals self-identifying as couples on a temporary basis and not necessarily intending to be permanently housed together. The relationship dynamics among these individuals change frequently making the provision of shelter spaces challenging. Notwithstanding this, the emergency shelter system aims to provide accommodations to couples that demonstrate an intent to be permanently housed together or exhibit other factors that require couple accommodations. If individualized couple accommodations were offered by way of motel rooms to temporary couples, this cohort of self-identified couples would inevitably increase. This phenomenon was experienced across the pandemic when motel spaces were utilized for isolation and resulted in a significant increase in households asking for motel rooms from situations of provisional accommodation.

The cost of implementing this expansion of services will be significant. Utilizing existing known couples experiencing unsheltered homelessness, it is anticipated that the monthly cost would increase to a minimum of \$65,000 but could exceed \$100,000 due to anticipated sought demand, based upon trends experienced during the pandemic. In addition, costs associated with damages from individuals staying in motels would need to be considered. Averages from historical service indicates a minimum increase of 20% of the costs associated with the rooms. This results in a minimum total monthly cost in excess of \$78,000.

As noted above, based upon our engagement with individuals living rough, those choosing to not attend shelter spaces is not because of an accessibility barrier, but rather because of external factors influencing their decisions, like substance use or mental health.

For the foregoing reasons, it is recommended that the current process of utilizing local motels and hotels as noted above continue. The emergency shelter system aims to be

responsive to the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness with the provision of necessary social supports.

Landlord Engagement Worker

The County Integrated Homelessness team contains a landlord engagement support worker role. This position focuses on directly engaging local property managers and landlords for the purposes of strengthening communication and cooperation related to households supported by case managers. This work better enables mediation to maintain existing tenancies and securing private market rental opportunities for housing case managers.

During the month of September:

- 52 landlords were engaged.
- 24 tenancy concerns were addressed.
- 42 client appointments to discuss housing needs.
- Three apartment units were viewed with individuals experiencing homelessness.

The total number of unique individuals experiencing homelessness that progressed into more permanent housing with assistance from the integrated homelessness prevention team during the month of September was 16.

Housing and Homelessness Resource Centre

- 137 unique individuals were provided supports at the centre.
- 739 visits were made to the centre.
- 87 referrals were made to support services and community partners.

During the month of September referrals included but are not limited to, Canadian Mental Health Association, Community Legal Assistance Services, assisting with ODSP and OW issues, connecting clients with their doctors and setting up telephone and virtual appointments, meeting with clients and possible landlords, referrals to Bluewater Health mental health and addictions services, calling The Lodge for beds (male and female), assisting client with reconnection of hydro, assisting with income tax preparation, and connecting with IMPACT for wellness checks on clients that have not been seen or staff have concerns about, and referrals to the County's CHIC team for medical and health related concerns.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

CONSULTATIONS

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The activities of the Division support the Community Development Area of Effort #3 in the County of Lambton's Strategic Plan, specifically:

- Strengthening the County's advocacy and lobbying efforts with other levels of government to raise the profile of the County and its needs to secure improved senior government supports, funding, grants, and other resources to meet emerging infrastructure and service needs;
- Consulting with the community and stakeholders on ways to increase housing options and affordability, and innovative programs and initiatives that focus on poverty reduction and promote social belonging;
- Supporting the development of a variety of affordable housing to meet demand;
- Implementing, monitoring and updating community health and wellness-related plans and priorities, including, but not limited to, the *Housing and Homelessness Plan*, *Community Safety & Well-Being Plan*, the Long-Term Care division's mission, vision, and values, *Age Friendly Community Planning* framework, Lambton Public Health's strategic priorities, *Lambton Drug & Alcohol Strategy*, *Lambton EMS Master Plan*, and *Child Care and Early Years 5-Year Service System Plan*; and
- Advocating for, and supporting access to, mental health and addiction services.

CONCLUSION

This report provides a snapshot of the work that three departments within the Social Services Division delivered through an integrated program delivery approach. It includes the outputs and outcomes of each program. It does not include the longer-term systems related to planning occurring within the Division and with community partners on an ongoing basis to address the underlying issues of homelessness.



- AGM Update: Registration is live and keynote speaker selected
 - Governance went through the speaker options and chose Keith Currie
 - Valuable insights into a broad perspective of how Canada will navigate it's drive to net-zero, linking to agriculture. How this relates to energy and chemistry

Motion: To go in camera.

Moved by P. Reaume-Zimmer. Seconded by N. Dochstader. Carried.

Motion: To rise camera.

Moved by C. McEachran. Seconded by D. Cayea. Carried.

CEO Update

- M. Slotwinski shared the CEO report executive summary
- Discussion on the Rural Community Immigration Pilot, seeking Board input
 - Announced just last week it was open; We are still learning about the parameters of the program, however applications are due July 2.
 - We'd like to see Lambton County as part of this pilot program; 10 out of 11 of our municipalities are deemed rural
 - EcDev Offices partner with local companies looking to hire and labour gaps they are looking to fill- identifying targeted community needs, EcDev agency identifying newcomers who fulfill the needs, businesses putting out offers, screening candidates, then there is a fast track through IRCC permanent residency process
 - We'd be able to pick what the industry and labour gaps are in our community
 - Approx. costs around \$205,000 for the first year- we could potentially fund through reserves for the first year but it is not a sustainable solution
 - Northern immigration pilot was 5 years- how do we make this sustainable for future years? Is this something the Board wants to pursue if we can find a sustainable pathway
- Fits into the strat plan as a key core element of workforce
- Pilot program is very focused, what EcDev offices are looking at in terms of labour gaps and shortages, to serve the local needs; rather than the negativity of the general immigration and student immigration has caused within Canada
- County council also was supportive years ago



- Board supports the idea to move forward with the application, but would like to know more about some of the outstanding questions, how do we move forward if it is no longer financially feasible?
- Need to identify a sustainable path forward

Motion: To move forward with the application.

Moved by M. Bradley. Seconded by K. Marriott. Carried

Committees

Governance Committee

- All Updates to by-laws completed- included in the Board package is the updated by-laws.

Motion: That the revised by-laws be approved as submitted and referred to the Annual General Meeting on June 27, 2024 for adoption.

Moved by P. Reaume-Zimmer. Seconded by A. Edlington. Carried

- Director Recruitment

Motion: That Paula Reaume-Zimmer be reelected for a second term as Director and referred for subsequent approval by the members of the corporation at the June 27th Annual General Meeting.

Moved by D. Cayea. Seconded by N. Dochstader. Carried

Motion: That Darryl Germain be elected for the open position of Director and referred for subsequent approval by the members of the corporation at the June 27th Annual General Meeting.

Moved by A. Edlington. Seconded by C. McEachran. Carried

Motion: That Peter Noble be elected for the open non-voting community member position on the governance committee and Tracy Kingston be elected for the open non-voting community member position on the finance committee; both serving a one-year term, and referred for subsequent approval by the members of the corporation at the June 27th Annual General Meeting.

Moved by C. McEachran. Seconded by K. Marriott. Carried

Motion: That A. Edlington be elected for the position of Governance Chair.

Moved by A. Lee. Seconded by P. Reaume-Zimmer. Carried



Motion: That A. Lee be elected for the position of Chair of the Board.

Moved by C. McEachran. Seconded by S. Thiffeault. Carried

- M. Slotwinski shared his updated version with the Board of his Strategic Plan Revisions
 - The goal and task was to have a final copy of the updated internal strategy prior to the AGM; draft copy of the final version shared with Board for further input
 - With the changes we are comfortable with it being public
- There will need to be some CEO / Board level KPIs.

Finance Committee

- Year-to-date financials update
- 2023 Draft Audited financials BDO Presentation
 - Clean audit report for SLEP for year ending December 31, 2023

Motion: That the draft 2023 Audited Financials Statements be approved and presented at the Annual General Meeting on June 27, 2024 for acceptance.

Moved by D. Kabbes. Seconded by R. Perdeaux. Carried

- 2024 Auditors

Motion: That BDO Canada be appointed as auditors for 2024 and referred for subsequent approval to the Annual General Meeting on June 27, 2024 for election.

Moved by D. Kabbes. Seconded by R. Perdeaux. Carried

New Business

- None

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by D. Kabbes. Seconded by D Cayea. Carried.

Acting Chair
Adrienne Lee

Secretary-Treasurer
Stephane Thiffeault



2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
POST-AGM Open Session Meeting Minutes with Board
Members Thursday, June 27th 9:15 AM
LOCATION: Sunbridge Hotel and Conference Centre

Attendance:

Cayea, David	Marriott, Kevin
Lee, Adrienne	Plain, Jeff
Thiffeault, Stephane	McEachran, Carrie
Kabbes, Don	Knapp, Tim
Edlington, Angela	Noble, Peter
Germain, Darryl	Kingston, Tracy

Slotwinski, Matthew (CEO)
Moore, Brittany (Executive Assistant)

Regrets:

Dochstader, Nick
Reaume-Zimmer, Paula
Bradley, Mike
Kardas, Rob

Call to Order

Quorum Present

Agenda

Motion: To approve Agenda as submitted.

Moved by S. Thiffeault. Seconded by D. Kabbes. Carried.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared.



Board Decisions

- 2024-2025 Board Leadership and Committee Appointments
 - Establishment of Committees (listing provided to members)

Motion: That the committees be approved as appointed.

Moved by C. McEachran. Seconded by S. Thiffeault . Carried.

- Board was provided the finalized version of the updated 2024-2029 Strategic Plan.

Motion: That the Board adopts the updated 2024-2029 Strategic Plan.

Moved by A. Edlington. Seconded by C. McEachran. Carried.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by T. Knapp. Seconded by A. Edlington. Carried.



Acting Chair
Adrienne Lee



Secretary-Treasurer
Stephane Thiffeault

MINUTES
LAMBTON CREATIVE COUNTY COMMITTEE

Via Electronic Conferencing

June 27, 2024

Present: Warden Kevin Marriott, Brad Loosley (Chair), Dave Ferguson, Barbara Prescott, Tracey Kingston (joined 1:02 p.m.). Also, Andrew Meyer, Jessica Cohmer (Recording Secretary), Tara Pounds.

Regrets: Beverly Bressette, Chrissy McRoberts, Kristy Kilner- Holmes.

1. Welcome/Call to Order

B. Loosley welcomed committee members and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion #1: B. Prescott / D. Ferguson:
That the June 27, 2024 Creative County Committee Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No pecuniary interest declared.

4. Approval of Minutes – November 30, 2023

Motion #2: D. Ferguson / B. Prescott:
That the minutes of the Creative County Committee meeting of November 30, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Meyer informed the committee in March, 2024 when the approved payments for the 2024 Creative County Grant Program were released, three recipients indicated that they were no longer in a position to accept the funds awarded.

The following approved grant contributions were declined:

- #1300 *Look of Lambton 2024*, funding total of \$2,500
- #1302 *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland: A Ballet Narrative*, funding total of \$1,980
- #1303 *2024 Cultural Activation of the City of Sarnia's CIP Identified Areas*, funding total \$4,900.

The declined 2024 Creative County Grant funding total of \$9,380 is to be retained as part of the Creative County Grant Program reserve for future use at the direction of the committee.

6. New Business

a) Status Updates – Creative County Supported Projects

i.) A. Meyer provided the committee with a short status update on each of the 2024 Creative County Grant Program projects. It was noted that recipient # 1276 Kiwanis Club of Forest, *Indigenous Film and food Festival-Celebrating Together*, reported to staff that the final 25% payment assigned to their project is no longer required due to other available grant sources. The final payment total of \$675 will be retained as part of the Creative County Grant Program reserve for future use at the direction of the committee.

A few projects were not able to submit status updates in time for the meeting. As such, A. Meyer will provide status updates at the scheduled Creative County Committee meeting in September for the following recipients: #1296 Community Living Sarnia-Lambton, *Art is for Everyone*; #1295 John Howard Society of Sarnia-Lambton, *Educational Community Awareness Support Through Art program*; #1292 Dr. Eliana Elkhoury, *Arabic Literacy Enrichment Program*; #1291 Liana Russwurm, *Brooke-Alvinston Youth Art Workshops*; #1289 Esther Tolooei, book on *the 1918 Flu Pandemic in Lambton County*; #1279 Sarnia Concert Association.

Motion #3: K. Marriot / D. Ferguson:

That the verbal Status Updates report provided by A. Meyer be approved as presented.

Carried.

ii.) A. Meyer informed the committee that two of the 2024 grant recipients, # 1287 Bonnie Sitter, *Farmerette Documentary Film*, and # 1280 Le Centre Communautaire Francophone de Sarnia-Lambton, *Notre chansons dans notre place*, identified that they are continuing to fundraise to successfully complete their respective projects. In light of the declined 2024 funding that remains available in reserve (see item 6. a) i.) above), staff requested for consideration by the committee that these recipients be invited to submit a proposal for additional funding to meet their respective fundraising goals. These proposals are to be submitted to the committee for their consideration at the next Creative County Committee meeting, to be held on September 26, 2024.

Motion #4: D. Ferguson / B. Prescott:

That recipients who have identified unmet fundraising for their projects be invited to submit a proposal to committee for consideration of additional funding at the next Creative County Committee meeting, to be held on September 26, 2024.

Carried.

b) Committee Vacancy

A. Meyer informed the committee that County Council and Creative County north quadrant representative Todd Case has resigned from the Creative County Committee. In accordance with the Terms of Reference, it is at the discretion of the committee to fill the vacancy, or continue until County Council makes their next appointment. Members discussed the importance of full representation from all geographic areas of the County during the grant application review process in November.

Motion #5: D. Ferguson / B. Prescott:

That County Council representatives from the North Quadrant, namely, Municipality of Lambton Shores and Town of Plympton-Wyoming, be approached regarding their interest in serving as representatives on the Creative County Committee for the remainder of the committee term.

Carried.

c) Creative County Grant Program Analysis and Council Report

A. Meyer informed the committee that the Creative County Grant Program has exceeded ten years of investment by County Council, being established

in 2013. As such, staff suggested that it would be appropriate to consider a review of the program to ensure that the original objectives of the program are being met, and to evaluate the return on investment within the community.

Motion #6: D. Ferguson / T. Kingston:

That staff prepare a ten-year analysis of the Creative County Grant Program for the September committee meeting, to inform a recommendation to County Council regarding the program.

Carried.

7. Scheduling of Meetings

The next scheduled meeting of the Creative County Committee will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. via electronic conferencing. The annual Creative County Grant Program Review meeting will be held in-person on Thursday, November 28, 2024 at the Lambton County Administration Building, Wyoming in Committee Room #3.

8. Adjournment

Motion #7: T. Kingston / D. Ferguson:

That the Creative County Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Carried.



SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

REPORT TO:	WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT:	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
PREPARED BY:	Kim Godin, Manager
REVIEWED BY:	Valerie Colasanti, General Manager Stéphane Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer
MEETING DATE:	November 6, 2024
SUBJECT:	Child Care Facility Development

BACKGROUND

On February 7, 2024, Council received a report regarding Child Care expansion that stated under the provincial Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care (“**CWELCC**”) agreement, municipalities are required to create local child care expansion plans that support child care access for low-income children, vulnerable children, children from diverse communities, children with special needs, Francophone and Indigenous children, and rural communities with a focus on improving equity of access. The report identified the priority populations and neighbourhoods in Lambton County which have been identified for child care expansion.

At its meeting on February 7, 2024, Lambton County Council approved the following resolution:

#20: *Loosley/Boushy*:

- a) *That Staff be authorized to procure architectural services to conduct feasibility studies related to building a child care facility located at Lambton Meadowview Villa, in Enniskillen Township;*
- b) *That Staff report back to Council with the findings from the feasibility studies contemplated in paragraph (1) above, together with Staff's recommended next steps for Council consideration and approval.*

Carried.

This report provides information related to the Lambton Meadowview Villa Child Care Centre feasibility study received on October 10, 2024 from MMMC Architects (“**MMMC**”) services.

DISCUSSION

The Township of Enniskillen, the Town of Petrolia and surrounding Lambton rural communities were identified as priority child care growth areas aiming to increase child care access and to meet the provincial access target of 37% for child care expansion. Due to the higher percentage of families earning less than \$60,000 annually in these communities compared to other areas of Lambton County, this area has been historically underserved and serves as a hub for many small rural communities within Lambton County. The Town of Petrolia is a growing community with a projected 20% population growth over the next ten years. Current data indicates the population age distribution of zero to four-year-olds is higher in Petrolia than in most other areas of Lambton County, pointing to the fact that many young families are choosing to live there.

The child care access ratio in Petrolia is 16%, and to achieve the provincial target ratio of 37%, an additional 120 spaces are required. This is to be achieved through a combination of new centre-based spaces, new home licensed child care spaces and the utilization of licensed child care space capacity in child care centres within Enniskillen Township and the Town of Petrolia.

Enniskillen Township and the Town of Petrolia are home to three large long-term care homes, a hospital, a large secondary school with a wide catchment area, and several industrial facilities. The wait list for child care in this area is currently over 300 children.

The Children's Services Department procured MMMC Architects architectural services through cross divisional planning with the Long-Term Care Division's Small House project at Lambton Meadowview Villa. MMMC Architects utilized existing County of Lambton knowledge and staff relationships from the ongoing work with the Small House project to reduce the time and cost to complete the child care expansion feasibility study.

The focus of the study involved the construction of a new 49 space child care centre for children aged zero to four years. The report outlines an addition of a single floor building that would be located on the north side of the existing Lambton Meadowview Villa structures and would be approximately 5,385 square feet. The addition of new parking spaces and an extension of the fire route would be required. The project timeline is expected to be approximately two years with the new child care centre fully operational by December 2026.

The total capital costs of constructing a new child care facility, including the construction, development, and allowance for inflation is \$5,857,188. Currently, available provincial and federal grants would total \$2,308,957, and \$1,636,380 would be used from the Children's Services Department reserves, leaving \$1,911,851 to be funded through additional debt.

The County of Lambton's Children's Services Department intends to utilize the 2024 provincial Early Learning Child Care funding to support the new child care provider with the Ministry of Education startup requirements. It is imperative that the 2024 provincial startup funding be disbursed before December 31, 2024, to maximize the amount of

available capital funding. Pending Council's approval, the County of Lambton's Procurement & Project Management Department will initiate an Expression of Interest process seeking a new non-profit child care operator and entering into a cost recovery lease agreement within the County owned facility.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Outlined below is a Capital project expenditure summary and recommended "source of funding" report for the proposed 49 space child care facility.

Expenditure	Estimated Cost
Development/Design/Architectural	\$1,065,438
Construction	\$4,261,750
Contingency @ 10%	\$530,000
Total Estimated Cost	\$5,857,188
Source of Funding	Funding Amount
Province: EDU Childcare/Start Up	\$2,308,957
Children Services Reserve	\$1,636,380
Debenture	\$1,911,851
Total Source of Funding	\$5,857,188

It should be noted that the above project expenditure costs are preliminary.

The net financial impact to the County of Lambton's budget is the use of Children's Services Department reserves in the amount of \$1,636,380 and to seek additional debt financing in the amount of \$1,911,851. It is expected to be partially offset through a cost recovery facility lease agreement of approximately \$100,000 annually, which will be utilized to offset the majority of annual debt servicing cost of approximately \$145,000. The additional \$1.9 million County debt included for this project is within the authorized County of Lambton total debt limits prescribed by the province.

CONSULTATIONS

Consultations have taken place with the General Manager of Social Services, the General Manager of Long-Term Care, the General Manager of Finance, Facilities and Acquisitions, Manager, Procurement and Projects, the Manager of Children's Services, and the Ministry of Education.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The activities of the Division support the Community Development Area of Effort #3 in the County of Lambton's Strategic Plan, specifically:

- Strengthening the County's advocacy and lobbying efforts with other levels of government to raise the profile of the County and its needs to secure improved senior government supports, funding, grants, and other resources to meet emerging infrastructure and service needs;
- Consulting with the community and stakeholders on ways to increase housing options and affordability, and innovative programs and initiatives that focus on poverty reduction and promote social belonging;
- Supporting the development of a variety of affordable housing to meet demand;
- Implementing, monitoring and updating community health and wellness-related plans and priorities, including, but not limited to, the *Housing and Homelessness Plan*, *Community Safety & Well-Being Plan*, the Long-Term Care division's mission, vision, and values, *Age Friendly Community Planning* framework, Lambton Public Health's strategic priorities, *Lambton Drug & Alcohol Strategy*, *Lambton EMS Master Plan*, and *Child Care and Early Years 5-Year Service System Plan*; and
- Advocating for, and supporting access to, mental health and addiction services.

CONCLUSION

The CWELCC agreement has resulted in tremendous change and growth in the children's services sector. More families want access to licensed child care, waitlists for care have increased, and the need for care far outweighs the number of available child care spaces. Municipalities are responsible for implementing a directed growth strategy to ensure an access rate of 37% is achieved by 2026. While the County of Lambton has made progress towards this growth target, more work and innovation is needed to fully achieve targets by 2026.

A new child care facility built on County-owned land, where facility ownership remains with the County of Lambton and operations are delivered by a non-profit operator, represents creativity and leveraging of resources from all levels of government.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) That Council approve and authorize staff to proceed with the design, engineering and construction of a child care facility located at Lambton Meadowview Villa, in Enniskillen Township ("Project") at an estimated cost of \$ 5,857,188.**
- b) That the County be authorized to drawdown \$1,636,380 from the Children Services Reserve and to seek additional debt financing of up to \$1,911,851 for the funding of this Project.**
- c) That staff provide County Council with quarterly project updates, including capital budget monitoring updates.**



MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(Infrastructure & Development Services/Public Health Services –
Emergency Medical Services/Cultural Services/Long-Term Care/Corporate
Services/Finance, Facilities and Acquisitions/Social Services)

October 16, 2024

A meeting was held at the County Building at 9:01 a.m. on the above date.

Present

Chair K. Marriott and Members J. Agar, G. Atkinson, D. Boushy, M. Bradley, A. Broad, T. Case, D. Cook, B. Dennis, D. Ferguson, B. Hand, B. Loosley, C. McRoberts, S. Miller, I. Veen and B. White attended in person. Members C. McRoberts and D. Sageman attended virtually. Various staff were present including the following General Managers: Mr. J. Cole, General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, Mr. A. Taylor, General Manager, Public Health Services, Mr. A. Meyer, General Manager, Cultural Services, Mr. M. Gorgey, General Manager, Long-Term Care, Mr. L. Palarchio, General Manager, Finance, Facilities and Acquisitions, 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

None.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor G. Atkinson declared a pecuniary interest on item #7.A) of the October 16, 2024 Committee of the Whole agenda regarding correspondence from the Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame due to being the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and therefore recused himself on motion #10 and #11 of this day's minutes.

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

IDS 11-01-24 A resolution from the Municipality of Tweed, dated September 10, 2024 regarding the Canada Community-Building Funds (administered by the Association of Ontario Municipalities) requesting an allocation increase.

#1: Case/Agar: That correspondence IDS 11-01-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

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

a) Information Report dated October 16, 2024 regarding 2024 Provincial Planning Statement.

b) Information Report dated October 16, 2024 regarding 2024 Roads and Bridges Construction Update.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated October 16, 2024 Regarding 2024 Asset Management Plan

#3: Boushy/Dennis: That County Council adopt the County of Lambton 2024 Asset Management Plan Phase Two as presented.

Carried.

Report dated October 16, 2024 Regarding Emergency Services Committee

#4: Boushy/Dennis: That the County of Lambton Emergency Services Committee be dissolved.

Carried.

Report dated October 16, 2024 Regarding Maintenance Activity Report - April 2024 to October 2024

#5: Boushy/Dennis: That County Council endorse the County of Lambton Winter Operations Plan for the 2024/25 winter season as presented.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION - Emergency Medical Services Department

No agenda items.

CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

CUL 11-02-24 A letter from The Honourable Filomena Tassi, P.C., M.P. of the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, dated July 2, 2024, announcing approval for funding under the Government of Canada's Tourism Growth Program. Such funding supports communities, small- and medium-sized business and not-for-profit organizations in developing local tourism products and experiences.

#6: Cook/Veen: That correspondence CUL 11-02-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Report

Information Report dated October 16, 2024 Regarding Museums, Gallery and Archives Second Quarter 2024 Statistics

#7: Case/Ferguson: That Information Report dated October 16, 2024 regarding Museums, Gallery and Archives Second Quarter 2024 Statistics be received and filed.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated October 16, 2024 Regarding Museums, Gallery and Archives Collections Management August 2024

#8: Atkinson/Loosley: That the Museums, Gallery and Archives Collections Management August 2024 Report be accepted, and items recommended for acceptance to, or removal from, the collection be approved for inclusion in or removal from, the respective permanent collections.

Carried.

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated October 16, 2024 Regarding Preceptor Resource and Education Program in Long-Term Care

#9: Case/Agar:

a) That staff be directed to complete the Preceptor Resource and Education Program in Long-Term Care (PREP-LTC) application from the Ontario Centres for Learning, Research and Innovation in Long-Term Care for access to funding in the amount of \$90,000.

b) That provided that the funding stipulated in paragraph (a) above is secured, that staff be directed to hire a student placement coordinator to achieve the goals of the PREP-LTC program.

Carried.

Invitations

Council was invited to the following upcoming events:

a) North Lambton Lodge Family Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

b) Marshall Gowland Manor Family Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

c) Lambton Meadowview Villa Family Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

CORP 11-03-24 A letter from Joanne Sanderson, Chair, Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame dated September 23, 2024 asking County Council to appoint one representative to the Board of Directors for the Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame (LAHOF) for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

#10: Broad/Cook: That Lambton County Council endorse CORP 11-03-24.

Carried.

#11: Cook/White: That Lambton County Council appoint Councillor Dave Ferguson to the Board of Directors for the Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame (LAHOF) for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Carried.

Information Report

Information Report dated October 16, 2024 Regarding Inaugural Meeting 2025-2026 Term

#12: Cook/Miller: That Information Report dated October 16, 2024 regarding Inaugural Meeting 2025-2026 Term be received and filed.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated October 16, 2024 Regarding 2025 Committee and Council Meeting Dates

#13: Case/Atkinson: That County Council approve the 2025 Committee and Council schedule attached hereto as Schedule "A", which has:

- a) the April Council meeting rescheduled to April 3, 2025; and
- b) the August Committee meeting occurring only upon the call of the Warden to address a pressing or urgent matter. If an August meeting is called, it shall take place on August 21, 2025.

Carried.

Report dated October 16, 2024 Regarding Source Protection Committee Appointment of Lambton County Nominee

#14: Case/Atkinson:

- a) That the County Clerk write to each local municipality asking the municipality to nominate individuals from their community, no later than November 18, 2024, for potential nomination by Lambton County to the Thames-Sydenham and Region Drinking Water Source Protection Committee and that their nominations be communicated to the County Clerk.
- b) That the County Clerk report back to County Council, at its November 27, 2024, meeting, with a list of all individuals nominated by local municipalities for the purposes set out in paragraph a) above.
- c) That at its November 27, 2024, meeting, County Council nominate one (1) (or more) of the individuals from the list reported to it in accordance with paragraph b) above to the Thames-Sydenham and Region Drinking Water Source Protection Committee.

Carried.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND ACQUISITIONS DIVISION

Information Report

Information Report dated October 16, 2024 Regarding Annual Donations Report

#15: Hand/Loosley: That Information Report dated October 16, 2024 regarding Annual Donations Report be received and filed.

Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

SSD 11-04-24 A letter from the Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P., Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, dated September 10, 2024 regarding the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario's agreement on a revised Action Plan that will unlock \$357 million of federal funding under the National Housing Strategy, through until 2028.

#16: Veen/Ferguson: That correspondence SSD 11-04-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Correspondence from Member Municipalities

SSD 11-05-24 A letter from Amy Burkhart, City Clerk, City of Sarnia, dated October 2, 2024 regarding a resolution that was passed by Sarnia City Council at its meeting on October 1, 2024, which reads as follows:

That Sarnia City Council refer the request for the creation of a transitional tiny house community to the Lambton County Council.

#17: Dennis/Ferguson: That correspondence SSD 11-05-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

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

a) Information Report dated October 16, 2024 regarding Affordable Housing Update.

b) Information Report dated October 16, 2024 regarding Traditional and Tiny Home Review.

c) Information Report dated October 16, 2024 regarding Transitional Tiny Homes.

Carried.

Time: 9:18 a.m.

IN-CAMERA

#19: Atkinson/White: That the Chair declare the Committee go in-camera to discuss the following:

a) to receive a report on labour negotiations between The Corporation of the County of Lambton and the CUPE Local 1291; CUPE Local 2557; and UNIFOR Local 2003E, pursuant to section 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

#20: (Motion to be dealt with at the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) meeting dated November 6, 2024).

#21: Hand/Loosley: That the Chair declare the Committee go back into Open Session.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#22: Atkinson/Loosley: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the County Building, Wyoming, Ontario.

Carried.

Time: 9:29 a.m.

Kevin Marriott, Chair

Olivia Leger, Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF LAMBTON

BY-LAW NO. 29 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 November 6, 2024"

WHEREAS it has been expedient that from time to time, the Council of The Corporation of the County of Lambton should enact the resolutions or motions of Council;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed advisable that all such actions which have been adopted by resolution or motion of Council only, should be authorized by By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the County of Lambton enacts as follows:

1. That all actions of Council which have been authorized by a resolution or motion of Council and adopted in open Council and that were recorded in the minutes of Council or the minutes of a Committee of Council and accepted by Council up to and including November 6, 2024, be hereby confirmed.

THIS BY-LAW read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 6th day of November, 2024.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Olivia Leger
Clerk

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