



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)

November 20, 2024

A meeting was held at the County Building at 9:00 a.m. on the above date.

Present

Chair K. Marriott and Members J. Agar, G. Atkinson, D. Boushy, A. Broad, T. Case, D. Ferguson, B. Hand, S. Miller, D. Sageman, I. Veen and B. White attended in person. Members M. Bradley, D. Cook, B. Dennis, B. Loosley, and C. McRoberts attended virtually. Various staff were present including the following General Managers: Mr. J. Cole, General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, who attended virtually, and Ms. C. Nauta, Manager, Building Services, who attended in person, Mr. K. Churchill, 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

None.

Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal Recognition

The Warden recognized eight (8) paramedics who received Exemplary Service Medals this year. The Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal recognizes professionals in the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services to the public, who have performed their duties in an exemplary manner, characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency.

Lambton EMS paramedics who received 20-year Exemplary Service Medals this year are:

Matthew Charlton
Jose Emilio
Alireza Ataellahi Jolgeh
Shane Kinart
Ann Millar

Lambton EMS paramedics who received 30-year bars, recognizing an additional 10 years of service, after previously receiving Exemplary Service Medals are:

Jon Cann
Ray Gowan
Tim McFadden

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

PW 11-11-24 An email from Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Good Roads, and Antoine Boucher, President, Good Roads Board of Directors, received October 29, 2024, regarding a resolution that proposes the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.

#1: White/Case: That County Council adopt the resolution in correspondence PW 11-11-24 as follows:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other PW 11-11-24 roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads; AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Lambton requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make

the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Carried.

PW 11-06-24 A notice of study commencement from Laura Donaldson, Egis Consultant, Project Manager, Egis Group, dated October 17, 2024 regarding Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment for the Rehabilitation of Highway 40 Northbound and Southbound Lanes from Petrolia Line (Lambton Road 4) to Churchill Road, Lambton County, G.W.P. 3079-20-00.

PW 11-12-24 A Notice of Public Consultation Centre, issued November 5, 2024, regarding County of Lambton Country Road 22 (London Line) and County Road 8 (Forest Road) Roundabout Intersection, being held on Monday, November 25, 2024.

#2: Veen/White: That correspondence PW 11-06-24 and PW 11-12-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#3: Veen/Case: That the following Information Reports from the Infrastructure & Development Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding 3rd Quarter 2024 Building Permit Statistics.
- b) Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding 3rd Quarter Statistics and Approval Authority Activity.
- c) Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding 3rd Quarter Work In Progress.
- d) Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding County Road Intersection Treatments.

e) Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding Emergency Management Coordinator Activities.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated November 20, 2024 Regarding Primary Public Safety Answering Point Service Agreement Renewal

#4: Broad/Ferguson:

a) That County of Lambton enter into the Agreement for the provision of Primary Public Safety Answering Point Services with the Ontario Provincial Police;

b) That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign such agreements and any other agreements or documents to give effect to the foregoing; and

c) That the appropriate By-Law be presented to County Council for its consideration.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION - Emergency Medical Services Department

Information Reports

Information Report dated November 20, 2024 Regarding 2024 Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal Recipients

#5: Miller/Atkinson: That Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding 2024 Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal Recipients be received and filed.

Carried.

CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

#6: Broad/Hand: That the following Information Reports from Cultural Services Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding Canatara Cabin Reconstruction Update.

b) Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding Libraries Third Quarter 2024 Statistics.

c) Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding Museums, Gallery and Archives Third Quarter 2024 Statistics.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated November 20, 2024 Regarding Creative County Grant Program Analysis

#7: Case/Agar: That Lambton County Council direct the Creative County Committee ("Committee") to continue with the administration of the Creative County Grant Program, and direct staff to work with the Committee to strengthen the administration of the program through the implementation of an annual review, progress reporting, contribution agreements and incremental progress payments.

Carried.

Report dated November 20, 2024 Regarding Libraries Donations, July 1 to September 30, 2024

#8: Veen/Hand: That the Libraries donations, July 1 to September 30, 2024 Report, and the additional donations from the previous reporting period of May 1 to June 30, 2024, be accepted.

Carried.

Report dated November 20, 2024 Regarding Museums, Gallery and Archives Collections Management September 2024

#9: White/Loosley: That the Museums, Gallery and Archives Collections Management September 2024 Report be accepted, and items recommended for acceptance to the collection be approved for inclusion in the respective permanent collection.

Carried.

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Information Reports

#10: Atkinson/Miller: That the following Information Reports from Long-Term Care be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding 2024 Feedback Survey Report for Long-Term Care.

b) Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding Long-Term Care Occupancy - Q3 2024.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

CORP 11-13-24 A letter from Chief Janelle Nahmabin, Aamjiwnaang First Nation, received November 6, 2024 regarding a request that fines acquired from the environmental fine and penalty be given directly to Aamjiwnaang. *Please see the attached letter for full details on the request.*

#11: Broad/Boushy: That correspondence CORP 11-13-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

Information Report dated November 20, 2024 Regarding Court Services - 2024 3rd Quarter Statistics and Activity

#12: Ferguson/Sageman: That Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding Court Services - 2024 3rd Quarter Statistics and Activity be received and filed.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated November 20, 2024 Regarding Collection Agency Services for Provincial Offences and Municipal Collections

#13: Cook/Case:

a) That the County of Lambton enter into agreements with the following collection agencies as set out in the terms of the 2024-RFP-91 Collection Agency Services for Provincial Offences and Municipal Collections document ("Collection Agencies RFP"):

- i. Credit Bureau Services Canada (a division of St. Catharines Credit Corporation Limited);
- ii. CBV Collection Services Ltd.;
- iii. A-1 Credit Recovery & Collection Services Inc.;
- iv. Commercial Credit Adjusters Ltd.; and

v. Partners in Credit Inc. and that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign such agreements and any other agreements or documents to give effect to the foregoing;

b) That Schedule "A" of By-Law No. 21 of 2011 be amended to reflect the new fixed rates as determined in the Collection Agencies RFP; and

c) That the appropriate By-Law be presented to County Council for its consideration.

Carried.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND ACQUISITIONS DIVISION

Information Reports

Information Report dated November 20, 2024 Regarding 2024 - Q3 Budget Monitoring Update

#14: Agar/SageMan: That Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding 2024 - Q3 Budget Monitoring Update be received and filed.

Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

SSD 11-09-24 A letter from the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated November 4, 2024, thanking the Warden and County staff for taking the time to meet with him at the 2024 AMO Conference. The letter states the recognition of the challenges faced by the County regarding encampments and the interest in additional capital funding for the development of affordable and supportive housing.

#15: Boushy/Atkinson: That correspondence SSD 11-09-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

SSD 11-10-24 A letter dated October 22, 2024 from the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus addressed to the Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, regarding the Support for Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus, Solve the Crisis Campaign.

#16: Bradley/Case: That County Council endorse the resolution in correspondence SSD 11-10-24 as follows:

THAT the presentation from Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, Chair, and Michelle Baker, Executive Director, Ontario's Big City Mayors, be received and

THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the SolvethetheCrisis.ca Campaign and requests that the Provincial and Federal Governments take Action to Address the Growing Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Crisis in Ontario

WHEREAS there is a humanitarian crisis unfolding on the streets in our cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. The time for words is over, we need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province of Ontario

WHEREAS the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023 and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023; and

WHEREAS the province has provided additional funding and supports, such as the recent investment of \$378 million for HART Hubs and approximately 375 beds with wraparound supports, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and

WHEREAS municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and

WHEREAS this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs; and

WHEREAS there is no provincial lead focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the SolvethetheCrisis.ca Campaign;

AND calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially;

AND that the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;

AND appoints a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;

AND that the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a Made in Ontario Action Plan;

AND that this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis.

AND that the federal government is included in these conversations.

AND that both levels of government provide adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;

AND THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus calls on the municipalities in Western Ontario to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting SolveTheCrisis.ca and showing your support;

AND further that a copy of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
- The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
- Local MPs
- Local MPPs
- Ontario's Big City Mayors
- 117 Western Ontario Municipalities

Carried.

Information Reports

#17: Hand/McRoberts: That the following information reports from Social Services Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding Employment Ontario Service Delivery Update.

b) Information Report dated November 20, 2024 regarding Housing Services Statistical Report - Quarter 3.

Carried.

Time: 9:22 a.m.

IN-CAMERA

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

a) to receive a report and provide instructions regarding negotiations between the County and a third party relating to a property in the City of Sarnia, pursuant to s. 239(2) (c), and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

#19: (Motion to be dealt with at the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) meeting dated November 27, 2024.)

#20: Hand/Atkinson: That the Chair declare the Committee go back into Open Session.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#21: Case/Atkinson: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the County Building, Wyoming, Ontario.

Carried.

Time: 9:34 a.m.

Kevin Marriott, Chair

Olivia Leger, Clerk