



AGENDA
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Wednesday, November 27, 2024 9:00 AM
Council Chambers, Wyoming

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1. Morning Reception

County Councillors are invited to attend a Morning Reception at 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room #3, prior to the Council meeting. Light refreshments will be provided.

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. Introduction of New General Manager, Public Health Services Division

Congratulations to Kevin Churchill on his new role as General Manager, Public Health Services Division, effective as of Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, following Andrew Taylor's retirement.

6. 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 November 6, 2024, pursuant to s. 239(2) (d) of the *Municipal*

Act, 2001.

- b) to review the Committee of the Whole In-Camera minutes dated November 20, 2024 pursuant to s. 239(2) (c) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001.*

7. OPEN SESSION

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

8. SILENT REFLECTION

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

If any.

10. Donor Recognition

There will be a presentation from Warden Kevin Marriott on behalf of Lambton County Council and staff to thank those who have made very generous donations to several Lambton County programs and facilities over the past year. These donors include The Lodge Auxiliary, The Villa Auxiliary, The Manor Auxiliary, Don and Anne McGugan, Seaway Kiwanis Club of Sarnia, Carpenter's Local 1256 Industry Fund, Imperial Oil, Steven Dignard, John Hartman, Nico Williams and Clara Zelenak.

11. DELEGATIONS

- a) Krystyna Stalmach, leader of two Polish Book Clubs, Barbara Formusiak, member of the Book Club "Czytelnik," and Andrzej Mazur, member of Branch 14 Polish Alliance of Canada, will be presenting to Council regarding The "Trails of Hope. Odyssey of Freedom" exhibit and the history of the Polish immigration to the Lambton County. A small exhibit will be on display in the front lobby.

12. MINUTES OF COUNCIL (OPEN SESSION)

- a) Reading and adoption of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated November 6, 2024.

13. 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:

- a) BOH 11-15-24 A letter from Councillor Joy Lachica, Chair,

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Board of Health, Peterborough Public Health dated October 29, 2024, regarding funding support for student nutrition programs (SNPs). The Peterborough Board of Health stresses the importance of securing federal funding to support provincial student nutrition programs and urges that the Province address and increase government funding to SNPs that would close the gap between the national median contribution and provincial contribution.

B) Board of Health Information Reports

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a) Information Report dated November 27, 2024 Regarding Lambton Public Health 2023 Annual Report.

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b) Information Report dated November 27, 2024 Regarding Clinical and Family Services Q3 2024 Update.

C) Board of Health Other Business

14. CORRESPONDENCE

A) Correspondence to Receive and File Recommendation

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That the following correspondence items be received and filed:

a) CC 11-13-24 An email from Margaret Bird, former City and County Councillor, and LAWSS Board Member, dated November 14, 2024, regarding removing fluoride from all drinking waters. Margaret Bird is requesting County Council to consider the requests below. *Please see the attached for full details.*

1. A vote from the Warden and Council in support of this VERY IMPORTANT motion, and

2. A public statement from the Warden and Council acknowledging the District Court's findings and suggesting this issue be reviewed promptly to support the protection of the health of Sarnia/Lambton residents. As stated by the US District court judge "One thing the EPA cannot do, however, in the face of this Court's finding, is to ignore that risk." And I would suggest that the councils represented at LAWSS can no longer ignore that risk either. The entire community, but especially pregnant women and infants, deserve better!

3. To circulate this motion and the latest link, that I provided for you all, to LAWSS (General Manager & Board) and

4. For the County Clerk to send this motion and recommendations to all Counties in Ontario asking for their support in the immediate removal of fluoride from all drinking waters as per the verdict in the lawsuit against the US EPA.

15. INFORMATION REPORTS

A) Corporate Services Division

- 32 - 36 a) Information Report dated November 27, 2024 Regarding Inaugural Meeting and Council Process December 4, 2024.

16. ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A MOTION

- 37 - 38 a) Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership Board minutes dated September 24, 2024.

17. REPORTS REQUIRING A MOTION

A) Corporate Services Division

- 39 - 42 a) Report dated November 27, 2024 Regarding Source Protection Committee Appointment of Lambton County Nominee.

18. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (OPEN SESSION) MINUTES

- 43 - 53 a) Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated November 20, 2024.

19. ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None at this time.

20. NOTICE OF MOTION

21. OTHER BUSINESS

22. NOTICE OF BY-LAWS

- 54 - 55 a) 30 of 2024 A By-Law to Enter into an Agreement With the Ontario Provincial Police.
- 56 - 59 b) 31 of 2024 A By-Law to Amend Schedule "A" of By-Law No. 21 of 2011.
- 60 - 61 c) 32 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 27, 2024.

A) First and Second Reading of By-Laws

a) #30, #31 and #32 of 2024.

B) Third and Final Reading of By-Laws

a) #30, #31 and #32 of 2024.

23. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation

That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting of County Council be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 with the In-Camera Session to commence at 9:00 a.m.

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**MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

November 6, 2024

Lambton County Council was in session in Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 9:00 a.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present except G. Atkinson, D. Boushy, C. McRoberts and I. Veen. Councillors A. Broad and M. Bradley attended virtually. Also present was N. McEwen, Alternate Member to Councillor G. Atkinson, Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

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DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

#1: Loosley/Hand: 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*.

Carried.

Time: 9:02 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:08 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 October 2, 2024.
- b. to review a report and provide instructions related to labour negotiations between the County of Lambton and ONA Local 019;
- c. to review and approve the Committee of the Whole (In-Camera) minutes dated October 16, 2024, which included a report regarding collective bargaining between the County of Lambton and CUPE Local 1291; CUPE Local 2557; and UNIFOR Local 2003E.

Take Our Kids to Work Day

The Warden welcomed the students participating in Take Our Kids to Work Day. There were 12 students participating throughout the County facilities with some of them joining in person for part of the meeting today, and others watching online.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL (OPEN SESSION)

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

#2: Agar/Ferguson: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated October 2, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH (Lambton Public Health)

Board of Health Correspondence to Receive and File

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.

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.

#3: Miller/Hand: That BOH 11-07-24 and BOH 11-08-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Board of Health Information Reports

#4: Cook/Loosley: That the following information reports from Board of Health be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated November 6, 2024 regarding Extreme Temperature Initiatives - Update.

b) Information Report dated November 6, 2024 regarding Post-Partum Mental Health Support Group Update.

c) Information Report dated November 6, 2024 regarding Rabies Prevention and Control - Update.

d) Information Report dated November 6, 2024 regarding Healthy Built Environment.

Carried.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Social Services Division

Information Report dated November 6, 2024 Regarding Integrated Housing and Homelessness Update

#5: Miler/Case: That Information Report dated November 6, 2024 regarding Integrated Housing and Homelessness Update be received and filed.

Carried.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A MOTION

#6: Ferguson/Cook: That the following items be received and filed:

a) Sarnia-Lambton Economic Development (SLEP) Board minutes dated May 28, 2024 and POST Annual General Meeting (AGM) minutes dated June 27, 2024.

b) Creative County Committee minutes dated June 27, 2024.

Carried.

REPORTS REQUIRING A MOTION

Social Services Division

Report dated November 6, 2024 Regarding Child Care Facility Development

#7: Loosley/White:

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.

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (OPEN SESSION) MINUTES

Reading and adoption of the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated October 16, 2024.

#8: Ferguson/Agar: That the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated October 16, 2024 be received and filed.

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

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.

#9: Agar/White: 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.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Ferguson was requested by Councillor Agar on motion #9 of this day's minutes.

Councillor	Vote
J. Agar	Yes (3)
N. McEwen, Alternate Member to G. Atkinson	Yes (3)
D. Boushy	Absent
M. Bradley	Abstained (3)
A. Broad	No (1)
T. Case	No (2)
D. Cook	No (3)
B. Dennis	No (3)
D. Ferguson	No (1)
B. Hand	No (1)
B. Loosley	No (2)
K. Marriott	No (1)
C. McRoberts	Absent
S. Miller	No (2)
D. Sageman	No (2)
I. Veen	Absent
B. White	No (3)

Yeas - 6; Nays - 24.

Motion Defeated.

#10: Ferguson/Dennis: That Council authorize staff to install secondary stop signs on Mandaumin Road (County Road 26), Courtright Line (Highway 80) and Petrolia Line (County Road 4), and for staff to also consider installing flashing lights at such locations.
Carried.

NOTICE OF BY-LAWS

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.

First and Second Reading of By-Laws

#11: White/SageMan: That By-Law #29 of 2024, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.
Carried.

Third and Final Reading of By-Laws

#12: White/SageMan: That By-Law #29, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.
Carried.

Congratulations to Andrew Taylor on his Retirement!

The Warden congratulated Mr. Andrew Taylor, General Manager, Public Health Services Division, on his well-earned retirement.

#13: Loosley/Case: That Mr. Andrew Taylor be formally thanked for his years of service to the County of Lambton and congratulated on his retirement.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#14: McEwen/SageMan: 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.
Carried.

Time: 9:41 a.m.

Kevin Marriott, Warden

Olivia Leger, Clerk

BOH 11-15-24

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October 29, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
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Hon. Michael Parsa
Minister of Child, Community and Social Services
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Hon. Jill Dunlop
Minister of Education
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Dear Premier Ford and Honourable Ministers:

Re: Funding support for Student Nutrition Programs

The Board of Health at Peterborough Public Health would like to stress the importance of the Government of Ontario negotiating and signing an agreement with the federal government that will see federal funding to support provincial student nutrition programs (SNPs), as outlined in the [National School Food Policy](#). In addition, the Board of Health urges that the Province address and increase government funding to SNPs that would close the gap between the national median contribution and provincial contribution. Specifically, the Board urges an increase of provincial funding contribution by \$0.29/student/day to match the national median (provincial/territorial and municipal government contribution) of \$0.39/student/day.

Universal access to nourishing food every day at school supports students' academic success, reduces tardiness, and improves student behaviour. An important step towards health equity and well-being, student nutrition programs contribute to students' physical and mental wellness and foster social connection in a welcoming, stigma-free environment. Program success requires all levels of government to be engaged and supportive of an adequately funded delivery model.

The Board of Health supports negotiating the terms to enhance current programming and help fund new SNPs at schools. As public health experts with extensive experience, including a 32-year history of supporting local programs and working with Ontario SNPs, we urge that a universal program provide a nourishing and culturally appropriate daily meal, use best practices in food safety and delivery, as well as function in inspected and adequately equipped spaces. Programs teach students Canada's Food Guide messages by providing a hands-on learning opportunity to eat more vegetables and fruit, whole grains and protein foods in a socially inclusive environment where they enjoy, prepare and eat healthy food with others.

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

While a sustainable school food program does not replace adequate income support for underserved families, they do provide nourishment so that students are better able to learn and participate in school, establish healthier eating habits (which may reduce the risk of chronic disease), and foster academic success with improved scores in math, reading and science.

We look forward to seeing the Province enhance their support for adequately funded SNPs in order that all children have access to nourishing food at school every day which will contribute to their overall health and well-being and academic success.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Councillor Joy Lachica
Chair, Board of Health

cc: Local MPPs
Association of Local Public Health Agencies
Ontario Boards of Health



PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

REPORT TO:	WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT:	LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH
PREPARED BY:	Dr. Karalyn Dueck, Medical Officer of Health Kevin Churchill, General Manager
REVIEWED BY:	Stéphane Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer
MEETING DATE:	November 27, 2024
INFORMATION ITEM:	Lambton Public Health 2023 Annual Report

BACKGROUND

Under the authority of Section 7 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, the Minister of Health publishes the Ontario Public Health Standards (“OPHS”), which set the minimum requirements for programs and services for Boards of Health (“BOH”) of public health units across the province. In accordance with the legislative requirements of the OPHS, BOHs are responsible for the assessment, planning, delivery, management, and evaluation of a range of public health programs and services designed to protect and promote the health of the population. Per the OPHS *Public Health Accountability Framework*, an annual report is required as described below, intended to provide transparency and accountability to the community and ratepayers served:

"Boards of Health provide to the ministry a report after year-end on the affairs and operations, including how they are performing on requirements (programmatic and financial), delivering quality public health programs and services, practicing good governance, and complying with various legislative requirements."

This report and accompanying attachment (**Appendix “A”**) serve to satisfy the above legislative requirement with Lambton’s BOH (County Council).

DISCUSSION

Lambton Public Health (“LPH”) provides mandated public health programs and services for eleven (11) municipalities throughout the County of Lambton, including collaboration with First Nations communities of Aamjiwnaang, Kettle and Stony Point, and Walpole Island. Throughout 2023, LPH continued to safeguard public health at the local level through community connectedness and collaboration to assess, protect, and promote health, along with efforts to advocate for healthy public policy.

In 2023, Ontario's Ministry of Health announced a new provincial strategy called the strengthening public health initiative, with a plan to refine and clarify the roles of local public health units. As part of its plan, the Ministry of Health also announced a 1% cap on future increases in annual base funding for a period of three (3) years starting in 2024. Additional context was provided to County Council on this subject matter on [October 4, 2023](#). LPH received its funding envelope for 2023-2024 with a 1% increase, assisting with in-year needs for 2023.

To support next steps in exploring a voluntary merger, the BOHs for LPH and Chatham-Kent Public Health engaged an independent consulting firm to inform the direction from the Ministry of Health's strengthening public health initiative. With support from the reinstatement of Council's *Strategic Planning and Provincial Downloading Committee*, due diligence was conducted for fulsome review, understanding, and reacting to any provincial policy changes that could negatively impact the County's financial position. Over the remainder of 2023 and into 2024, the consultant worked closely with the BOHs and presented findings. Based upon the findings presented, both BOHs decided to continue as independent health units embedded within their municipalities. This decision was announced on February 22, 2024.

Accordingly, detailed within the report to Council titled, *Update on Lambton Public Health's Current and Future Budget Pressures*, LPH prepared for anticipated budget pressures by developing three (3) areas of strategic priorities to bridge to the end of 2024 until a new formal strategic planning process for 2025 onward could commence. These strategic areas determined priorities for the work of LPH while simultaneously recovering from a sustained response to the COVID-19 pandemic that began in 2020. LPH's interim strategic priorities over 2023-2024 dedicated focus in the areas of:

1. *Evidence and Accountability,*
2. *Mental Health and Addictions, and*
3. *Future Readiness for Diseases of Public Health Significance.*

LPH's programs and services throughout 2023 aligned with these strategic priority areas.

Evidence and Accountability Priority Area

A priority area for 2023 focused on evidence and accountability to ensure credibility, reliability, and responsiveness to community needs, sustaining public trust in the local public health work of LPH.

As reported to Council on [April 5, 2023](#) and on [November 29, 2023](#), an After Action Review ("**AAR**") was conducted to examine best practices, challenges, and recommendations during recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic response. The goal of the first phase AAR was to identify internal learnings, and the goal of the second phase AAR was to engage with partners on lessons learned. Aligned with these AAR findings, beginning in August 2023, LPH joined an inaugural annual respiratory preparedness exercise requested by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health ("**CMOH**"), led by Ontario

Health, collaborating with Ontario Health West's Erie St. Clair Region health system partners including the local Sarnia-Lambton Ontario Health Team ("SL-OHT"). These annual exercises with health system partners aim to bolster system and community-level readiness to respiratory illness.

Locally, LPH presented respiratory season epidemiology, infection prevention and control ("IPAC") Hub details, and respiratory season vaccines information at the SL-OHT's webinar regarding respiratory season preparedness on November 13, 2023. To enhance ongoing situational awareness regarding respiratory virus activity throughout the respiratory season, LPH linked to Public Health Ontario's [Ontario Respiratory Virus Tool](#) within [LPH's Seasonal Infectious Diseases Bulletin](#), launched in 2023. This bulletin displays local epidemiological trends of COVID-19, influenza, RSV, and other respiratory viruses, along with institutional outbreak status reports.

LPH continued to host IPAC community of practice meetings with Lambton catchment long-term care homes, retirement homes, and congregate living settings in 2023, to support facilities' IPAC practices, assist outbreak management preparedness and capacity, and assist common guideline interpretation. These community of practice meetings continued regularly throughout the respiratory season for IPAC practice support.

In January 2023, KPMG identified through the *County of Lambton Municipal Modernization Funds Project Report* that Public Health Services Division had one of the highest utilization rates for digital solutions among County operations. In keeping with this finding, LPH went live in April 2023 with an electronic medical record for clinical services, supported through an internal team to work with IntraHealth Profile™ consultants to onboard to the electronic medical record platform. This platform strengthened clinical services' best practices for documentation and furthered efficiencies.

LPH endeavors to facilitate equitable access to health services particularly to those facing health inequities in the community, as reported to Council on [October 4, 2023](#) in the *Health Equity Strategy Update report*. A health equity approach was sought throughout LPH's domains of programs and services in 2023. Program indicators and dashboards continued to be developed over 2023 to monitor and ensure impact in LPH's program and service areas, with consideration and priority for a health equity lens for programs and services.

Mental Health and Addictions Priority Area

In 2023, LPH once again conducted a local community health survey among Lambton residents through an unbiased third-party vendor, with key results indicating:

- 1) Community mental health was yet to bounce back to pre-pandemic levels, with steepest decline in self-rated mental health among those 18 to 44 years old;

- 2) In tandem with declining mental health, there was greater concern among many residents about their financial situation, with 4 in 10 saying they were unable to save, and 13% having a difficult time financially;
- 3) A majority of residents were aware of the increase in opioid and non-prescription drug poisonings/overdoses in Lambton County in the preceding five (5) years; and
- 4) Two-thirds of residents agreeing that Lambton County promoted equity and diversity in the community at the time of the survey.

To facilitate the full integration of mental health promotion and addictions support into public health practice, LPH determined this work as a strategic priority area for 2023-2024.

Similar to provincial trends, LPH noted 35 opioid poisoning/overdose-related deaths over the 2023 year, compared to 16 deaths over the 2019 year.¹ In an effort to prevent and address trends related to the toxic drug crisis across the province, LPH worked closely with community partners on the steering committee and action tables of the *Lambton Drug and Alcohol Strategy* (“**LDAS**”), launched in April 2023. More than twenty (20) community organizations comprise the work of the LDAS, which represents a coordinated and collaborative approach across sectors to prevent and reduce the harms of drug and alcohol use in Lambton County.

In a report to Council on [September 6, 2023](#), LPH detailed the *Community Outreach Nursing Initiative* to address barriers to accessing needle exchange program supplies, harm reduction services, referrals, and other resources. This program and service aligns with the work of LDAS and the Lambton County *Community Safety and Well-Being Plan*, meeting needs of individuals directly and sensitively in the community in collaboration with community partners. LPH concurrently presented a report to Council regarding community sharps disposal bins on [September 6, 2023](#), noting the program resulted in a reduction in the number of reported sharps in public places.

As reported on [July 5, 2023](#), Minds Connected is a new online resource (website) that was developed by LPH in consultation with community partners, to support people and/or organizations wishing to take action on mental health. The website contains evidence-informed interventions, key resources, data, and links to the community's local professionals working to improve mental health in Lambton County.

In accordance with the OPHS, LPH's programs and services promote a healthy life course supporting families, childcare settings, schools, and community settings that set a strong foundation to enable and nurture mental health and wellness. In 2023, built environment healthy public policies, dental health screening and services, Healthy Babies Healthy Children programming, as well as child health and school health services, fostered and facilitated community wellbeing for mental health throughout infancy to older adulthood.

¹Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (PHO). Interactive opioid tool: opioid-related morbidity and mortality in Ontario. Retrieved from: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/data-and-analysis/substance-use/interactive-opioid-tool>

Future Readiness for Diseases of Public Health Significance Priority Area

Following the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ontario's CMOH issued an annual report to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 2022, stressing the need for ongoing investment in the public health sector and health system readiness, in order to detect and manage future outbreaks or pandemics.²

For the 2023-2024 respiratory season, while the risk of COVID-19 was diminished through factors such as increased immunity and high vaccination rates, combined with other seasonal respiratory pathogens, COVID-19 continued to be a threat to the health and wellbeing of Ontarians, as noted in a memo from Ontario's CMOH on July 17, 2023. Detailed in full in this report under the priority area heading of *Evidence and Accountability*, LPH participated in provincial, regional, and local health system preparedness activities for the 2023-2024 respiratory season. In keeping with LPH's role in supporting community coverage and access to respiratory season vaccinations, delivery channels in 2023 included LPH community and mobile clinics, along with its continued integral role for ordering and distribution of vaccines to pharmacies and community health care providers.

Throughout the 2023 year, LPH prepared for and implemented health protection measures against vaccine preventable diseases, vector-borne diseases, and other changing infectious diseases trends presenting greater demands on the healthcare system. In 2023, LPH diligently continued work in areas of infectious diseases and environmental health surveillance, prevention, and case, contact, and outbreak control to protect the community from diseases of public health significance. LPH reported to its BOH on these efforts through Health Protection and Clinical Services Areas' *Quarterly Activity Reports*, as well as through specific reports titled:

- *Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control Program Update*, on September 6, 2023;
- *Assessment of the Immunization Status of School Pupils and the Suspension Process*, on July 5, 2023;
- *Vector-Borne Disease – Program Update*, on June 7, 2023;
- *Food Safety Program Update Report*, on April 5, 2023;
- *Rabies Prevention Control – Program Update*, on May 3, 2023; and
- *Extreme Temperature Initiatives – Update*, on November 1, 2023.

2023 Annual Report Infographic

LPH's 2023 Annual Report infographic attached in **Appendix "A"**, highlights that LPH has strong local community connectedness with service agencies, partners, community

² Chief Medical Officer of Health 2022 Annual Report. Being ready: Ensuring public health preparedness for infectious outbreaks and pandemics. Retrieved from: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/chief-medical-officer-health-2022-annual-report#:~:text=The%20Chief%20Medical%20Officer%20of,pandemic%2C%20whenever%20it%20might%20occur.>

groups, and municipalities. Below are data included in LPH's 2023 annual report that are featured in the infographic:

- 1000+ Client engagements at Mobile Markets;
- 201,000 LPH website visitors;
- 575,000 LPH webpage views;
- 42 LPH media releases issued;
- 1,393 Sexual health clinic visits;
- 4,146 Naloxone kits distributed, in partnership with North Lambton Community Health Centre ("**NLCHC**");
- 27 Community Sharps Disposal Bins full and exchanged;
- 651 Seniors received dental treatment;
- 2,090 Ask a Public Health Nurse attendees regarding growth and development;
- 23,602 Vaccines administered;
- 1,356 Food premise inspections;
- 450 Animal bite investigations;
- 7,379 Calls answered by the LPH Call Centre.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Ministry of Health is primarily responsible for funding public health units. Revenues supporting public health's operations derive from two main sources, which include cost-shared provincial/municipal funding. All costs associated with LPH's 2023 annual report programs and services were cost-share funded between the province and municipality, as approved within LPH's 2023 Budget. Additionally, LPH receives 100 percent grant funding through the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, to support the Healthy Babies Healthy Children's programming.

LPH also receives other revenues such as donations, and fees and service charges, which help to offset costs associated with services, such as for clinical supplies and food-handler education and training.

CONSULTATIONS

In the preparation of this report LPH's Public Relations Coordinator, Communications staff, Administrative Assistant to the Medical Officer of Health, Managers, Supervisors, and Epidemiologists were consulted, as necessary.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The County of Lambton's mission statement supports the provision of responsive and

efficient services, which is accomplished by working closely with municipal and community partners. As a department of the County of Lambton, LPH strives to achieve accountability through providing accurate, transparent, and timely information.

CONCLUSION

As part of the Ministry of Health's OPHS *Public Health Accountability Framework*, Lambton's BOH (County Council) is required to demonstrate it is delivering quality public health programs and services in compliance with legislation, which this annual report serves to provide. In 2023, LPH delivered mandated programs and services set by the OPHS, focused under three (3) priority areas, to ensure health protection and promotion enabled by strong local connections, support, and credibility at the local level.



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Appendix A

LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH

We work to keep you, your family and our community safe and healthy.



Lambton Public Health (“LPH”) provides mandated public health programs and services for eleven (11) municipalities throughout the County of Lambton, including collaboration with First Nations communities of Aamjiwnaang, Kettle and Stony Point, and Walpole Island. Throughout 2023, LPH continued to safeguard public health at the local level through community connectedness and collaboration to assess, protect, and promote health, along with efforts to advocate for healthy public policy.

LPH’s vision is that Lambton County is a community that supports all people to strive for safety, health and well-being. LPH is part of the Public Health Services Division within the County of Lambton. LPH works with the community to: assess, promote and protect health, prevent disease and injury, and advocate for healthy public policy.

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH

In 2023, Ontario’s Ministry of Health announced a new provincial strategy called the strengthening public health initiative, with a plan to refine and clarify the roles of local public health units. As part of its plan, the Ministry of Health also announced a 1% cap on future increases in annual base funding for a period of three (3) years starting in 2024. LPH received its funding envelope for 2023-2024 with a 1% increase, assisting with in-year needs for 2023.

To support next steps in exploring voluntary merger, the BOHs for LPH and Chatham-Kent Public Health engaged an independent consulting firm to inform the direction from the Ministry of Health’s strengthening public health initiative. With support from the reinstatement of Council’s Strategic Planning and Provincial Downloading Committee, due diligence was conducted for fulsome review, understanding, and reacting to any provincial policy changes that could negatively impact the County’s financial position. Over the remainder of 2023 and into 2024, the consultant worked closely with the BOHs and presented findings, where the BOHs decided to continue as independent health units embedded within their municipalities, announced February 22, 2024.

LPH prepared for anticipated budget pressures by developing three (3) areas of strategic priorities to bridge to the end of 2024 until a new formal strategic planning process for 2025 onward could commence. These strategic areas determined priorities for the work of LPH while simultaneously recovering from a sustained response to the COVID-19 pandemic that began in 2020. LPH’s interim strategic priorities over 2023-2024 dedicated focus in the areas of:

- Evidence and Accountability,
- Mental Health and Addictions, and
- Future Readiness for Diseases of Public Health Significance (DOPHS).

LPH’s programs and services throughout 2023 aligned with these strategic priority areas.



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STRATEGIC PRIORITY #1

EVIDENCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

To ensure credibility, reliability, and responsiveness to community needs, sustaining public trust in the local public health work of LPH.

An After Action Review (“AAR”) was conducted to examine best practices, challenges, and recommendations during recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic response. The goal of was to identify internal learnings and to engage with partners on lessons learned.

In August 2023, LPH joined an inaugural annual respiratory preparedness exercise requested by Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health (“CMOH”), led by Ontario Health, collaborating with health system partners including the local Sarnia-Lambton Ontario Health Team (“SL-OHT”). These annual exercises with health system partners aim to bolster system and community-level readiness to respiratory illness.

Locally, LPH presented respiratory season epidemiology, infection prevention and control (“IPAC”) Hub details, and respiratory season vaccines information at the SL-OHT’s webinar regarding respiratory season preparedness in November of 2023.

To enhance ongoing situational awareness regarding respiratory virus activity throughout the respiratory season, LPH linked to Public Health Ontario’s (“PHO”) Ontario Respiratory Virus Tool within LPH’s Seasonal Infectious Diseases Bulletin, launched in 2023. This bulletin displays local epidemiological trends of COVID-19, influenza, RSV, and other respiratory viruses, along with institutional outbreak status reports.

In January 2023, the County of Lambton Municipal Modernization Funds Project Report identified that the Public Health Services Division had one of the highest utilization rates for digital solutions among County operations. In keeping with this finding, LPH went live in April 2023 with an electronic medical record for clinical services, supported through an internal team to work with IntraHealth Profile™ consultants to onboard to the electronic medical record platform. This platform strengthened clinical services’ best practices for documentation and furthered efficiencies.

LPH endeavors to facilitate equitable access to health services particularly to those facing health inequities in the community. A health equity approach was sought throughout LPH’s domains of programs and services in 2023. Program indicators and dashboards continued to be developed to monitor and ensure impact in LPH’s program and service areas, with consideration and priority for a health equity lens.

Overall, [our] team truly appreciates the support provided by the LPH team. Important relationships between us were developed long before the pandemic and that allowed us to immediately be comfortable leaning on each other to work through the many different challenges of a pandemic. I look forward to continuing to grow our relationships and working together as a solid team within the Sarnia/Lambton community.”

- Hospital Respondent

Health Equity



1000+

Client engagements at Mobile Markets

Communications



201,000

Website Visitors

575,000

Pageviews

Seasonal Infectious Diseases Bulletin

Last updated: October 27, 2023 with data as of the most recent surveillance week: October 15 to 21, 2023.



This report provides details about respiratory and enteric disease activity in Lambton County. It is updated each Friday by 4:30 p.m. The “Outbreaks” page is updated more frequently (each weekday by 2:30 p.m.). On statutory holidays, the report will be updated on the next business day. Data in this report represent a snapshot in time of information up to the most recent surveillance week (i.e., up to the Saturday prior to the most recent update). Information shown here can differ from other sources as data may have been extracted at different times. If you have questions about this report, please contact LPH: info@countylambton.ca.

Notes about this week’s report: None.

- Summary
- Outbreaks
- COVID-19
- Influenza
- Syndromic Surveillance

RESPIRATORY VIRUS ACTIVITY IN LAMBTON COUNTY

These images provide a high-level overview of respiratory virus activity in Lambton County, using the activity levels below. Activity levels are based on the percent of all weekly outpatient visits to the local emergency department that were for respiratory illness, as reported by the ACES Viral Respiratory Mapper. To view provincial respiratory virus activity, please use the [ACES Viral Respiratory Mapper](#). To view the provincial activity level for COVID-19 and influenza individually, please use the [2023 Respiratory Virus Tool](#).

Legend

Activity Level	Seasonal	Moderate	Elevated	High	Not enough data
Weekly % respiratory related ED visits	less than 15%	greater than 15% but less than 18%	greater than 18% but less than 21%	greater than or equal to 21%	Data not complete enough to make an assessment

Sexual Health



1,393

Sexual Health Clinic Visits

Communications



42

media releases issued



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STRATEGIC PRIORITY #2

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION

To facilitate the full integration of mental health promotion and addictions support into public health practice.

Harm Reduction



4,146

Naloxone Kits distributed
- in partnership with NLCHC

Harm Reduction



27

Community Sharps Disposal
Bins exchanged

Dental



651

seniors received
dental treatment

Health Growth & Development



2,090

Ask a Public Health Nurse
attendees

In 2023, LPH once again conducted a local community health survey among Lambton residents through an unbiased third-party vendor, with key results indicating:

- 1) Community mental health was yet to bounce back to pre-pandemic levels, with steepest decline in self-rated mental health among those 18 to 44 years old;
- 2) In tandem with declining mental health, there was greater concern among many residents about their financial situation, with 4 in 10 saying they were unable to save, and 13% having a difficult time financially;
- 3) A majority of residents were aware of the increase in opioid and non-prescription drug poisonings/overdoses in Lambton County in the preceding five (5) years; and
- 4) Two-thirds of residents agreeing that Lambton County promoted equity and diversity in the community at the time of the survey.

Similar to provincial trends, LPH noted 35 opioid poisoning/overdose-related deaths over the 2023 year, compared to 16 deaths over the 2019 year.[1]

In an effort to prevent and address trends related to the toxic drug crisis, LPH worked closely with community partners on the steering committee and action tables of the Lambton Drug and Alcohol Strategy (“LDAS”), launched in April 2023. More than twenty (20) community organizations comprise the work of the LDAS, which represents a coordinated and collaborative approach across sectors to prevent and reduce the harms of drug and alcohol use in Lambton County.

The Community Outreach Nursing Initiative addresses barriers to accessing needle exchange program supplies, harm reduction services, referrals, and other resources. This program and service aligns with the work of LDAS and the Lambton County Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, meeting needs of individuals directly and sensitively in the community in collaboration with community partners. LPH’s community sharps disposal bins program resulted in a reduction in the number of reported sharps in public places.

In accordance with the OPHS, LPH’s programs and services promote a healthy life course supporting families, childcare settings, schools, and community settings that set a strong foundation to enable and nurture mental health and wellness. In 2023, built environment healthy public policies, dental health screening and services, Healthy Babies Healthy Children programming, as well as child health and school health services, fostered and facilitated community wellbeing for mental health throughout infancy to older adulthood.

[1] Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (PHO). Interactive opioid tool: opioid-related morbidity and mortality in Ontario. Retrieved from: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/data-and-analysis/substance-use/interactive-opioid-tool>



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STRATEGIC PRIORITY #3

FUTURE READINESS FOR DISEASES OF PUBLIC HEALTH SIGNIFICANCE

To detect and manage future outbreaks or pandemics as advised by Ontario's CMOH to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 2022. [2]

Immunization



23,602
vaccines administered

Environmental Health




1,356
food premise inspections

Environmental Health



450
animal bite investigations

Customer Service



7,379
calls answered by Call Centre

While the risk of COVID-19 was diminished through factors such as increased immunity and high vaccination rates, combined with other seasonal respiratory pathogens, COVID-19 continued to be a threat to the health and wellbeing of Ontarians for the 2023-2024 respiratory season.

In keeping with LPH's role in supporting community coverage and access to respiratory season vaccinations, delivery channels included LPH community and mobile clinics, along with its continued integral role for ordering and distribution of vaccines to pharmacies and community health care providers.

LPH prepared for and implemented health protection measures against vaccine preventable diseases, vector-borne diseases, and other changing infectious diseases trends presenting greater demands on the healthcare system. LPH diligently continued work in areas of infectious diseases and environmental health surveillance, prevention, and case, contact, and outbreak control to protect the community from diseases of public health significance.

GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

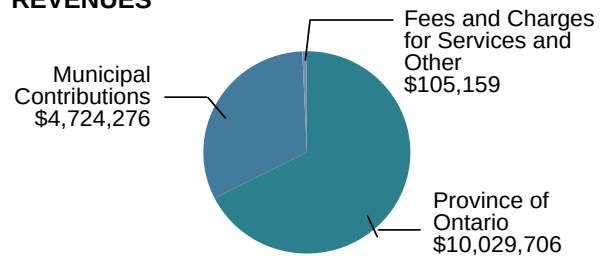
LPH is governed by the Lambton Board of Health, which is responsible for ensuring the provision of effective population health programs and services to meet the needs of the community.

The Ministry of Health is primarily responsible for funding public health units. Revenues supporting public health's operations derive from two main sources, which include cost-shared provincial/municipal funding. All costs programs and services were cost-share funded between the province and municipality. Additionally, LPH receives 100 percent grant funding through the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, to support the Healthy Babies Healthy Children's programming.

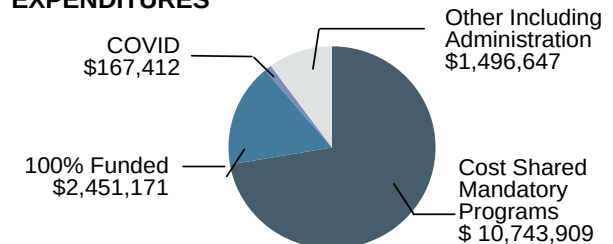
LPH also receives other revenues such as donations, and fees and service charges, which help to offset costs associated with services, such as for clinical supplies and food-handler education and training.

LPH's operating budget in 2023 was \$14,859,140.


REVENUES



EXPENDITURES



[2] Chief Medical Officer of Health 2022 Annual Report. Being ready: Ensuring public health preparedness for infectious outbreaks and pandemics. Retrieved from: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/chief-medical-officer-health-2022-annual-report>

	PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION
REPORT TO:	WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT:	LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH
PREPARED BY:	Krista Gosselin, Supervisor Clinical and Family Services Kerry Phillips, Supervisor Clinical and Family Services
REVIEWED BY:	Kevin Churchill, General Manager Stéphane Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer
MEETING DATE:	November 27, 2024
INFORMATION ITEM:	Clinical and Family Services Q3 2024 Update

BACKGROUND

Clinical and Family Services provides legislated public health programs, in accordance with the Ontario Public Health Standards and protocols. This multi-disciplinary team focuses on healthy growth and development, home visiting, positive parenting, breastfeeding, sexual health clinics, harm reduction for the prevention of blood borne diseases and sexually transmitted infections, contraception, prenatal education, and oral health programs for children and youth.

Reproductive Health, Harm Reduction, and Oral Health Services are designed to prevent unwanted pregnancies, reduce the burden of sexually transmitted infections, prevent the spread of blood borne illness, prevent opioid poisoning, and provide early screening for oral health problems which can help improve long-term health outcomes.

The purpose of this report is to provide County Council with an update on the third quarter of 2024 (the period from July 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024), including key program indicators within Clinical and Family Services.

DISCUSSION

The following tables highlight key indicators under the two main service areas within Clinical and Family Services.

Reproductive Health, Harm Reduction, and Oral Health Services remain active in 2024. Harm Reduction program indicators remain consistent and are operated in accordance with best practice. Needle and syringe programs and other harm reduction programs play a key role in the collection and disposal of used substance-use equipment. Removing used equipment from circulation helps to reduce the risk of transmission of human

immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis C (HCV), hepatitis B (HBV), and other blood-borne pathogens associated with accidental needle-stick/sharps injury and equipment sharing.

Reproductive Health programs are designed to prevent, test, treat, and reduce the burden of sexually transmitted infections. Reproductive Health programs also promote contraception and safer sex, which can save health care resources by preventing unintended pregnancies.

Reproductive, Harm Reduction and Dental Services Indicators:

Activity	Number
Harm Reduction - # of client visits	336
Harm Reduction- # of needles distributed	56,875
Harm Reduction - # of inhalation supplies distributed	27,687
Harm Reduction - # of community sharps disposal bin inspections	26
Harm Reduction - # of community sharps disposal bins exchanged	7
Harm Reduction - # of Naloxone Kits distributed (with community partners)	964
Sexual Health Clinic Visits	310
Sexual Health - % of clinic visits related to STI testing	37%
Sexual Health - % of clinic visits related to STI treatment	10%
Sexual Health - % of clinic visits related to sexual health counselling	57%
HSO LPH Dental Clinic - # of children screened	41
Ontario Seniors Dental - # of newly eligible clients	17
Ontario Seniors Dental - # of seniors received treatment	218

Supporting young families and infants prenatally and post-partum is a key component of Healthy Growth and Development and Child Health programs. These programs and supports are designed to give infants the best possible start in life, promoting resilience and healthy relationships, including access to a Lactation Consultant and Public Health Nurses through our parent drop-ins. The Post Partum sessions are delivered in partnership with The Family Counselling Centre and St. Clair Child and Youth Services.

Healthy Growth and Development and Child Health Indicators:

Activity	Number
Family Health Line calls	130
Breastfeeding Inquiries	56
Healthy Growth & Development Inquiries	26
Prenatal Teaching Sessions	15
Healthy Babies Healthy Children Home Visits	449
Parent Drop-In - # of parents	559
Post Partum Support Group - # of session	3

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with the Clinical and Family Services programs are provincial and municipal cost-share funded, as included in the approved 2024 LPH budget. The exception is the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program, which is 100% funded by the Province.

CONSULTATIONS

In the preparation of this report, Lambton Emergency Medical Services, and the Ontario Harm Reduction Database were consulted. LPH's Medical Officer of Health was also consulted in the preparation of this report.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The programs, services and activities delivered by Clinical and Family Services staff contribute to the 2024-2027 Lambton County Strategic Plan, Community Health and Wellness Area of Effort - *Implementing, monitoring and updating community health and wellness-related plans and priorities*. Many of the programs are delivered in partnership with local community agencies, fulfilling the Partnerships Area of Effort.

CONCLUSION

Clinical and Family Services continue to deliver valuable programs in accordance with the Ontario Public Health Standards. This report highlights the breadth and scope of activities undertaken by the Clinical and Family Services team and provides an update on the third quarter of 2024, including key program indications within Clinical and Family Services.

CC 11-13-24

From: [Carley Siddall](#)
To: [Carley Siddall](#)
Subject: FW: Urgent Request, please, to add this communication to the CORRESPONDENCE Section of the Agenda for the November 27th Lambton County Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024 2:29:06 PM

From: Margaret Bird
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 10:28 AM
To: Olivia Leger <Olivia.Leger@county-lambton.on.ca>
Cc: Stephane Thiffeault <Stephane.Thiffeault@county-lambton.on.ca>; Margaret Bird
Subject: Urgent Request, please, to add this communication to the CORRESPONDENCE Section of the Agenda for the November 27th Lambton County Council Meeting
Importance: High

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Urgent Request, please, to add this communication to the CORRESPONDENCE Section of the Agenda for the November 27th Lambton County Council Meeting:

Dear Olivia,

Following the precedent-setting [court case](#), **the verdict** for the lawsuit against the US EPA to end fluoridation of drinking water across the US under the EPA authority of the Toxic Substances Control Act **is in!** A USA federal court has now deemed fluoridation an “unreasonable risk” to the health of children, **and the EPA will be forced to regulate it as such.**

I'm now asking for an urgent consideration and resolution of Lambton County Council to immediately remove fluoride from all drinking waters as per the latest verdict in the lawsuit against the US EPA – here is the link: <https://fluoridealert.org/content/we-won-federal-court-rules-that-fluoridation-chemicals-pose-an-unreasonable-risk-to-health/> The main goal of the USA is to now remove fluoride, completely, from their national water supply!

Armed with this latest ruling, I am asking for:

1. A vote from the Warden and Council in support of this VERY IMPORTANT motion, and
2. A public statement from the Warden and Council acknowledging the District Court's findings and suggesting this issue be reviewed **promptly** to support the protection of the health of Sarnia/Lambton residents. As stated by the US District court judge **"One thing the EPA cannot do, however, in the face of this Court's finding, is to ignore that risk."** And I would suggest that the **councils represented at LAWSS can no longer ignore that risk either.** The entire community, but especially pregnant women and infants, deserve better!

3. To circulate this motion and the latest link, that I provided for you all, to LAWSS (General Manager & Board) and
4. For the County Clerk to send this motion and recommendations to all Counties in Ontario asking for their support in the immediate removal of fluoride from all drinking waters as per the verdict in the lawsuit against the US EPA.

Here is the extremely important background.

The government originally put fluoride in our drinking water in 1945 with the goal of preventing cavities and making teeth stronger. But, they omitted telling the people, first, that fluorides are a major industrial waste product. It's released in the production of phosphates (used in all agricultural fertilizers); plastics; gasoline; brick, cement, glass, ceramics and the many other products made from clay. It's emitted by coal-burning electrical power plants and uranium processing facilities. Between 1945 and 2024, research has shown, definitively, that **fluoride is TOXIC to the LIVER.**


History has been made! That after 7 years of pursuing legal action against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over the risk posed to the developing brain by the practice of water fluoridation, the *United States District Court of the Northern District of California* **has just ruled on behalf of the Fluoride Action Network and the plaintiffs** in their precedent-setting [court case](#). Now that research has borne out these facts, that fluoridation is an “unreasonable risk” to the health of children, **the EPA will be forced, by a Federal USA Court, to regulate it as such.**

All the best peer-reviewed, non-biased SCIENCE presented...all the top researchers/scientists' sworn testimony from both sides, taken, and the court ruled **(because the evidence was overwhelming)** that fluoridation of water at .7 milligrams per litre (which is our level, too) presents an “Unreasonable Risk to Health”. **One should also keep in mind that the “experts” who Sarnia/Lambton councils relied upon, in the past, only recently reduced their “so called” optimum level to .7 milligrams per litre.** For decades prior to that they told us 1-1.2 milligrams per litre was the “optimal Level”. Both the old and current suggested “optimal” level, after a full review of all the science, **have been confirmed by research and an independent judge to be void of any scientific validity.**

We don't even have a consistent ruling across Lambton County because Grand Bend does NOT have fluoride in their water **(and their dental records were significantly better than many of our local fluoridated municipalities).** Past Medical Officers of Health have always pushed for this but their actions lacked any credible scientific backing and always has.

And, in closing, I ask you to remember that, population-wise, there are 10 Americans to every Canadian – and once this action is carried out in the USA, across their entire nation, the world will be watching us here in Canada, so **I employ you to recognize the facts, accept the facts, and do the right thing, right now!!** Thank you!!

Kind Regards,
Margaret Bird
(Former City & County Councillor
& LAWSS Board Member)

	CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION
REPORT TO:	WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT:	LEGAL SERVICES / CLERK'S
PREPARED BY:	Olivia Leger, General Manager
REVIEWED BY:	Stéphane Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer
MEETING DATE:	November 27, 2024
INFORMATION ITEM:	Inaugural Meeting and Council Process December 4, 2024

BACKGROUND

This report is in addition to the report to Council dated October 16, 2024, that lists the agenda items that Council will address at its December 4, 2024, meeting during which Council will elect its 16¹st Warden and Deputy Warden.

The purpose of this report is to:

1. Remind Council of the various appointments and meetings that will take place on December 4, 2024, and their respective business; and
2. Set out in the attached Appendix “A,” a guideline of how the December 4, 2024, meeting will progress, particularly as it relates to the Warden and Deputy Warden Elections.

As a reminder, Councillors are expected to attend in-person for the December 4, 2024, meeting. Should a Councillor be required to attend virtually, please advise the Clerk as soon as possible.

DISCUSSION

After the election of the Warden and Deputy Warden, the following meetings will take place:

A. Municipal sub-groups

Councillors are assigned to a municipal sub-group. Municipal sub-group members will meet briefly to choose their representative to the Striking Committee. Each municipal sub-group will be asked to appoint one (1) member (from their municipal group) to the Striking Committee for 2025-2026.

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Each appointed member and the Warden will make up the membership of the Striking Committee for 2025-2026.

As a reminder, municipal sub-groups are organized as follows:

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
SOUTH	<u>NORTHWEST</u>	CENTRAL	<u>NORTH</u>
St. Clair	Sarnia	Petrolia	Lambton-Shores
Dawn-Euphemia		Enniskillen	Plympton-Wyoming
Brooke-Alvinston		Point Edward	Warwick
		Oil Springs	

B. Striking Committee

The Striking Committee will meet immediately after the municipal sub-group meeting. The Striking Committee members (in addition to the Warden) will:

1. Elect a **Chair** and **Vice-Chair**;
2. Appoint one (1) member, in addition to the Warden, to the **Board of Tourism Sarnia-Lambton**, for a two-year term;
3. Appoint one (1) member from each municipal group, for a total of four (4) members to the **Creative County Committee**, in addition to the Warden, each for a two-year term;
4. Appoint one (1) member to the **Lambton Community Safety Well-being/Leadership Team** for a two-year term; and
5. Appoint four (4) members, in addition to the Warden, to the **Audit Committee**, each for a one-year term.

C. Committee of the Whole

Following the Striking Committee meeting, members of the Committee of the Whole (all members of Council) will meet briefly. The Committee of the Whole will:

1. Appoint one (1) member to the **County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee (CLAAC)**, for a one-year term.
2. Appoint one (1) member to the **County of Lambton Accessibility Advisory Committee**, for a one-year term;
3. Appoint one (1) member to the **Lambton Senior Advisory Committee**, for a two-year term;

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4. Appoint one (1) member, in addition to the Warden and Deputy Warden, to the **Woodlands Hearings Board**, for a one-year term; and
5. Appoint one (1) member to the County of **Lambton Adult Enrichment Centre Advisory Committee**, for a two-year term;

As a reminder, please note that the Warden and Deputy Warden will act as the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Committee of the Whole, respectively, unless Council determines otherwise.

With the permanent shift to the Committee of the Whole, the prior practice of assigning Councillors letters is no longer required.

Following the Striking Committee and the Committee of the Whole, members will resume the County Council meeting and conclude and adjourn that meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

CONSULTATIONS

The Chief Administrative Officer and all General Managers were consulted in this matter.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

Not applicable.

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GUIDELINES
Appendix "A"

A. Warden and Deputy Warden Elections

Prior to the meeting commencing, Councillors will gather in Committee Room 3 and enter Council Chambers in alphabetical order.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. Shortly after it commences, the meeting will proceed to the elections of the Warden and Deputy Warden. Those elections will proceed as follows:

- i. The Clerk will call on Councillors to announce their candidacy for the position of Warden;
- ii. The Clerk will invite Past Warden, Bill Weber, to act as Chair;
- iii. Declared candidates will be provided up to 3 minutes for their speeches, if they wish to provide a speech;
- iv. Once speeches have concluded, Council will proceed with the election.
- v. Once the Warden is elected, Council will pass a resolution electing the Warden, for 2025-2026;
- vi. The Clerk will call on Councillors to announce their candidacy for the position of Deputy Warden;
- vii. The Chair will provide declared candidates with up to 2 minutes for their speeches, if they wish to provide a speech;
- viii. The Chair will proceed with the election of the Deputy Warden.
- ix. Council will pass a resolution electing the Deputy Warden, for 2025- 2026; and
- x. Council will adopt a By-Law confirming the Warden and Deputy Warden's election.

Council members will cast their votes by secret ballots. Two Councillors will act as scrutineers and together with the Clerk will oversee the election process and specifically the counting of ballots.

B. Meetings: Municipal Sub-Groups, Striking Committee and Committee of the Whole

Following the election of the Warden and Deputy Warden, Council will resume its business and, specifically, the following meetings:

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Municipal Sub-Groups

The four municipal sub-groups will meet. Each sub-group will appoint one (1) member to the Striking Committee for 2025-2026. Each group will be granted approximately five minutes to meet and appoint its member.

Striking Committee

The Striking Committee members, one from each of the municipal sub-groups and the Warden, will then meet next. Striking Committee Members will meet in Council Chambers. Councillors not appointed to the Striking Committee may excuse themselves to the lounge or audience, while the Striking Committee conducts its business.

The Striking Committee will make its various appointments to different Boards and Committees for Council's consideration.

Committee of the Whole

Once the Striking Committee meeting has concluded, all Councillors will be invited to return to their seats within Council Chambers, and the Committee of the Whole will conduct its business.

The Committee of the Whole will make its various appointments to different Committees for Council's consideration.

C. Council's Inaugural Meeting

Council will be asked to approve the By-Laws covering the appointments of the Warden and Deputy Warden for 2025-2026. Following this, Council will be asked to adjourn the meeting.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, September 24th, 2024 8:00AM

LOCATION: Hybrid Meeting, In-Person and Teams

Attendance:	Marriott, Kevin	Plain, Jeff
	Lee, Adrienne	Reaume-Zimmer, Paula
	Dochstader, Nick	Bradley, Mike
	Cayea, David	Kabbes, Don
	Germain, Darryl	Noble, Peter
	Kingston, Tracy	

Slotwinski, Matthew (CEO)
Piggott, Cindy (Executive Assistant)

Regrets:	McEachran, Carrie	Knapp, Tim
	Thiffeault, Stephane	Kardas, Rob
	Edlington, Angela	

Call to Order
Quorum Present

Land Acknowledgement

Agenda

- No additions/deletions from the agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as submitted.

Moved by D. Kabbes Seconded by K. Marriott Carried

Declaration of Conflict of Interest
None declared.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the Board Meeting held May 28th, 2024, and the Post AGM minutes from June 27th, 2024, be approved as submitted.

Moved by N. Dochstader Seconded by D. Cayea Carried

Chair Update

- Recap 2024 AGM Discussion – June 27, 2024
- Draft 2025 Meeting Schedule
 - It was suggested the AGM be time be extended by 30 minutes to allow time to complete the board portion of the activities.

Motion: That the board approve the 2025 meeting schedule and adjusting the AGM time by 30 minutes.

Moved by D. Cayea Seconded by D. Germain Carried

CEO Update

- M. Slotwinski share the CEO report executive summary as well as an update on staffing/recruitment.

Committees

Governance Committee

- All updates to bylaws completed and no additional changes.
- It was recommended that a By-Law review update schedule be developed with a two-year review cycle with revisions to the timelines be adjusted as needed.

Motion: That the Board approve the implementation of a by-law review schedule with a two-year review for all SLEP by-laws.

Moved by D. Germain Seconded by P. Reaume-Zimmer Carried

- CEO will devise a review plan and period for all policies
- It was recommended that after this update that the board not seek AEDO Reaccreditation

Motion: Board approve that SLEP does not seek future reaccreditation.

Moved by D. Cayea Seconded by N. Dochstader Carried

- Cyber Security/Insurance Policy Update
- CEO KPI Review
- **Finance Committee**
- Year-to-date financials update
- SLEP/SLIA Overview
- Reserves/Surplus Discussion


New Business

Next Meeting

- Board Meeting –Tuesday November 19th, 2024, at 8:00 AM - Sarnia Golf and Curling Club

Motion to Adjourn


Moved by D. Cayea Seconded by P. Reaume-Zimmer Carried



Acting Chair
Adrienne Lee



Secretary-Treasurer
Stephane Thiffeault

 <p style="text-align: center;">CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION</p>	
REPORT TO:	WARDEN AND LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT:	LEGAL SERVICES / CLERK'S
PREPARED BY:	Ryan Beauchamp, Assistant County Solicitor/Deputy Clerk
REVIEWED BY:	Olivia Leger, General Manager, Corporate Services Stéphane Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer
MEETING DATE:	November 27, 2024
SUBJECT:	Source Protection Committee Appointment of Lambton County Nominee

BACKGROUND

At its October 16, 2024, meeting, Committee of the Whole approved the following resolution:

#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.*

Further to that resolution, on October 16, 2024, the County Clerk wrote all local municipalities seeking their proposed nominees to the Thames-Sydenham and Region Drinking Water Source Protection (the "**T-S Region**") Source Protection Committee ("**SPC**") by November 18, 2024.

(a) Source Protection Committees

As a reminder, O. Reg. 288/07 (Source Protection Committees) under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* (Ontario), defines the composition of SPCs and the process for appointing members. There are a total of fifteen (15) voting and six (6) non-voting members on the T-S Region SPC.

Of the fifteen (15) voting members, five (5) are allocated to local municipalities within the T-S Region, one each for the following local municipal groups: (1) Lambton County; (2) London-Middlesex; (3) Elgin, Essex and Chatham-Kent; (4) Oxford and (5) Perth, Stratford, St. Mary's and Huron.

(b) Lambton County Municipal Nominee

Each local municipal group is entitled to nominate an individual or individuals for appointment to the SPCs as their appointees. If more than one individual is nominated by the municipal group, the Source Protection Authority, through its own striking committee, interviews the individuals and selects the successful candidate.

DISCUSSION

In response to the County Clerk's office's call for nominations, the individuals identified in Schedule "A" have been put forward by local municipalities for Council's review and nomination to the T-S Region SPC.

County Council should nominate the individuals listed as its municipal nominations for the Lambton County appointment to the T-S Region SPC. The Source Protection Authority, through its own striking committee, will interview the nominated individuals and select the successful candidate for appointment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

CONSULTATIONS

The local municipalities were consulted prior to writing this report.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Not applicable.

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CONCLUSION

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) That County Council nominate the individuals listed in Schedule "A" attached hereto to the T-S Region SPC for T-S Region's consideration and selection of municipal appointee.**
- (b) That once nominated by County Council, the County Clerk inform, in writing, the T-S Region and the individuals nominated of such nomination, by no later than December 6, 2024.**

Schedule A
List of Nominees

Municipality	Name of Nominee
The Corporation of the Township of Petrolia	Sam Smith
The Corporation of the City of Sarnia	Andy Bruziewicz
The Corporation of the Township of Plympton-Wyoming	Bob Woolvett



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 SolvethCrisis.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 SolvethCrisis.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

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF LAMBTON

BY-LAW NO. 30 OF 2024

**"A By-Law to Enter into an Agreement With
the Ontario Provincial Police"**

WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended (the "Act") provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by By-Law;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that The Corporation of the County of Lambton (the "County") enter into an Agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police for the provision of Primary Public Safety Answering Point Services ("P-PSAP") for the County of Lambton;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the County enacts as follows:

1. The County is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police for the provision of P-PSAP, in the form attached hereto as Appendix "A".
2. The Warden and Clerk are authorized to execute the attached agreement on behalf of the County and such other documents reasonably necessary

to give effect to the attached agreement and to affix to it the Corporate Seal of the County.

3. THIS BY-LAW shall come into force and take effect upon passing hereof.

THIS BY-LAW read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 27th day of November, 2024.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Olivia Leger
Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF LAMBTON

BY-LAW NO. 31 OF 2024

**"A By-Law to Amend Schedule "A"
of By-Law No. 21 of 2011"**

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that The Corporation of the County of Lambton amend By-Law No. 21 of 2011 being "A By-Law to Authorize Adding the Cost of Using an External Collection Agency to the Amount of a Delinquent and Unpaid Fine Assessed Under the *Provincial Offences Act* to be Collected from Defendants";

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

1. That Schedule "A" of By-Law No. 21 of 2011 is hereby amended and replaced with Schedule "A" attached hereto;
2. That the Commission Rates set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto shall be effective as of January 1, 2025;
3. That this By-Law supersedes and repeals any other By-Laws relating to the subject-matter hereof of The Corporation of the County of Lambton which, through inadvertence, may not have been repealed;
4. That this By-Law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

THIS BY-LAW read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 27th
day of November, 2024.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Olivia Leger
Clerk

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Schedule "A"

Commission Rates

	CONSUMER 1st Placement	COMMERCIAL 1st Placement	CONSUMER 2nd Placement	COMMERCIAL 2nd Placement	CONSUMER 3rd Placement	COMMERCIAL 3rd Placement
Name:						
Credit Bureau Services Canada (a division of St. Catharines Credit Corporation Limited)	11.15%	11.15%	16.50%	16.50%	25.50%	25.50%
CBV Collection Services Ltd.	13.85%	14.05%	19.75%	25.00%	30.00%	35.00%
A-1 Credit Recovery & Collection Services Inc.	12.17%	12.17%	19.46%	19.46%	38.94%	38.94%
Commercial Credit Adjusters Ltd.	13.00%	10.00%	20.00%	18.00%	28.00%	28.00%
Partners in Credit Inc.	11.50%	10.00%	18.00%	16.50%	26.00%	24.00%

Note:

1st means:

A matter given to an external Collection Agency that has not previously been assigned to any other external entity for the purpose of facilitating payment of the associated defaulted, unpaid fine and Court fees.

2nd means:

A matter that was previously assigned to an external Collection Agency, subsequently recalled and then reassigned to another, different external Collection Agency for the purpose of again attempting to facilitate payment of the defaulted and unpaid fine that was not collected by the first agency.

3rd means:

A matter that was previously assigned to two other external Collection Agencies, subsequently recalled from both and then reassigned to a third, different external Collection Agency for the purpose of attempting a third time to facilitate payment of the defaulted and unpaid fine that was not collected by either of the previous agencies.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF LAMBTON

BY-LAW NO. 32 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 27, 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 27, 2024, be hereby confirmed.

THIS BY-LAW read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 27th day of November, 2024.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Olivia Leger
Clerk

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