



MINUTES LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

November 27, 2024

Lambton County Council was in session in Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 9:30 a.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present except G. Atkinson. Members M. Bradley and A. Broad attended virtually. Also present was N. McEwen, Alternate Member to Councillor G. Atkinson, Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

Morning Reception

County Councillors were invited to attend a Morning Reception from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room #3, prior to the Council meeting.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that this land on which we are gathered today is part of the ancestral land of the Chippewa, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples, referred to collectively as the Anishinaabeg. It is through the connection of the Anishinaabeg with the spirit of the land, water and air that we recognize their unique cultures, traditions, and values. Together as treaty people, we have a shared responsibility to act with respect for the environment that sustains all life, protecting the future for those generations to come.

DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

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.

IN-CAMERA SESSION - 9:02 A.M.

#1: Loosley/White: 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.

Carried.

Time: 9:05 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:06 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 November 6, 2024.

b) to review and approve the Committee of the Whole In-Camera minutes dated November 20, 2024.

Donor Recognition

On behalf of Lambton County Council and staff, Warden Kevin Marriott thanked 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.

DELEGATIONS

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

Carried.

Krystyna Stalmach, leader of two Polish Book Clubs and Barbara Formusiak, member of the Book Club "Czytelnik," presented 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 was on display in the front lobby.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL (OPEN SESSION)

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

#3: Cook/Hand: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated November 6, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH (Lambton Public Health)

Board of Health Correspondence to Receive and File

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

#4: Miller/Case: That BOH 11-15-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Board of Health Information Reports

#5: Veen/Ferguson: That the following Information Reports from Board of Health be received and filed:

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

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

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence to Receive and File

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.

#6: Dennis/Boushy: That staff report back to County Council regarding items 1-4 in correspondence CC 11-13-24.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Dennis was requested by Councillor Cook on motion #6 of this day's minutes.

Councillor	Vote
J. Agar	No (3)
N. McEwen (Alternate Member for G. Atkinson)	No (3)
D. Boushy	No (3)
M. Bradley	No (3)
A. Broad	No (1)
T. Case	No (2)
D. Cook	No (3)
B. Dennis	Yes (3)
D. Ferguson	No (1)
B. Hand	No (1)
B. Loosley	No (2)

K. Marriott	No (1)
C. McRoberts	No (3)
S. Miller	No (2)
D. Sageman	No (2)
I. Veen	No (1)
B. White	No (3)

Yeas - 3; Nays - 34.

Motion Defeated.

#7: Loosley/Case: That correspondence CC 11-13-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Corporate Services Division

Information Report dated November 27, 2024 Regarding Inaugural Meeting and Council Process December 4, 2024

#8: Sageman/White: That Information Report dated November 27, 2024 regarding Inaugural Meeting and Council Process December 4, 2024 be received and filed.

Carried.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A MOTION

Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership Board minutes dated September 24, 2024

#9: Miller/Cook: That the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership Board minutes dated September 24, 2024 be received and filed.

Carried.

REPORTS REQUIRING A MOTION

Corporate Services Division

Report dated November 27, 2024 Regarding Source Protection Committee Appointment of Lambton County Nominee

#10: Sageman/Loosley:

a) That County Council nominate the individuals listed in Schedule "A" attached hereto to the Thames-Sydenham and Region Drinking Water Source Protection (T-S Region) Source Protection Committee (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.

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (OPEN SESSION) MINUTES

Reading and adoption of the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated November 20, 2024.

Re: Motion #11 of the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) Minutes dated November 20, 2024

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Boushy was requested by Councillor Bradley on motion #11 of the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated November 20, 2024, regarding CORP 11-13-24, a letter from Chief Janelle Nahmabin, Aamjiwnaang First Nation, received November 6, 2024 to request that fines acquired from the environmental fine and penalty be given directly to Aamjiwnaang. The motion reads as follows:

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

Councillor	Vote
J. Agar	Yes (3)
N. McEwen (Alternate Member for G. Atkinson)	Yes (3)
D. Boushy	Yes (3)
M. Bradley	No (3)
A. Broad	Yes (1)
T. Case	Yes (2)
D. Cook	Yes (3)
B. Dennis	Yes (3)
D. Ferguson	Yes (1)
B. Hand	No (1)
B. Loosley	Yes (2)

K. Marriott	Yes (1)
C. McRoberts	No (3)
S. Miller	Yes (2)
D. Sageman	Yes (2)
I. Veen	Yes (1)
B. White	No (3)

Yeas - 27; Nays - 10.

Carried.

#11: Ferguson/White: That the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated November 20, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

NOTICE OF BY-LAWS

30 of 2024 A By-Law to Enter into an Agreement With the Ontario Provincial Police.

31 of 2024 A By-Law to Amend Schedule "A" of By-Law No. 21 of 2011.

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.

First and Second Reading of By-Laws

#12: Agar/McEwen: That By-Laws #30, #31 and #32 of 2024, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

Third and Final Reading of By-Laws

#13: Agar/McEwen: That By-Laws #30, #31 and #32 of 2024, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#14: Case/Hand: 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.

Carried.

Time: 9:39 a.m.

Kevin Marriott, Warden

Olivia Leger, Clerk