



## **MINUTES and PROCEEDINGS of LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**December 4, 2024**

Lambton County Council met on the above date at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Administration Building, Wyoming.

The Clerk called the meeting to order and called the Roll. All members were present. Member M. Bradley attended virtually.

### 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.

### Welcome Remarks

The Clerk welcomed the guests, then announced that the initial duty at the Lambton County Council meeting of December 4, 2024 was to elect a Warden for 2025-2026.

### Call for Nominations/Candidacy for the Position of Warden

The Clerk called on Councillors to announce their candidacy or nominations for the position of Warden.

### Chair: Past Warden, Bill Weber

The Clerk invited Past Warden, Bill Weber, to Chair the meeting for the Election of the Warden and Deputy Warden.

### Election of the Warden

The nominations for the position of Warden were opened and closed. It was then announced by the Chair, Bill Weber, that Councillor Kevin Marriott was chosen as the 161st Warden for 2025-2026.

#1: White/Loosley: That Councillor Kevin Marriott be elected as Warden of Lambton County for the years 2025-2026.

Carried.

### Election of the Deputy Warden

At this time, it was the duty of Lambton County Council to elect a Deputy Warden. A secret ballot was taken and it was then announced by the Chair that Councillor Jeff Agar was chosen as Deputy Warden for the years 2025-2026.

#2: Broad/Dennis: That Councillor Jeff Agar be elected as Deputy Warden for the years 2025-2026.

Carried.

#3: Cook/Hand: That the Clerk destroy the ballots.

Carried.

### Chair Retires

The Clerk thanked Bill Weber for presiding over the election. Mr. Weber retired from the Chair.

### Warden Gowned

The Warden was then escorted to his office by Past Warden Bill Weber where he donned the traditional gown. David Cummings then piped in Warden Kevin Marriott to the Council Chambers.

### Warden Piped in to Centre Table for Swearing-in by Justice of the Peace

The Warden declared his oath of office before the Council and all those present and was sworn in by Justice of the Peace, Helen Gale.

### Clerk Invites Past Warden to the Front for Presentation to the New Warden

The Clerk invited past Warden Bill Weber to present the Chain of Office, keys, gavel and the Procedures Manual to the new Warden, Kevin Marriott.

### Warden's Speech

Warden Kevin Marriott spoke briefly on his position as the 161st Warden, and then provided some remarks on the County of Lambton's 175th Anniversary.

### Recognition of Past Wardens who are Present

Warden Marriott recognized the following past Wardens who were present:

Kevin Marriott .....	2023 - 2024
Kevin Marriott .....	2021 - 2022
Bill Weber .....	2019 - 2020
Bill Weber .....	2017 - 2018
Todd Case .....	2013 - 2014
Steve Arnold .....	2011 - 2012
Patricia Davidson .....	2005
Todd Case .....	2004
Todd Case .....	2003
Patricia Davidson .....	2002
Patricia Davidson .....	2001
Patricia Davidson .....	2000
Patricia Davidson .....	1995
Owen Byers .....	1993

Time: 10:04 a.m.

### Reception

Warden Marriott requested a one-half hour recess.

A 35-minute reception with light refreshments was held in the lobby. At this time Council and everyone in the audience was invited to participate in the placement of the County's 175th Anniversary time capsule in the wall in the lobby, which will be opened in 2049 as part of the County's 200th Anniversary.

Council then reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Councillors D. Boushy, M. Bradley, A. Broad, B. Dennis, and B. White left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

### Adjourn to Select Striking Committee Members

Warden Marriott declared that Council adjourn to allow the four municipal groups to meet to select their members on the Striking Committee for 2025-2026. Then the Striking Committee met at 10:52 a.m. and Council then reconvened at 11:04 a.m.

### Striking Committee

The Clerk read the minutes of the Striking Committee.

#4: Case/McRoberts: That motion #5 of the Striking Committee minutes be amended to replace Councillor Case with Councillor Sageman so that the motion now reads:

That the following four (4) members (one from each geographical area) be appointed to the Creative County Committee for 2025-2026:

B. White, J. Agar, D. Sageman, and I. Veen.

Carried.

#5: McRoberts/Ferguson: That the Striking Committee minutes dated December 4, 2024 be adopted as amended.

Carried.

### Adjourn to Committee of the Whole

Warden Marriott then declared Council adjourn to allow the Committee of the Whole to meet to make appointments to various Boards and Committees. Committee of the Whole met at 11:09 a.m. and Council then reconvened at 11:14 a.m.

### Committee of the Whole

The Clerk read the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

#6: Loosley/Atkinson: That the Committee of the Whole minutes dated December 4, 2024 be adopted as read.

Carried.

### Appointment By-Laws

Motion to authorize the Clerk to prepare the By-Laws covering the appointments of Warden and Deputy Warden for 2025-2026, approved by Council this day.

#7: Case/Miller: That the Clerk be authorized to prepare the By-Laws covering the appointments of Warden and Deputy Warden for 2025-2026, approved by Council this day.

Carried.

## Notice of By-Laws

#1 of 2025 A By-Law to Appoint a Warden and Deputy Warden for 2025-2026.

#2 of 2025 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 December 4, 2024.

## First and Second Reading of By-Laws

#8: Hand/Cook: That By-Laws #1 and #2 of 2025, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

## Third and Final Reading of By-Laws

#9: Hand/Cook: That By-Laws #1 and #2 of 2025, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

## Adjournment

#10: Veen/Loosley: 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.

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Kevin Marriott, Warden

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Olivia Leger, Clerk