

**MINUTES**  
**LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**July 8, 2020**

Lambton County Council was in session via electronic meeting, at 9:00 a.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present except M. Bradley.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

Councillor M. Bradley joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

In-Camera Committee Room #3

#1: Boushy/Loosley: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss the following:

- a) a report to provide an update on the progress of a new lease agreement at Bayside Centre, City of Sarnia, and to provide instructions in relation thereto, pursuant to ss. 239(2)(k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

Silent Reflection

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session

The Clerk noted that County Council adopted the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated June 3, 2020, as well as the Committee A.M. and Committee P.M. minutes dated June 17, 2020. The Clerk also noted that County Council provided instructions regarding the Lease Agreement with Seasons Retirement Communities (Sarnia) GP Inc. and that those details would be provided to the public in a press release shortly after the adjournment of this meeting.

Medical Officer of Health Update on COVID-19

Dr. Sudit Ranade, Medical Officer of Health, provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic in Lambton County and responded to questions from County Councillors with respect to same. The video stream of the meeting can be watched at the following link:

<https://lambton.civicweb.net/document/91942?splitscreen=true&media=true>

#2: Bradley/White: That County Council develop a By-Law to mandate the wearing of non-medical masks when social distancing isn't an option in public spaces as the County moves into stage 3 of the Province re-opening plan.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Hand was requested by Councillor Bradley on motion #2 of this day's minutes.

S. Arnold	No (3)
M. Bird	No (3)
D. Boushy	Yes (3)
M. Bradley	Yes (3)
A. Broad	No (1)
D. Cook	No (2)
D. Ferguson	No (1)
B. Hand	No (1)
B. Loosley	No (2)
K. Marriott	No (1)
S. Miller	No (2)
L. Napper	Yes (3)
J. Rombouts	No (2)
M. Stark	No (3)
I. Veen	No (1)
B. Weber	No (3)
B. White	Yes (3)

Yeas - 12; Nays - 25.

Motion defeated.

#3: Hand/Stark: That County Council support and encourage those who are capable of doing so to wear a mask covering the nose, mouth, and chin when indoors in public spaces where social distancing cannot be achieved.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Cook was requested by Councillor Stark on motion #3 of this day's minutes.

S. Arnold	Yes (3)
M. Bird	No (3)
D. Boushy	No (3)
M. Bradley	Yes (3)
A. Broad	Yes (1)
D. Cook	Yes (2)
D. Ferguson	Yes (1)
B. Hand	Yes (1)
B. Loosley	Yes (2)
K. Marriott	Yes (1)
S. Miller	Yes (2)

L. Napper	Yes (3)
J. Rombouts	No (2)
M. Stark	Yes (3)
I. Veen	No (1)
B. Weber	Yes (3)
B. White	Yes (3)

Yeas - 28; Nays - 9.

Motion carried.

### Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated June 3, 2020 were presented.

#4: Miller/Marriott: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated June 3, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

### Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 07-07-2020 A letter from The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated June 12, 2020 regarding COVID-19 Temporary Pandemic Pay for eligible front-line workers, effective for 16 weeks from April 24, 2020 to August 13, 2020.

CC 07-08-20 A letter from Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator, Grey County, dated June 16, 2020 regarding the following resolution that was passed by Grey County at its June 11, 2020 County Council meeting:

Whereas now more than ever in our increasingly electronic world, Grey County families and business owners have a need for reliable and affordable broadband to conduct business and stay connected both locally and beyond; and

Whereas broadband is a contributing social and economic driver in supporting the vitality and growth of our communities; and

Whereas families require internet to enable their children to complete school assignments, take online courses, maintain a human connection, or just stream movies at home; and

Whereas Grey County agriculture production, medical, health care, manufacturing, retail and the service industry depend on reliable high-speed connections to support and ensure business continuity and success; and

Whereas connectivity has been a lifeline for those businesses and sectors with access to reliable broadband during this global pandemic; and

Whereas reliable broadband will continue playing an essential role in the economic and social recovery of communities across Grey County post-pandemic; and

Whereas not all areas of Grey County are within a connectivity coverage area which continues to be increasingly challenging, and amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas Grey County has unserved areas as well as underserved areas that receive inadequate or disproportionately low levels of service; and

Whereas while it is important for the Provincial Government to look at both the number of people and the number of businesses that can be serviced by broadband expansion, it is essential, as well, that the Province provide broadband service to areas that have a small number of people, yet cover a vast geographical area; and

Whereas the need for broadband infrastructure improvement is now;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Grey County representing our Grey County residents and business owners alike, call to action Premier Ford; Minister of Infrastructure, Minister Scott; Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Minister Ernie Hardeman and Associate Minister of Energy & MPP Walker to champion the implementation of broadband in the unserved and under-served areas of Grey County; and

That this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities for their endorsement.

CC 07-09-20 A resolution from Jennifer Charkavi, Deputy Clerk, Town of Renfrew, dated June 24, 2020 that was passed by the Council of the Town of Renfrew at its June 24, 2020 Council meeting requesting that the Governments of Ontario and Canada fast track the review of current and previous Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program grant applications in order to provide much needed employment and investment into rural Ontario to provide sustainable infrastructure that will be safe and suitable in a post-pandemic setting.

CC 07-11-20 A resolution as passed by The Western Ontario Wardens Caucus on July 2, 2020 regarding the expansion of Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) to increase broadband access across Southwestern Ontario.

That the SWIFT presentation from Barry Field, Chief Operating Officer, SWIFT Inc. be received as information; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, via the CRTC, has committed to bring 50/10 broadband service (the Universal Service Objective or USO) to 90% of Canadians in 2021, 95% in 2026 and 100% by 2030; and

WHEREAS increased funding from both the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada is urgently needed to address Southwestern Ontario's large connectivity gaps, so that we can close the digital divide and restart our economies; and

WHEREAS in order to reduce the digital divide within Southwestern Ontario, and to achieve the CRTC's 95% target by 2026, it will cost an estimated \$1B; and

WHEREAS the current CRTC targets and federal funding programs do not specifically address the many rural, remote, and northern communities in Canada that continue to be unserved or underserved by internet service providers (ISP); and

WHEREAS access to high-speed/capacity broadband is vital to municipal sustainability, economic development and diversification, and overall community and social development.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we support Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) as Southwestern Ontario's funding mechanism to advance the expansion of critical broadband infrastructure across Southwestern Ontario; and

THAT the Municipalities of Western Ontario request the Government of Canada provide direct funding of \$254 million and the Government of Ontario provide direct funding of \$221 million to support development of high speed (50 megabits per second and faster) community broadband; and

THAT combined with a \$68.4M commitment from the region and a \$105M contribution from the private sector (ISPs), we intend to successfully address the \$1B Southwestern Ontario infrastructure deficit and achieving the interim goal of providing 50/10 broadband services to 95% of the population within Southwestern Ontario by 2025; and

That a copy of the preceding resolution be provided to Provincial Minister, The Honourable Laurie Scott, Infrastructure Ontario, and Federal Minister, The Honourable Maryam Monsef, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development.

#5: Broad/Cook: That correspondence CC 07-07-20 and CC 07-09-20 be received and filed and that County Council support correspondence CC 07-08-20 and CC 07-11-20.

Carried.

#### Correspondence from Member Municipalities

CC 07-10-20 A letter from Mike Bradley, Mayor, City of Sarnia, dated June 25, 2020 regarding Federal Guaranteed Annual Income Pilot Project. Mayor Bradley is seeking re-endorsement from County Council on the following resolution which was passed by Lambton County Council at its meeting on March 16, 2016:

That Lambton County Council respectfully request that the Province of Ontario as announced in their 2016 budget consider Lambton County for their planned guaranteed

annual income pilot project. Lambton County in the past has demonstrated leadership and innovation in providing social services with programs like the Circles® program and would be an ideal partner with the Province for this ground breaking project in Ontario.

#6: White/Bradley: That County Council support the resolution in correspondence CC 07-10-20 and that the letter also include MP Lianne Rood, Lambton—Kent—Middlesex.

Carried.

#### Information Report

### **INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

Information Report dated July 8, 2020 Regarding Gypsy Moth Impacts on County Lands

#7: Cook/Loosley: That Information Report dated July 8, 2020 Regarding Gypsy Moth Impacts on County Lands be received and filed.

Carried.

### **CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Information Report dated July 8, 2020 Regarding Preparations for Stage 2 Reopening - Museums, Gallery & Archives

#8: Cook/Loosley: That Information Report dated July 8, 2020 Regarding Preparations for Stage 2 Reopening - Museums, Gallery & Archives be received and filed.

Carried.

#### Items Not Requiring a Motion

The following items were presented to County Council for its information:

- a) Creative County Committee Minutes dated December 3, 2019.

#### Reports Requiring a Motion

### **INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

Report dated July 8, 2020 Regarding Alternative Waste Disposal and Diversion

#9: Broad/Miller:

- a) That incineration and other municipal solid waste disposal alternatives are not directly pursued further at this time.

- b) That future work to update the County of Lambton Waste Management Master Plan consider options to utilize energy from waste alternatives as part of its overall strategy.

Carried.

Report dated July 8, 2020 Regarding Blue Box Transition to Producer Responsibility

#10: Rombouts/Hand: That Lambton County Council endorse the following resolution:

WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways is a growing area of public concern;

WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce Greenhouse Gasses significantly;

WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is a critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;

WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;

WHEREAS the County of Lambton is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products;

WHEREAS the County of Lambton is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the County of Lambton strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces.

THAT the County of Lambton strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures that there will be existing collection and materials service levels, as currently seen in municipalities, will be held as a minimum for future Blue Box servicing.

Carried.

#11: Stark/Loosley: That staff provide a report at the next meeting outlining an option to develop a reserve to fund a future County Waste Management Master Plan Update.

Carried.

Report dated July 8, 2020 Regarding Delegation of Approval Authority Under the Planning Act

#12: Ferguson/Marriott: That By-Laws 67 of 1996 and 38 of 2002 be amended to include the General Manager of Infrastructure and Development Services as an alternate in fulfilling the delegated approval authority functions of the Manager of Planning and Development Services.

Carried.

**LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION**

Report dated July 8, 2020 Regarding Compliance Order (CO) Plan

#13: Broad/Arnold: That additional hours for Registered Staff be approved (one full time equivalent) effective immediately to the Marshall Gowland Manor staff complement.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

Mr. B. White presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated June 3, 2020.

#14: White/Napper: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated June 3, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Ms. J. Rombouts presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 3, 2020.

#15: Rombouts/Stark: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 3, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

#16: Marriott/Miller: That the Audit Committee minutes dated June 24, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

**Other Business**

Rest Area on Highway 402 Announced by Ministry of Transportation

Councillor Napper informed County Council that the Ministry of Transportation recently announced that an old weigh station along Highway 402 was turned into a rest area and was very pleased to see this.

### By-Laws

#17: Rombouts/White: That By-Laws #18, #19, #20, #21, #22 and #23 of 2020, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#18: White/Rombouts: That By-Laws #18, #19, #20, #21, #22 and #23 of 2020, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

### Adjournment

#19: Veen/Hand: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 11:12 a.m.

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Bill Weber  
Warden

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Stéphane Thiffeault  
County Clerk