

MINUTES
COMMITTEE A.M.
(Infrastructure & Development Services/Public Health Services/Cultural Services)

September 16, 2020

A meeting was held via electronic meeting at 9:00 a.m. on the above date.

Present

Chair B. White, Warden Bill Weber. Members: M. Bird, M. Bradley, D. Ferguson, K. Marriott, S. Miller, and L. Napper. Various staff were present including the following General Managers: Mr. J. Cole, General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, Mr. A. Taylor, General Manager, Public Health Services, Mr. A. Meyer, General Manager, Cultural Services, Mr. S. Thiffeault, General Manager, Corporate Services and Mr. R. Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent

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Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

Medical Officer of Health Update on COVID-19

Dr. Sudit Ranade's update on the COVID-19 pandemic in Lambton County was moved to the Special Meeting of Lambton County Council at 10:00 a.m., September 16, 2020.

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report

Information Report dated September 16, 2020 Regarding County Emergency Declaration

#1: Weber/Ferguson: That Information Report dated September 16, 2020 regarding County Emergency Declaration be received and filed.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated September 16, 2020 Regarding Snow Equipment Purchasing Strategy

#2: Ferguson/Miller: That the County Public Works Department implement a specific purchasing strategy to release tenders for snow removal equipment in the previous Fiscal Year to facilitate supplier fabrication and delivery timelines.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

PH 10-05-20 A letter from Anita Dubeau, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Chair, dated August 19, 2020 regarding the immediate provision of the funding allocations to local boards of health respecting the *COVID-19 Extraordinary Expenses* and for the *School-Focused Nurses* in order to enable a response by local public health units that is unobstructed by local financial shortfalls.

#3: Marriott/Ferguson: That correspondence PH 10-05-20 be received and filed.
Carried.

Information Reports

#4: Miller/Napper: That the following Information Reports from the Public Health Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated September 16, 2020 regarding Cannabis Retail Outlet Considerations in Lambton County.
- b) Information Report dated September 16, 2020 regarding Food Safety Program Update.
- c) Information Report dated September 16, 2020 regarding Health and Well-Being Grant Project Summary.
- d) Information Report dated September 16, 2020 regarding Harm Reduction Outreach to the Homeless.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated September 16, 2020 Regarding School-Focused Nurses in Public Health Units

#5: Weber/Ferguson:

- a) That Lambton Public Health be authorized to immediately recruit up to 6.0 FTE of additional nurses as required, with the aim of having as many of these new nurses in place by the start of the school year as possible, to support Ontario's Plan for Safe Reopening of Schools.

- b) That County Council approve the hiring of the aforementioned staff in item a) above on the condition that the positions are 100% Ministry of Health funded, and should such funding commitment change that a further report will be brought back to Council for its consideration and action.

Carried.

CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

CUL 10-01-20 A letter from Jillian Lum, Acting Regional Director General, Ontario Region, Canadian Heritage, dated August 5, 2020, announcing a grant in the amount of \$100,000 that will be awarded to the Judith & Norman Alix Gallery under the Museums Assistance Program, COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund Component for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

CUL 10-02-20 A letter from Jillian Lum, Acting Regional Director General, Ontario Region, Canadian Heritage, dated August 5, 2020, announcing a grant in the amount of \$28,426 that will be awarded to the Lambton County Archives under the Museums Assistance Program, COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund Component for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

CUL 10-03-20 A letter from Jillian Lum, Acting Regional Director General, Ontario Region, Canadian Heritage, dated August 5, 2020, announcing a grant in the amount of \$58,251 that will be awarded to the Oil Museum of Canada under the Museums Assistance Program, COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund Component for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

CUL 10-04-20 A letter from Jillian Lum, Acting Regional Director General, Ontario Region, Canadian Heritage, dated August 5, 2020, announcing a grant in the amount of \$92,887 that will be awarded to the Lambton Heritage Museum under the Museums Assistance Program, COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund Component for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

#6: Miller/Marriott: That correspondence CUL 10-01-20, CUL 10-02-20, CUL 10-03-20 and CUL 10-04-20 be received and filed.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report

Information Report dated September 16, 2020 Regarding Committee A.M. & Committee P.M. Rotations 2021

#7: Ferguson/Napper: That Information Report dated September 16, 2020 regarding Committee A.M. & Committee P.M. Rotations 2021 be received and filed.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated September 16, 2020 Regarding Warden and Deputy Warden's Election: 2021-2022 Term

#8: Bradley/Weber: That the recommendation amended so that part b) h. of the recommendation include that the Deputy Warden candidates be provided up to 2 minutes for their speeches, if they wish to provide a speech, so that the motion now reads:

- a) That the December 2, 2020, Warden and Deputy Warden's election and the Inaugural Session of Council be moved to the Wyoming Fair Grounds so that attendees may be accommodated with proper physical distancing.
- b) That the traditional ceremony associated with the elections of the Warden and Deputy Warden be suspended for 2020 so that the elections of the Warden and Deputy Warden proceed summarily as follows:
 - a. The Clerk is to chair the meeting until the Warden is elected;
 - b. The Clerk will call on Councillors to announce their candidacy for the position of Warden;
 - c. Declared candidates will be provided up to 3 minutes for their speeches, if they wish to provide a speech;
 - d. Once speeches have concluded, Council will proceed with the election. Scrutineers will distribute and collect ballots;
 - e. Once the Warden is elected, Council will pass a resolution electing the Warden, for 2021-2022;
 - f. The Clerk will take the Warden's Oath of Office;
 - g. The elected Warden will take over and chair the rest of the meeting after being elected;
 - h. The Warden will call for nominations for the position of Deputy Warden. Interested candidates will be provided up to 2 minutes for their speeches, if they wish to provide a speech;

- i. If required, the Warden will proceed with the election of the Deputy Warden. Scrutineers will distribute and collect ballots;
- j. Council will pass a resolution electing the Deputy Warden, for 2021-2022; and
- k. Council will adopt a By-Law confirming the Warden and Deputy Warden's election.

Carried.

#9: Bird/Ferguson: That the Report dated September 16, 2020 regarding Warden and Deputy Warden's Election: 2021-2022 Term be accepted as amended.

Carried.

It was briefly discussed and agreed upon by the Committee members present that should the pandemic worsen and it not become possible or desirable to hold the election in person at the Wyoming Fair Grounds, that staff be permitted to organize a Zoom meeting with a confidential vote/election for the positions, and that the Clerk would provide advance notice to Council of any such changes.

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No reports were submitted.

Adjournment

#10: Bird/Bradley: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Brian White
Chair

Stéphane Thiffeault
Clerk