

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

November 4, 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 B. Hand.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

Councillor B. Hand joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

In-Camera

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

- a) the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated October 7, 2020.
- b) the Committee P.M. (Closed Session) minutes dated October 21, 2020.
- c) a report regarding an ongoing property assessment appeal before an administrative tribunal, pursuant to s. 239(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:30 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 October 7, 2020, as well as the Committee P.M. (Closed Session) minutes dated October 21, 2020. Council also discussed ongoing litigation regarding a property assessment appeal.

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](https://lambton.civicweb.net/document/93825?splitscreen=true&media=true) of the meeting can be watched at the following web address: <https://lambton.civicweb.net/document/93825?splitscreen=true&media=true>.

Donor Recognition Presentation

On behalf of Lambton County Council and staff, Warden Weber thanked those who have made very generous donations to several Lambton County programs and facilities over the past year, including the estate of Jean Muma, The Sarnia Community Foundation, The Seaway Kiwanis Club, Charles Fairbank and Pat McGee of Fairbank Oil Properties, Ron Van Horne & Scott Ferguson, Rob Brooks, Linda Smith, The Villa Auxiliary, The Manor Auxiliary, and The Lodge Auxiliary. The [video presentations](#) can be found on the Lambton County website at the following web address: <https://www.lambtononline.ca/en/county-government/donors.aspx>.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated October 7, 2020 were presented.

#2: Rombouts/Hand: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated October 7, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 11-05-20 An invitation from Jennifer Miltenburg, Director, Kingsbridge Centre, Rural Research Lead, Ontario Trillium Foundation / Faith & the Common Good et al, Partnership Study of Ontario Community Usage of Faith Buildings, dated October 15, 2020 regarding the Community Spaces, Faith Places Rural Virtual Conference on November 24th, 10 am-12 pm EST. You are invited to come learn about the impact of faith-building closures on nonprofit and community groups. Join the conversation on how faith places are invisible infrastructure in rural communities and help frame what actions to take to create stronger, more resilient communities.

CC 11-06-20 A letter from Dr. Romaine Smith Fullerton, Associate Professor, Faculty of Information & Media Studies, The University of Western Ontario, dated October 25, 2020 regarding the devastation brought on by the Gypsy Moths in 2020. Various representatives of citizens across Lambton Shores are asking that County Council work with Lambton Shores and with the group of representatives, as well as any other stakeholders, to curb the expected Gypsy Moth infestations in 2021 and also ask that County Council consider applying BTK spray to the Lambton Heritage Forest in Port Franks, as a means to help residents manage the level of infestation.

#3: Bradley/Miller: That correspondence CC 11-05-20 and CC 11-06-20 be received and filed.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated November 4, 2020 Regarding Canatara Log Cabin - Transfer Agreement

#4: White/Cook: That Lambton County Council endorse the Transfer Agreement between the City of Sarnia and the County of Lambton related to the relocation of the Canatara Log Cabin, and that all costs associated with the relocation of the cabin are assumed by the City of Sarnia and its partners.

Carried.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated November 4, 2020 Regarding Court Services Lease Negotiations Update

#5: Boushy/Veen:

- a) That approval be given for the County to enter into a 2-year lease agreement with The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation to temporarily relocate its Court Services Department.
- b) That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the lease and any document reasonably required for such purposes.
- c) That the appropriate By-Law be presented to County Council for its consideration.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

Mr. B. White presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated October 21, 2020.

#6: White/Ferguson: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated October 21, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Ms. J. Rombouts presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated October 21, 2020.

#7: Rombouts/Arnold: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated October 21, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Other Business

Aspiring Wardens/Deputy Wardens

Councillor Rombouts declared that she will be running in the 2021-2022 Deputy Warden's Election.

By-Laws

#8: Hand/Cook: That By-Laws #31 and #32 of 2020, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#9: Cook/Hand: That By-Laws #31 and #32 of 2020, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#10: Napper/Veen: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Bill Weber
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
County Clerk