

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

April 7, 2021

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.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

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

- a) the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated February 3, 2021 and March 3, 2021.
- b) to receive a letter in relation to a personnel/labour relations matter pursuant to s. 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- c) to discuss and review a labour relations matter arising from prior communications to County Council, pursuant to s. 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session

The Clerk noted that County Council adopted the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated February 3, 2021 and March 3, 2021 and received a letter in relation to a personnel/labour relations matter as well as discussed a labour relations matter arising from prior communications to County Council.

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/98336?splitscreen=true&media=true) of the meeting can be watched at the following web address: <https://lambton.civicweb.net/document/98336?splitscreen=true&media=true>

Delegations

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

Carried.

Conservation Authorities

Brian McDougall, General Manager, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority presented to Council to provide an update on the legislative and regulatory changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Brian Horner, General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority was also present to assist with the presentation and with answering questions.

Medical Tiered Response Agreement

Dr. Matthew Davis, Regional Medical Director, Southwest Ontario Regional Base Hospital Program, and Emergency Physician, London Health Sciences Centre presented to Council to provide a medical perspective on establishing criteria for tiered responses.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated February 3, 2021 and the Lambton County Council Budget minutes dated March 3, 2021 were presented.

#3: Cook/Weber: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated February 3, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

#4: Hand/Veen: That the Lambton County Council Budget minutes minutes dated March 3, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 04-09-21 A letter from Michael Bredeson, Executive Correspondence Officer, Office of the Prime Minister dated February 2, 2021 regarding Lambton County Council's support for a federal guaranteed annual income program.

CC 04-10-21 A letter from Kristal Chopp, Mayor, Norfolk County dated February 23, 2021 regarding a request to remove all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes.

CC 04-12-21 A memorandum from Mark Brintnell, Vice President, Quality, Performance and Accountability, Erie St. Clair LHIN dated March 18, 2021 regarding several orders

from the Province transferring the Local Health Integration Networks' (LHIN's) health system planning and funding functions to Ontario Health, effective April 1, 2021.

#5: Loosley/Miller: That correspondence CC 04-09-21, CC 04-10-21 and CC 04-12 be received and filed.

Carried.

#6: Arnold/Rombouts: That County Council also send a letter of support for correspondence CC 04-10-21.

Carried.

Lambton Board of Health Correspondence

CC 04-13-21 Emails from various residents of Lambton County, dated March 28, 2021 to March 31, 2021 regarding Councillor Bird's proposal to end the lockdowns.

#7: Veen/Napper: That correspondence CC 04-13-21 be received and filed.

Carried.

Correspondence from Member Municipalities

CC 04-11-21 A letter from Amy Burkhart, Acting City Clerk, The City of Sarnia dated March 4, 2021 regarding Sarnia City Council's request for the County of Lambton to support the following resolution passed at its March 1, 2021 meeting:

That Sarnia City Council strongly advocate to the Province of Ontario that they adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centres, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system.

#8: Rombouts/Hand: That County Council support the recommendation from The City of Sarnia in correspondence CC 04-11-21 and amend it to include "on a percentage basis" after "capacity limits" so that the motion now reads:

That Sarnia City Council strongly advocate to the Province of Ontario that they adjust the capacity limits on a percentage basis for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centres, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

The Creative County Committee Minutes dated November 26, 2020 were presented to Council.

#9: Miller/Weber: That the Creative County Committee Minutes dated November 26, 2020 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Report

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated April 7, 2021 Regarding Bayside Centre Swing Space

#10: Boushy/Cook: That Information Report dated April 7, 2021 Regarding Bayside Centre Swing Space be received and filed.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

Emergency Medical Services Division

Report dated April 7, 2021 Regarding Medical Tiered Response Agreement - City of Sarnia - Update

#11: Bradley/Broad: That Report dated April 7, 2021 regarding Medical Tiered Response Agreement - City of Sarnia – Update and the recommendation therewithin, including motion #8 and #9 of the Committee A.M. minutes dated January 20, 2021 regarding same, be tabled to the May 5, 2021 Lambton County Council meeting.

Carried.

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Report dated April 7, 2021 Regarding Proposed Lambton Meadowview Villa Re-Development

#12: White/Arnold:

- a) That staff be authorized to prepare and complete a Master Program and Master Plan for Lambton Meadowview Villa ("Plan"), and that the Plan be submitted to Council for its review by no later than December 31, 2021.
- b) That Staff be authorized to expend up to \$250,000 to prepare and complete the Plan.
- c) That the source of funding for this work be funded from the County's Emergency and Stabilization Reserve noted in item b) above.

- d) That Staff include the anticipated future costs of redeveloping/constructing Lambton Meadowview Villa in the County's asset management plan scheduled to be presented to Council in 2021.
- e) That the Lambton Meadowview Villa 2021 Budget Motion (motion #9 of the Lambton County Council Budget minutes dated March 3, 2021) be tabled until such a time as the Plan is approved by Council in accordance with paragraph a) above.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Bradley was requested by Councillor Bradley on motion #12 of this day's minutes.

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| S. Arnold | Yes (3) |
| M. Bird | No (3) |
| D. Boushy | Yes (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 | Yes (2) |
| M. Stark | Yes (3) |
| I. Veen | Yes (1) |
| B. Weber | Yes (3) |
| B. White | Yes (3) |

Yeas - 34; Nays - 3.

Motion Carried.

Committee Minutes

Ms. J. Rombouts presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated February 17, 2021.

#13: Rombouts/Miller: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated February 17, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. B. White presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated February 17, 2021.

#14: White/Ferguson: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated February 17, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Warden Marriott presented the Woodlands Hearings Board minutes March 16, 2021.

#15: Arnold/Rombouts: That the Woodlands Hearings Board minutes dated March 16, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Notices of Motions

Eliminating A.M. and P.M. Committee

Councillor Bird gave Notice of Motion on February 22, 2021 for the April 7, 2021 Council meeting regarding the elimination of the A.M. and P.M. Committees.

#16: Bird/Rombouts:

- a) That County Council immediately eliminate the AM and PM Committee Meetings.
- b) That Council have full County Council meetings (from January to November) so that every single Councillor has the important opportunity to weigh in on all topics, discussions and voting, at the same meeting.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Loosley was requested by Councillor Bird on motion #16 of this day's minutes.

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| S. Arnold | No (3) |
| M. Bird | Yes (3) |
| D. Boushy | No (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 | No (3) |
| J. Rombouts | No (2) |
| M. Stark | No (3) |
| I. Veen | No (1) |
| B. Weber | No (3) |
| B. White | No (3) |

Yeas - 6; Nays - 31.

Motion Defeated.

Lockdowns

Councillor Bird gave Notice of Motion on March 26, 2021 for the April 7, 2021 County Council meeting regarding ending lockdowns.

#17: Bird/Boushy: That Council instruct staff to write a letter to Premier Doug Ford, with a copy to PM Trudeau, by April 12th, asking that all businesses and organizations be fully opened again immediately (with no exceptions or restrictions on staffing/customer numbers, or hours of operation), as all businesses are essential to our domestic economy and people's livelihoods.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Miller was requested by Councillor Bird on motion #17 of this day's minutes.

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| S. Arnold | No (3) |
| M. Bird | Yes (3) |
| D. Boushy | No (3) |
| M. Bradley | No (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 | No (3) |
| J. Rombouts | Yes (2) |
| M. Stark | No (3) |
| I. Veen | No (1) |
| B. Weber | No (3) |
| B. White | No (3) |

Yeas - 5; Nays - 32.

Motion Defeated.

Other Business

None.

By-Laws

#18: White/Boushy: That By-Laws #5 and #6 of 2021, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#19: Boushy/White: That By-Laws #5 and #6 of 2021, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#20: Napper/Loosley: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 11:56 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
County Clerk