

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

May 5, 2021

Lambton County Council was in session via electronic meeting at 9:15 a.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present except B. White.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

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

- a) to review the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated April 7, 2021, pursuant to s. 239 (2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Councillor B. White joined the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:30 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 April 7, 2021.

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/99188?splitscreen=true&media=true) of the meeting can be watched at the following web address: <https://lambton.civicweb.net/document/99188?splitscreen=true&media=true>

Delegations

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

Carried.

Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment, and Sustainability (BASES)

Vince Gagner, General Manager, BASES, presented to Council to introduce the Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment and Sustainability, the evolution and history of Sarnia-Lambton Community Awareness Emergency Response, the Industrial Educational Cooperative, and the Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated April 7, 2021 were presented.

#3: White/Miller: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated April 7, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 05-12-21 A memorandum from Janet Menard, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) dated April 15, 2021 regarding proposed legislative amendments to the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*. These are meant to be the key first steps towards supporting the government's Human Services model outlined in its vision for social assistance transformation announced on February 11, 2021 and to strengthen the critical role of municipalities and District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSABs) in supporting individuals on their path to independence and employment.

#4: White/Cook: That correspondence CC 05-12-21 be received and filed.

Carried.

CC 05-13-21 A presentation from Brett Kelch, resident of Lambton County, dated May 5, 2021 regarding a proposal for new regulations to enhance Lambton County's Woodlands Conservation By-Law.

#5: Arnold/Rombouts: That staff report back to Council regarding correspondence CC 05-13-21.

Carried.

CC 05-14-21 A letter from Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Government of Ontario, dated April 27, 2021 regarding a consultation on how to strengthen accountability for municipal council members. Mr. Clark requests Council to identify one member of Council to participate in one of two hour-long telephone townhall sessions on June 8, 2021 at 9:30 AM EDT. Once chosen, the one identified member should register via Eventbrite by Thursday, May 6, 2021.

#6: Bradley/Cook: That correspondence CC 15-14-21 be received and filed.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

The Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) Minutes dated January 19, 2021 were presented to Council.

#7: Weber/Stark: That the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) Minutes dated January 19, 2021 be received and filed.

Carried.

#8: Boushy/Stark: That County Council invite Stephen Thompson and Katherine Walker from the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) to speak at the June 2, 2021 County Council meeting concerning the operations and governance of SLEP.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

The Joint Meeting of the Standing Committees Minutes dated February 17, 2021 were presented.

#9: White/Loosley: That the Joint Meeting of the Standing Committees Minutes dated February 17, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

The Woodlands Hearings Board Minutes dated April 20, 2021 were presented.

#10: Miller/Veen: That the Woodlands Hearings Board Minutes dated April 20, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Ms. J. Rombouts presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated April 21, 2021.

#11: Rombouts/Napper: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated April 21, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. B. White presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated April 21, 2021.

#12: Stark/Arnold: That motion #6 of the Committee P.M. minutes dated April 21, 2021 regarding Homelessness Prevention Team Staffing be amended so that "permanent" is changed to "temporary" until the 2022 budget so that the motion now reads:

That Council approves the hiring of one temporary full time Ontario Works Supervisor with a focus on Homelessness Prevention until the 2022 budget.

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

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

Yeas - 3; Nays - 34.

Motion Defeated.

#13: Bradley/Broad: That staff prepare a presentation for the June 2, 2021 County Council meeting to provide information on what the County is doing to address homelessness in the community.

Carried.

#14: White/Broad: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated April 21, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Items Tabled from Previous Meetings

Re: Tabled motion #11 of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated April 7, 2021 and tabled motion #8 of the Committee A.M. Minutes dated January 20, 2021 regarding the Medical Tiered Response Agreement - City of Sarnia (the motions were tabled to allow staff to negotiate a new agreement with the City of Sarnia).

#15: Bradley/White: That motion #11 of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated April 7, 2021 and motion #8 of the Committee A.M. Minutes dated January

20, 2021 regarding the Medical Tiered Response Agreement - City of Sarnia as well as the Report dated May 5, 2021 Regarding Medical Tiered Response Agreement - City of Sarnia - Update #2 be tabled to no later than the July 7, 2021 County Council meeting to allow for more time for the parties involved to attempt to reach an agreement.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Loosley was requested by Councillor Bradley on motion #15 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	Yes (1)
B. Loosley	Yes (2)
K. Marriott	No (1)
S. Miller	Yes (2)
L. Napper	Yes (3)
J. Rombouts	Yes (2)
M. Stark	Yes (3)
I. Veen	Yes (1)
B. Weber	No (3)
B. White	Yes (3)

Yeas - 23; Nays - 14.

Motion Carried.

Other Business

None.

By-Laws

#16: Hand/Rombouts: That By-Laws #7, #8, #9, #10, #11 and #12 of 2021, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#17: Rombouts/Hand: That By-Laws #7, #8, #9, #10, #11 and #12 of 2021, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#18: Veen/Weber: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 10:56 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
County Clerk