

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

**November 3, 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.

**Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that this land on which we are gathered today is part of the ancestral land of the Chippewa, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples, referred to collectively as the Anishinaabeg. It is through the connection of the Anishinaabeg with the spirit of the land, water and air that we recognize their unique cultures, traditions, and values. Together as treaty people, we have a shared responsibility to act with respect for the environment that sustains all life, protecting the future for those generations to come.

**Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest:** None.

**In-Camera**

**#1:** Boushy/Hand: 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 October 6, 2021, pursuant to s. 239 (2)(d) 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.

**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 6, 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](#) of the meeting can be watched on the Lambton County website.

### Donor Recognition

There was a presentation from Warden Kevin Marriott on behalf of Lambton County Council and staff to thank those who have made very generous donations to several Lambton County programs and facilities over the past year, including The Sarnia Community Foundation (from the Hogan Family Fund and the Cassin Family Fund), The Seaway Kiwanis Club, Noelle's Gift to Children, Enbridge Gas Inc., Lambton BASES (which includes Industrial Educational Co-Operative, Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association, and Community Awareness/Emergency Response), Bluewater Power Distribution Corp., Hydro One Networks Inc., The Lodge Auxiliary, The Villa Auxiliary, The Manor Auxiliary, Imperial Oil, Roger Hay, Mark Moran, and Ron Van Horne & Scott Ferguson.

### Delegations

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

Carried.

### Enbridge's 2023 Dawn-Corunna Project

Wes Armstrong, Director, Gas Storage and Pipeline Operations, Enbridge Gas Inc. and Brian Lennie, Senior Advisor, Municipal Affairs & Stakeholder Relations, Enbridge Gas Inc. presented to County Council the details of Enbridge's 2023 Dawn Corunna Project and requested a letter or resolution of support for the project, to be included in their OEB (Ontario Energy Board) application.

#3: Weber/Broad: That County Council provide a letter of support to Enbridge Gas Inc. for its 2023 Dawn-Corunna Project.

Carried.

### Bioindustrial Innovation Canada (BIC) Update

Sandy Marshall, Executive Director, Bioindustrial Innovation Canada (BIC), provided County Council with an update on the activities of BIC.

#4: Bradley/Stark: That the County set up an Economic Development Reserve Fund to retain any of its returns on its equity investments held with Bio-industrial Innovation Canada (BIC).

Carried.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Bradley was requested by Councillor Stark on motion #4 of this day's minutes.

Councillor	Vote
S. Arnold	Yes (3)

Councillor	Vote
M. Bird	Yes (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 - 37; Nays - 0.

Motion Carried.

#5: Bradley/White: That staff return to Council on November 24, 2021 with a report outlining the options available to The Corporation of the County of Lambton, together with a recommendation, for disposing (selling) its equity investments held with Bio-industrial Innovation Canada (BIC).

Carried.

#### Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated October 6, 2021 were presented.

#6: Miller/White: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated October 6, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

#### Correspondence

CC 11-26-21 A letter from Warden Marriott dated October 27, 2021 regarding Accelerated High-Speed Internet Program (ASHIP) – Infrastructure Ontario. Warden Marriott is seeking Council's endorsement on this letter to the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure.

#7: Broad/Cook: That Council endorse correspondence CC 11-26-21.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 11-07-21 A letter from Dennis Kalichuk dated October 12, 2021 regarding Ontario Petition for Change - Homelessness, Mental Health, Addictions. The Petition for Change calls for the Province to restructure and rebuild Ontario's mental health and addictions care and treatment facilities and philosophies to one that is public institution based, and is proper, pertinent, results oriented, and compassion fueled.

CC 11-11-21 An email from Erin Glenn dated October 27, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-12-21 An email from Anna Minten dated October 27, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-13-21 An email from Steve Klatt dated October 27, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-14-21 An email from Lorraine Minten dated October 27, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-15-21 An email from Paula Minten dated October 27, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-16-21 An email from John and Teresa dated October 27, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-17-21 An email from Amy dated October 27, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-18-21 An email from Tammy With dated October 27, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-19-21 An email from Jessica White dated October 27, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-20-21 An email from Leanne Kamel dated October 27, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-21-21 An email from Bob Maniuk dated October 27, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-22-21 An email from Brittany Nelson dated October 27, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-23-21 An email from Kyle Johnson dated October 28, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-24-21 An email from Cherie Laporte dated October 28, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-25-21 An email from Dianne Cook dated October 28, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

CC 11-27-21 An email from Lisa Bell dated October 28, 2021 regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

#8: Bradley/Ferguson:

- a) That County Council support the letter in correspondence CC 11-07-21.
- b) That correspondence CC 11-11-21 to CC 11-25-21 and CC 11-27-21 be received and filed.

Carried.

#### Correspondence from Member Municipalities

CC 11-08-21 A letter from Duncan McTavish, Clerk, Township of Enniskillen, dated October 5, 2021 regarding a resolution that was passed by the Township of Enniskillen at its October 4, 2021 Council meeting to enact an Interim Control Bylaw to undertake a review of land use policies related to Cannabis Production and Processing Facilities.

#9: Arnold/Bradley: That County Council support the resolution in correspondence CC 11-08-21.

Carried.

#### Item Not Requiring a Motion

- a) The Lambton Creative County Committee Minutes dated March 25, 2021 were presented to County Council for its information.

## Reports Requiring a Motion

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

#### Report dated November 3, 2021 Regarding Dawn-Landfill Site - Request for Disposal & Service Area Review

#10: Arnold/Weber: That Report dated November 3, 2021 regarding Dawn-Landfill Site - Request for Disposal & Service Area Review be received and filed.

Carried.

### **FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION**

#### Report dated November 3, 2021 Regarding the Asset Management Policy

#11: Broad/Cook: That County Council adopt the County of Lambton Strategic Asset Management Policy attached as Schedule A.

Carried.

## Committee Minutes

Ms. J. Rombouts presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated October 20, 2021.

#12: Rombouts/Weber: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated October 20, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. B. White presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated October 20, 2021.

#### Re: Motion #5 b) of the Committee P.M. Minutes dated October 20, 2021 – Report Regarding 2022 New Capital Grant Requests

### Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Deputy Warden Hand declared a pecuniary interest on motion #5 b) of the Committee P.M. minutes dated October 20, 2021 due to being a member of the Board for Bluewater Health and therefore did not participate in the discussion or the recorded vote.

#13: Bradley/Loosley: That there be a recorded vote starting with Councillor Stark on motion #5 b) of the Committee P.M. minutes dated October 20, 2021 regarding the exemption of the Bluewater Health grant request from the moratorium for the 2022 Budget.

Councillor	Vote
S. Arnold	No (3)
M. Bird	No (3)

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

Yeas - 18; Nays - 18.

Motion Defeated.

#14: White/Ferguson: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated October 20, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

#### Notice of Motion

#### Ontario's Proof of Vaccination Mandates

Councillor Rombouts gave Notice of Motion at the October 6, 2021 Council meeting for this day's meeting regarding Ontario's proof of vaccination mandate.

#15: Rombouts/Bird:

WHEREAS the vaccination rate in Ontario has surpassed the original target required by the provincial government to reopen Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Covid-19 vaccine is working to reduce hospitalizations and deaths in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Covid-19 vaccine does not promise to prevent the transmission of the Covid-19 virus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario governments requirement to produce proof of vaccination at select locations and places of employment is creating undue hardships to thousands of small businesses, municipalities, healthcare facilities and families across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the people of Ontario are intelligent and autonomous beings capable of researching and deciding what healthcare is right for themselves and their children.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the County of Lambton request that the Provincial Government of Ontario remove all mandatory requirements to show proof of vaccination across all sectors in Ontario and return Ontario to a place where everyone is treated as equals.

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to all 444 Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

A discussion ensued.

#16: Bradley/Stark: That the Warden call the question to end the discussion.

Carried.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Broad was requested by Councillor Bradley on motion #15 of this day's minutes.

Councillor	Vote
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

Lambton County Homelessness

#17: Bradley/Arnold: That staff provide a report on how The County of Lambton is addressing issues of homelessness this winter as the crisis continues.

Carried.

March 2022 Lambton County Budget Meeting Conflict

#18: Rombouts/Arnold: That the Lambton County Budget meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2022 be moved to Thursday, March 3, 2022 to accommodate Councillors who will be attending the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference (OGRA) scheduled for February 27 to March 2, 2022 in Toronto.

Carried.

By-Laws

#19: White/Miller: That By-Law #21 of 2021, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#20: Miller/White: That By-Law #21 of 2021, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#21: Weber/Ferguson: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 11:30 a.m.

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Kevin Marriott  
Warden

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Stéphane Thiffeault  
County Clerk