

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

February 2, 2022

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.

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: Broad/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 November 24, 2021, pursuant to s. 239 (2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to review the Committee P.M. (Closed Session) minutes dated January 19, 2022, 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 November 24, 2021 as well as the Committee P.M. (Closed Session) minutes dated January 19, 2022.

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.

Delegations

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

Carried.

Active Transportation on County Roads within the City of Sarnia

Dr. Robert Dickieson and Jacob Pullen presented to County Council regarding active transportation on County roads within the City of Sarnia. Dr. Dickieson and Mr. Pullen requested Council's consideration on the following:

"That Lambton County commit to engaging in a collaborative partnership with the City of Sarnia and set an object of implementing and/or improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure (active transportation) on County roads within the City of Sarnia."

#3: Arnold/Bradley: That the matter of incorporating bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on County roads be referred to staff to report back with further recommendations and that the entire County be included in the report.

Carried.

Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP): Update on Activities and Plans

Judith Morris, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) and Katherine Walker, Chair, SLEP, provided an update to County Council regarding SLEP's activities and plans. Matthew Slotwinski, Senior Economic Development Officer, SLEP, also provided support in answering questions.

Tourism Sarnia-Lambton (TSL): Update on Activities and Plans

Mark Perrin, Executive Director, Tourism Sarnia-Lambton (TSL), provided an update to County Council regarding TSL's activities and plans.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated November 24, 2021 were presented.

#4: Weber/White: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated November 24, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Annual General Meeting of The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation

February 2, 2022

The Annual General Meeting of The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation (CLCDC) was held electronically and was called to order at 10:56 a.m. on the above date.

#5: Bradley/Weber: That Kevin Marriott be appointed as Chair of the meeting.

Carried.

Introduction of Board Members

The Chair of the Board commenced by introducing its members to the Board and the Staff Advisory Committee who were present for the Annual General Meeting as follows: Board members Kevin Marriott, Mike Bradley, and Bev Hand; and staff members, Larry Palarchio, and Ron Van Horne; and Dr. Katherine Albion, Executive Director. Other members who were not present were also introduced as follows: Rob Kardas, Vice-Chair of the Board, and Directors Alison Ewart, Lisa Cechetto, Tom Strifler, and Miriam Capretz.

Approval of the Agenda

#6: Bradley/Cook: That the agenda for the Annual General Meeting of The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation be approved as presented.

Carried.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest None.

Presentation of Financial Statements

Larry Palarchio, General Manager, Finance, Facilities and Court Services provided an update on the Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2021.

#7: Cook/White: That The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2021 be approved.

Carried.

Update from Executive Director

Dr. Katherine Albion, Executive Director, provided an update to members regarding activities at the Western Sarnia-Lambton Research Park.

Confirmation of Officers and Directors

#8: Weber/White: That the following positions be confirmed for the Board:

- a. Mike Bradley (Chair)
- b. Rob Kardas (Vice Chair)
- c. Kevin Marriott (Director)
- d. Bev Hand (Director)
- e. Lisa Cechetto (Director)
- f. Tom Strifler (Director)
- g. Miriam Capretz (Director)
- h. Alison Ewart (Director)

#9: Miller/Napper: That the following positions be confirmed for the Board:

- a. Secretary, Ron Van Horne
- b. Treasurer, Larry Palarchio

Carried.

Appointment of Auditors for 2021

#10: Broad/Veen: That BDO Canada LLP - Sarnia be appointed as auditors to The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation for 2022.

Carried.

Adjournment

#11: Boushy/Weber: That the Chair declare the Annual General Meeting of The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation be adjourned.

Carried.

Time: 11:19 a.m.

Regular Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Regular Session at 11:20 a.m.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 02-05-22 A letter from Amy Burkhart, City Clerk, The Corporation of the City of Sarnia, dated December 16, 2021 regarding a resolution that was passed by Sarnia City Council at its December 13, 2021 Council meeting regarding "Catch and Release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Sarnia City Council is seeking endorsement on the following resolution:

That the City of Sarnia send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "Catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system. This resolution should also be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration; and

That the request also be referred to the Sarnia Police Services Board and be presented via AMO delegations for endorsement consideration.

#12: Bradley/Weber: That County Council endorse the recommendation in correspondence CC 02-05-22.

Carried.

CC 02-06-22 A letter from Erin Kwarciak, Clerk, Town of Plympton-Wyoming, dated January 14, 2022 regarding the Town of Plympton-Wyoming's support for fire safety measures and a request from the City of Kitchener for the Government of Ontario to review the Ontario Fire Code Retrofit Section 9.5.

#13: Napper/Bird: That County Council support correspondence CC 02-06-22.

Carried.

Information Reports

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated February 2, 2022 Regarding Housing and Homelessness Community Input Survey

#14: Bradley/White: That Information Report dated February 2, 2022 Regarding Housing and Homelessness Community Input Survey be received and filed.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

#15: Miller/White: That the following items be received and filed.

- a) Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership Board minutes dated September 28, 2021.
- b) Lambton Creative County Committee minutes dated September 30, 2021.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

Mr. S. Arnold presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated January 19, 2022.

#16: Arnold/Weber: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated January 19, 2022 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. D. Ferguson presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated January 19, 2022.

#17: Ferguson/Miller: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated January 19, 2022 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

2022 Lambton County Council Budget Meeting Date

Councillor White gave Notice of Motion dated January 13, 2022 for the February 2, 2022 Lambton County Council meeting regarding reverting the March 2022 County Council Budget meeting back to its original date, March 2, 2022. The Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference has been postponed to April 2022, and therefore no longer conflicts with the original date.

The 2022 Budget meeting date was changed to March 3, 2022 at the November 3, 2021 County Council meeting via the following motion:

#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.

#18: White/Weber: That the Lambton County Budget meeting date be reverted back to its original date, Wednesday, March 2, 2022 since it no longer conflicts with the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference.

Carried.

Climate Change & Mitigation Strategy and Real-Estate Housing Issues

Councillor White gave Notice of two Motions at this day's meeting for the April 6, 2022 Lambton County Council meeting, which are as follows:

- a) Climate change adaptation and a mitigation strategy for the County; and
- b) Issues around predatory practice of real-estate professionals providing low market value pricing for vulnerable residents and then turning around flipping the properties for a profit.

Councillor White will reach out to County Councillors with more information regarding these two motions before the April 6, 2022 County Council meeting.

By-Laws

#19: Hand/Veen: That By-Laws #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 of 2022, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#20: Veen/Hand: That By-Laws #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 of 2022, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#21: Hand/Veen: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 11:40 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
County Clerk