

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

April 6, 2022

Lambton County Council was in session in Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 9:00 a.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present, with the following members who attended virtually: M. Bradley, A. Broad, L. Napper, M. Stark and B. White.

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: 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 February 2, 2022, pursuant to s. 239 (2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to provide a report to Council in regards to a property in the City of Sarnia, and to seek instructions from Council in regards thereto, pursuant to the provisions of ss. 239(2)e) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- c) to review the Committee P.M. (Closed Session) minutes dated February 16, 2022, pursuant to s. 239 (2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Councillor B. White joined the meeting in person.

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 February 2, 2022 as well as the Committee P.M. (Closed Session) minutes dated February 16, 2022 and that Council also discussed a property matter in the City of Sarnia.

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. The [video stream](#) of the meeting can be watched on the Lambton County website.

Delegation

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

Carried.

Bluewater Health Helipad Project

Kathy Alexander, Executive Director, Bluewater Health Foundation and Jack Vanderveen, Director, Biomedical Engineering and Support Services, Bluewater Health Foundation, provided Council with an update on the Bluewater Health Helipad Project, including timeline updates, fundraising and engagement efforts and public response.

Staff Presentation

Overview of Operations Review for Lambton EMS

Stephen Turner, Manager, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), County of Lambton, with Todd MacDonald, President, Performance Concepts Consulting, and John Prno, Consultant, Performance Concepts Consulting, provided County Council with an Overview of Operations Review for Lambton EMS.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

#3: Arnold/Miller: That the following Council minutes be accepted as presented:

- a) Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated March 2, 2022.
- b) Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated February 2, 2022.

- c) Special Meeting of Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated January 19, 2022.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 04-07-22 A letter from Brian Ross and Tracy Drysdale, Concerned Neighbors, dated February 5, 2022 regarding a request to deny the Official Plan Amendment for the proposed development at 1299-1331 Murphy Road, Sarnia.

CC 04-08-22 An email from Julie Reid, Deputy Clerk, Municipality of Arran-Elderslie dated February 4, 2022 regarding the request for new member municipalities joining the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group.

CC 04-09-22 A letter from Sally Martyn, Mayor, The Municipality of Central Elgin, dated January 25, 2022 regarding a resolution that was passed by The Municipality of Central Elgin at its January 24, 2022 Council meeting, to reaffirm its concern about joint and several liability and request a review of the law to ensure a fair and reasonable way to compensate those who have suffered losses while preventing further reductions in public services due to the high insurance costs associated with joint and several liability.

CC 04-11-22 An email from Sarah Howden, resident of Lambton County, dated February 16, 2022 regarding their support of the local Freedom Convoy protests.

CC 04-12-22 An email from Ellen Brown dated February 16, 2022 regarding the trucker convoy on Highway 402.

CC 04-13-22 An email from the Green family, residents of Lambton County, dated February 21, 2022 regarding their support for Councillor Rombouts.

CC 04-14-22 A letter from Kevin Klingenberg, Deputy Clerk, Norfolk County, dated February 18, 2022 regarding a proclamation of 2022 as the Year of the Garden.

CC 04-16-22 A letter from Michele Harradence, Senior Vice President & President, Gas Distribution and Storage, Enbridge, dated March 3, 2022 to introduce herself to Council as the new Senior Vice President & President of Gas Distribution and Storage for Enbridge as of March 1, 2022.

CC 04-17-22 A letter from Murray Jackson, Board Chair, Lambton Group Police Services Board (LGPSB), dated March 6, 2022 regarding consideration of contribution from COVID provided funding. The LGPSB is asking Council to consider contributing a portion from the provincial funds received (for COVID-19 financial relief) to assist with the unexpected and non-budgeted for cleaning expenses, specifically for the Detachments that don't have their cleaning expenses covered by the OPP, such as Forest and Corunna ESO.

CC 04-18-22 A letter from Fred Simpson, Clerk, Town of Mono, dated March 11, 2022 regarding a resolution as passed by the Town of Mono at its March 8, 2022 Council meeting to call upon the Trudeau government to provide greater support to Ukraine, exert maximum sanctions and pressure on Russia and to use all diplomatic means possible to end the war.

CC 04-19-22 An email from FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities), dated March 21, 2022 regarding nominations for FCM's Board of Directors and Roll of Honour are now open.

#4: Cook/Rombouts: That correspondence CC 04-07-22 to CC 04-09-22, CC 04-11-22 to CC 04-14-22, and CC 04-16-22 to CC 04-19-22 be received and filed.

Carried.

CC 04-15-22 Letter from Lori McDonald, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge, dated February 24, 2022 regarding a resolution that was passed by the Town of Bracebridge at its February 23, 2022 Council meeting to call for a Provincial re-examination of the "local share" hospital capital calculation methodology, to better reflect the limited fiscal capacity of municipalities, and the contributions to health care services they already provide to a community.

#5: Broad/White: That County Council support correspondence CC 04-15-22.

Carried.

Correspondence from Member Municipalities

CC 04-10-22 A letter from Amy Burkhart, City Clerk, The Corporation of the City of Sarnia, dated February 15, 2022 regarding a resolution that was passed by The City of Sarnia at its February 7, 2022 Council meeting to dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). The City of Sarnia is seeking County Council's consideration on the following resolution:

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That The City of Sarnia requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant courses of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario.

#6: Bradley/White: That County Council endorse the recommendation in correspondence CC 04-10-22.

Carried.

Item Not Requiring a Motion

The Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) Board Minutes dated November 23, 2021 were presented to Lambton County Council for its information.

Reports Requiring a Motion

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

Emergency Medical Services Department

Report dated April 6, 2022 Regarding EMS Operational Performance Review

#7: Weber/Rombouts: That the recommendation in the report be amended to include "That staff produce a Master Plan to be undertaken for the 2023 Budget and that staff be authorized to go ahead and implement any immediate changes that are recognized to increase the performance of Lambton Emergency Medical Services" so that the motion now reads:

- a) That Lambton Emergency Medical Services (LEMS) be authorized to immediately recruit up to 4.0 FTE of permanent Paramedic staffing at a cost of approximately \$297,450 to provide for the addition of 12 day- time hours of paramedic service, effective on June 1, 2022.
- b) That County Council approve the hiring of the aforementioned staff in item (a) above on the condition that the positions will be funded through available LEMS operational surplus and reserves and will have no additional impact on the Levy until the end of December 2022.
- c) That County Council approve the addition of one (1) ambulance, a stretcher, a defibrillator and required medical supplies, at a cost of \$56,000 in 2022, and include the aforementioned items for planned replacement into LEMS Non-Tangible Capital Asset Funded Amortization Schedule.
- d) That staff produce a Master Plan to be undertaken for the 2023 Budget and that staff be authorized to go ahead and implement any immediate changes that are recognized to increase the performance of Lambton Emergency Medical Services.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated April 6, 2022 Regarding Reconsideration Rule

#8: White/Bradley: That effective April 6, 2022, Lambton County Council amend Rule 20.1 of By-Law No. 33 of 2014 so it now reads:

20.1 A Member who voted with the prevailing side of an issue and who wishes to bring a motion to reconsider shall do so in writing to the County Clerk at least six (6) days prior to the meeting of Council.

Carried.

Report dated April 6, 2022 Regarding Returning to In Person Meetings / Vaccination for Council Members Policy

#9: Rombouts/Bird: That the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Members be suspended effective immediately.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

The Woodlands Hearings Board minutes dated February 15, 2022 were presented.

#10: Hand/Arnold: That the Woodlands Hearings Board minutes dated February 15, 2022 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. S. Arnold presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated February 16, 2022.

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

Carried.

The Special Joint Meeting of the Standing Committees minutes dated February 16, 2022 were presented.

#12: Miller/White: That the Special Joint Meeting of the Standing Committees minutes dated February 16, 2022 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. D. Ferguson presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated February 16, 2022.

It was noted that the mover (and seconder) for motion #11 needed to be corrected from Councillor Veen as the mover and Councillor Miller as the seconder to Councillor Bird as the mover and Councillor White as the seconder.

#13: Ferguson/White: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated February 16, 2022 be accepted as amended.

Carried.

Notice of Motions

Climate Change & Mitigation Strategy and Real-Estate Housing Issues

Councillor White requested that his two proposed motions be discussed at the next Council meeting, scheduled for May 4, 2022.

Request to Province for ODSP and Ontario Works Funding Increases

Councillor Bird gave Notice of Motion on March 31, 2022 regarding a request to the Province for funding increases for Social Assistance programs.

#14: Bird/Arnold: That Council instruct staff to write to Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, with a copy to the Deputy Minister, and Premier Ford, requesting a *realistic* increase, as soon as possible, for those in receipt of Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works, to enable these individuals to remain in independent living.

Carried.

Other Business

Education Tax Allotment Dropping for Commercial and Industrial Classes

Councillor Arnold advised that the Township of St. Clair is preparing a letter to send off to the Province regarding its concern for the tax rate reduction for the industrial and commercial property classes for education purposes. Councillor Arnold advised he will forward the letter to local municipalities for their information and consideration.

Congratulations to Emily VanGorp in Success at Provincials in Figureskating

Councillor Rombouts congratulated Emily VanGorp, a figure-skater in Watford, in advancing to Provincials and winning 1st place in the STAR 9 Women Short Program and 1st place in the Gold Women Long Program.

By-Laws

#15: Ferguson/Boushy: That By-Laws #8 and #9 of 2022, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#16: Boushy/Ferguson: That By-Laws #8 and #9 of 2022, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#17: Veen/Loosley: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 11:11 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
County Clerk