

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

July 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. The following members attended virtually: M. Bradley, A. Broad, L. Napper and J. Rombouts.

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/Weber: 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 June 1, 2022, pursuant to s. 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to review the Committee A.M. and P.M. (Closed Session) minutes dated June 15, 2022, pursuant to s. 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- c) to receive a report and provide instructions on a matter about personal matters of an identifiable employee of the Corporation, 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 9:30 a.m.

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session

The Clerk noted that County Council: (a) adopted the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated June 1, 2022 and the Committee A.M. and P.M. (Closed Session) minutes dated June 15, 2022; (b) appointed Dr. Ranade as Acting Medical Officer of Health (MOH) on an interim basis while staff recruits for a new MOH; and (c) authorized staff to investigate other options for the filling of the position of the MOH.

Delegations

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

Carried.

St. Clair Region Conservation Authority

Ken Phillips, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, provided County Council with an overview of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority activities and changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Lambton Farm Safety Association - Family Safety Day

Don McCabe and George Dickenson, Lambton Farm Safety Association (as part of the Lambton Federation of Agriculture), presented to Council regarding the annual Family Safety Day on July 7, 2022 and also requested that properties in Lambton County be identified by 911 municipal addressing to assist First Responders.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated June 1, 2022 were presented.

#3: Weber/Ferguson: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated June 1, 2022 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 07-03-22 A letter from Jason Cole, President, Municipal Engineers Association, dated June 13, 2022 regarding the retention of Professional Engineers at Ontario municipalities, and more specifically in municipalities with a population less than 50,000.

CC 07-04-22 A letter from Nicholas Monsour, Honourary Councillor, Lambton County Council, received June 9, 2022 regarding his gratitude for, and recognition of the work and performance of all members of Council, as well as staff, in the County.

CC 07-05-22 An email from Robin Emon, Deputy Clerk, Township of Greater Madawaska, dated June 28, 2022 with a resolution attached as passed by the Township of Greater Madawaska at its June 20, 2022 Council meeting regarding a request to the Province for an annual emergency exercise exemption.

#4: Cook/Veen: That correspondence CC 07-03-22 and CC 07-04-22 be received and filed.

Carried.

#5: Bradley/White: That County Council endorse the resolution in correspondence CC 07-05-22 as follows:

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 380/04: *Standards under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* sets the municipal standards for emergency management programs in Ontario and requires municipalities to conduct an annual exercise with their Emergency Control Group in order to evaluate the municipality's emergency response plan and procedures, O. Reg. 380/04, s. 12(6);

AND WHEREAS Emergency Management in Ontario previously granted municipalities exemption for the annual exercise requirement when the municipality experienced an actual emergency with documented proof of the municipality actively engaging their emergency management procedures and plan in response to the emergency;

AND WHEREAS on August 5, 2021 the Chief, Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) issued a memo to Community Emergency Management Coordinators stating that effective immediately, the Chief, EMO would no longer be issuing exemptions to the O. Reg. 380/04 requirements to conduct an annual exercise;

AND WHEREAS municipalities experience significant costs and burden to staff resources when faced with the response to an actual emergency and activation of their Emergency Control Group and/or Emergency Operations Centre;

AND WHEREAS a municipality's response to an actual emergency is more effective than an exercise in evaluating its emergency response plan and procedures as mandated by O. Reg. 380/04;

AND WHEREAS planning, conducting and evaluating an emergency exercise requires significant time and effort for the Community Emergency Management Coordinator and Municipal Emergency Control Group that is duplicated when the Municipality experiences a real emergency;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Greater Madawaska hereby requests the Province of Ontario to amend Ontario Regulation 380/04

under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to provide an exemption to the annual exercise requirement for municipalities that have activated their Emergency Control Group and/or Emergency Response Plan in response to an actual emergency that year in recognition of the significant resources used to respond to the emergency and the effectiveness of such response in evaluating the municipality's emergency response plan and procedures;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, local MPP, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Solicitor General, and all other municipalities of Ontario.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

#6: Veen/Hand: That the following items for Council's information be received and filed:

- a) Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) Annual General Meeting (AGM) minutes dated June 15, 2021.
- b) Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) Board minutes dated March 29, 2022.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated July 6, 2022 Regarding Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program - Next Steps

#7: White/Bradley:

- a) That County Administration be authorized to submit an application in the future, depending upon the timing and conditions for any intake, for funding under a future intake of the Natural Resources Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program for the enhancement or addition to the existing electrical vehicle charging stations across Lambton County and explore funding opportunities with partner organizations.
- b) That a start-up contribution of \$100,000 toward a new Energy Efficiency Reserve be approved in 2022 and funded from any 2022 corporate year-end savings, if available.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

Mr. M. Stark presented the Committee A.M. minutes (including Board of Health) dated June 15, 2022.

#8: Stark/Hand: That the Committee A.M. minutes (including Board of Health) dated June 15, 2022 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. D. Cook presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 15, 2022.

#9: Cook/Miller: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 15, 2022 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

The Audit Committee minutes dated June 23, 2022 were presented.

#10: Hand/Veen: That the Audit Committee minutes dated June 23, 2022 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

Re: Waste-to-Energy

Councillor Bird gave Notice of Motion dated June 26, 2022 regarding a Waste-to-Energy pre-feasibility study.

#11: Bird/White: That Lambton County Council request staff to move ahead with the Waste-to-Energy (WtE) pre-feasibility study as soon as possible using a 'single source bid' from the Waste-to-Energy Research and Technology (WtERT) Leaders (as attached), for a very cost-effective price of \$50,000.

Tabled.

#12: Arnold/Bird: That motion #11 of this day's minutes be tabled to the October 5, 2022 County Council meeting to allow staff to provide Council with a report on how today's motion #11 integrates into the County's Waste Management Master Plan review scheduled for 2023 and how the Waste-to-Energy pre-feasibility study contemplated in motion #11 aligns within that process.

Carried.

Other Business

Various Councillors informed County Council of several events taking place across Lambton County over the next couple of months.

By-Law

#13: Weber/Stark: That By-Law #19 of 2022, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#14: Stark/Weber: That By-Law #19 of 2022, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#15: Veen/Ferguson:

- a) That the Committee A.M. and P.M. meetings scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2022 be moved to Thursday, August 18, 2022 to accommodate those Councillors attending the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference.
- b) That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 10:34 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
County Clerk