

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

March 1, 2023

Lambton County Council was in session at 9:00 a.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor Hand declared a conflict of interest on Motion #4 of the Budget deliberations in regards to the discussions and possible giving of a financial grant to Bluewater Health, as Councillor Hand is a Board Member.

Correspondence

Correspondence from Member Municipalities

CC 03-01-23 An email from Mandi Pearson, Clerk for the Town of Petrolia dated February 14, 2023 regarding a resolution that was passed by the Council of the Town of Petrolia. The following resolution was carried:

Moved: Bill Clark

Seconded: Ross O'Hara

THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia request that the County of Lambton review and consider increase of the annual Policing grant provided to municipalities which has remained unchanged at \$17,069.00 for many years.

Carried.

#1: Loosley/Dennis: That correspondence CC 03-01-23 be referred to administration for a report back to County Council before the 2024 Budget deliberations.

Carried.

2023 Budget Deliberations

Lambton County Council went into the 2023 Budget Session.

Larry Palarchio, General Manager, Finance, Facilities and Court Services provided a brief overview regarding the process to be followed.

Council commenced the 2023 budget process with staff reports referred to Budget and then reviewed the budgets for each Division. Council made resolutions on an exception basis as recorded in the attached minutes dated Wednesday, March 1, 2023, specifically motions number (1-7) therein.

Notice of Motions

Councillor Loosley gave Notice of Motion dated March 1, 2023 regarding the inclusion of actuals in the budget presentation. Councillor Loosley is seeking Council's consideration at the April 5, 2023 Lambton County Council meeting on the following motion:

WHEREAS annually, when receiving the proposed County of Lambton Budget, the documents provided do not include imperative information from the previous years, as we are not provided actual amounts on the Analysis on the Tax Base- Combined and total comparison.

AND WHEREAS as members of County Council making important decisions of financial planning, without receiving the actuals from the previous year, it is difficult to understand the financial picture we are deciding on, as we are being asked to approve a proposed next year budget without comparing amounts to the actual expenses of the previous year.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that beginning with the 2024 budget and forward, a line be included to show the actuals of the previous year. It would be recommended that this information be placed between the previous year budget amounts and the proposed year budget amount and anywhere else deemed necessary.

By-Laws

#2: Boushy/Atkinson: That By-Laws #9 and #10 of 2023, as circulated and amended as applicable, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#3: Boushy/Atkinson: That By-Laws #9 and #10 of 2023, as circulated and amended as applicable, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#4: Broad/Veen: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 with the In-Camera session to commence at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 10:23 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Olivia Léger
Solicitor/Clerk

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Budget Minutes for:

March-01-23

Motion	Mover / Seconder	Department / Motion	Budget Type	Budget Change			Result	Votes	
				Gross (\$)	Tax (\$)	Levy (%)		Yes	No
1	Broad, Alan Agar, Jeff	County Council Lift motion #5 from Budget minutes dated March 3, 2021 and motion #28 of Lambton County Council minutes dated February 1, 2023.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:				A		
2	Agar, Jeff Boushy, Dave	PW - Roads That staff be instructed to engineer and install traffic light signals, controlling traffic in all directions, at the intersection of Petrolia Line and Kimball Road, and that such work be completed in 2023. This motion was withdrawn.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:	700,000	700,000	0.824			
3	Agar, Jeff Broad, Alan	PW - Roads That \$100,000 be added to the 2023 budget for staff to complete an environmental assessment and preliminary design study for the intersection at Petrolia Line and Kimball Road, and that staff report back to Council in 2023 with the results of such study for Council's review and consideration.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:	100,000	100,000	0.118	A		

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				Gross (\$)	Tax (\$)	Levy (%)		Yes	No
4	Loosley, Brad Dennis, Bill	County Grants That \$105,000 be given to Bluewater Health to match the monies given to Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation, and that the County Policy be so amended. A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Bradley, was requested by Councillor Broad.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:	105,000	105,000	0.124	D	14	22
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Motion	Mover / Second	Department / Motion	Budget Type	Budget Change			Result	Votes	
				Gross (\$)	Tax (\$)	Levy (%)		Yes	No
5	Bradley, Mike White, Brian	Alix Art Gallery That staff report back to County Council prior to 2024 regarding the hours of operation and participation levels for the Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery and include any cost implications associated with changing such hours of operation.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:				A		

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6	Loosley, Brad Dennis, Bill	County Council That staff be directed to reduce the contribution to reserves from \$15.9 million to \$15 million at the discretion of administration for the 2023 Budget to be reduced to 3%. A recorded vote, starting with Councillor McRoberts, was requested by Councillor Loosley.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:	-900,000	-900,000	-1.059	D	15	22
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								Atkinson, Gary	3
								Boushy, Dave	3
								Bradley, Mike	3
								Broad, Alan	1
								Case, Todd	2
								Cook, Doug	3
								Dennis, Bill	3
								Ferguson, David	1
								Hand, Bev	1
								Loosley, Brad	2
								Marriott, Kevin	1
								McRoberts, Chrissy	3
								Miller, Steve	2
								Sageman, Dan	2
								Veen, Ian	1
								White, Brian	3

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				Gross (\$)	Tax (\$)	Levy (%)		Yes	No
7	Broad, Alan Ferguson, David	County Council That the 2023 budget be approved as amended with the addition of \$100,000 to the Public Works-Roads department for the study at the intersection of Petrolia Line and Kimball Road. A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Agar, was requested by Councillor Bradley.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:				A	22	15
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