

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

June 7, 2023

Lambton County Council was in session in Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 9:15 a.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present. The following member attended virtually: Councillor Broad.

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: Case/Hand: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera:

- a) to review the Committee A.M. (Closed Session) minutes dated May 17, 2023, pursuant to s. 239 (2)(b) and (d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to review the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated May 3, 2023, pursuant to s. 239 (2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.
Time: 9:17 a.m.

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 met in camera to adopt: a) the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) Minutes dated May 3, 2023; and, b) the Committee A.M. Minutes dated May 17, 2023.

Delegations

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

Carried.

Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Kate Burns Gallagher, Executive Director, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) discussed with County Council, the 2023 WOWC priorities.

Residency Programs

Marilyn Gifford spoke to County Council to create public awareness that we have an abundance of medical graduates seeking residency programs and that more residency programs are needed to solve our doctor shortage.

#3: Bradley/Case: That County Council endorse Ms. Gifford's advocacy for a pilot program to secure more residency programs to assist with the doctor shortage in Lambton County and that a letter be sent to Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey, Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, and all Lambton County municipalities for support.

Carried.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated May 3, 2023, were presented.

#4: Miller/Veen: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated May 3, 2023, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 06-02-23 A resolution dated May 15, 2023, from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry regarding Bill 23.

RESOLUTION NO 2023-98
MOVED BY Councillor Williams
SECONDED BY Councillor Lang

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry urges the province to:

- pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)

- reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters

AND THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Stormont Dundas-South Glengarry MPP Nolan Quinn, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MPP Stephane Sarrazin, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

CC 06-10-23 Correspondence dated May 2, 2023 from Murray Costello, Director Southwest Region Operations and Mike McGilvery, Director, Distribution Protection, Enbridge Gas, regarding the introduction of a locate charge and to provide background and context on it. In order to recover compliance costs, this charge was introduced for third party and for profit locate requestors. Locate requests for private property owners and existing natural gas customers remain at no charge. The third party locate charge is currently on pause to explore pathways and consultations with stakeholders and industry partners focusing on the adoption of a dedicated locator model for large infrastructure owners.

#5: Cook/Atkinson: That correspondence CC 06-02-23 and CC 06-10-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

Board of Health (Lambton Public Health)

Correspondence to Receive and File

CC 06-04-23 A letter from Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, dated May 4, 2023, supporting the recommendations made in the 2022 Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario: Being ready: Ensuring public health preparedness for infectious outbreaks and pandemics.

CC 06-03-23 A letter from Brock McGregor, Chair, Chatham-Kent Board of Health dated, April 25, 2023, regarding the passing of a motion: To endorse the Ontario Dietitians in Public Health (ODPH) letter urging the Ontario government to adopt income-based policy solutions that effectively reduce household food insecurity.

CC 06-05-23 A letter from Stacy Wight, Board of Health Chair, Timiskaming Health Unit, dated May 8, 2023, endorsing correspondence from the Ontario Dietitians in Public Health (ODPH) urging the Ontario government to adopt income-based solutions that effectively reduce Household Food Insecurity in Ontario.

CC 06-06-23 A letter from Andrea Horwath, Mayor, City of Hamilton, dated May 11, 2023, regarding the passing of a motion declaring an emergency of Homelessness, Mental health, and Opioid Overdoses/Poisoning and requesting that the Provincial government act on the eight measures proposed by the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

CC 06-07-23 A letter from René Lapierre, Chair, Board of Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, dated May 16, 2023, supporting Bill 93, Joshua's Law (Lifejackets for Life), 2023. Public Health will continue to strongly advocate for the Government of Ontario to enact legislation requiring all individuals to wear a personal flotation device or lifejacket while on a pleasure boat that is underway, or while being towed behind a pleasure boat using recreational water equipment.

CC 06-08-23 A letter from Councillor Kathryn Wilson, Chair, Board of Health, Peterborough Public Health, dated May 17, 2023, expressing support for the initiative for universal, no-cost coverage for all prescription contraceptive options for all Ontarians.

CC 06-12-23 A letter from Kathryn Wilson, Chair, Board of Health, Peterborough Public Health Unit dated May 19, 2023, regarding significant financial concerns and longstanding challenges with the sustainability of public health funding in Ontario, affecting the ability to deliver critical public health services. Peterborough Public Health is seeking the provincial government's support and investment to ensure a strengthened and resilient public health system without creating undue strain on local funders.

#6: Veen/Field: That correspondence CC 06-03-23, CC 06-04-23, CC 06-05-23, CC 06-06-23, CC 06-07-23, CC 06-08-23 and CC 06-12-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#7: Hand/McRoberts: That the following Information Reports from the Board of Health be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated June 7, 2023 Regarding Air Quality and Extreme Temperature Initiatives - Update.

- b) Information Report dated June 7, 2023 Regarding Vector-Borne Disease Program Update.
- c) Information Report dated June 7, 2023 Regarding Oral Health and Vision Screening Program Update.
- d) Information Report dated June 7, 2023 Regarding Health Protection - 2023 First Quarter Activity Report.

Carried.

Information Report

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated June 7, 2023 Regarding Housing and Homelessness Hub

#8: Ferguson/Miller: That Information Report dated June 7, 2023, Regarding Housing and Homelessness Hub be endorsed by County Council.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

#9: Cook/Sageman: That the following Items not Requiring a Motion be received and filed:

- a) Lambton Seniors' Advisory Committee minutes dated February 28, 2023.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated June 7, 2023, Regarding Deputy Treasurer Appointment

#10: Miller/Agar:

- a) That the appointment of Stephanie Harper as Deputy Treasurer of The Corporation of the County of Lambton be endorsed.
- b) That By-Law No. 20 of 2004 being "A By-Law Appointing a Deputy Treasurer for The Corporation of the County of Lambton", be hereby repealed.
- c) That the appropriate By-Law be presented to County Council for its consideration.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

Mr. I. Veen presented the Committee A.M. minutes (including Board of Health) dated May 17, 2023.

#11: Veen/Dennis: That the Committee A.M. minutes (including Board of Health) dated May 17, 2023, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. D. Ferguson presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 7, 2023.

#12: Ferguson/Miller: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated June 7, 2023, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

Council as a Committee of the Whole

#13: Boushy/Dennis: That County Council support the following motion:

Given that our two-county council committees are half of council we should consider joining together with council and meet once a month as a whole county council, on a trial basis.

Joining as one county council will:

1. Save council time.
2. Save staff reports and staff time.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor McRoberts was requested by Councillor Bradley on motion #13 of this day's minutes:

Councillor	Vote
J. Agar	No (3)
G. Atkinson	No (3)
D. Boushy	Yes (3)
M. Bradley	Yes (3)
A. Broad	No (1)
T. Case	No (2)
D. Cook	No (2)
B. Dennis	Yes (3)
D. Ferguson	No (1)

Councillor	Vote
G. Grimes	No (1)
B. Loosley	No (2)
K. Marriott	No (1)
C. McRoberts	No (3)
S. Miller	No (2)
D. Sageman	No (2)
I. Veen	No (1)
B. White	No (3)

Yeas - 9; Nays - 27.

Motion Defeated.

Other Business

Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductees

Councillor Atkinson announced that the following will be celebrated on July 22, 2023, as the newest inductees to the Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame:

George and Agnes Dickenson
Jim Johnston
Don and Anne McGugan

County Transit System

#14: Case/Bradley: That a report be brought to Council to reconsider a County-wide regional transit system that was proposed as a pilot program in previous years.

Carried.

#15: Bradley/Case: That a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation, Caroline Mulrone, requesting the release of the report prepared by the Southwest Task Force regarding Southwestern Ontario municipal public transportation.

Carried.

By-Laws

#16: Boushy/Agar: That By-Laws #20 to #23 of 2023, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#17: Agar/Boushy: That By-Laws #20 to #23 of 2023, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#18: Dennis/Field: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

Carried.

Time: 10:42 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Ryan Beauchamp
Deputy Clerk