

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

March 6, 2024

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. Also present was N. McEwen, Alternate Member to Councillor G. Atkinson, Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

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:

Councillor Loosley declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Tab 9, Public Health Services Division, Tab 13, Capital Budget and Tab 14, Reserve and Reserve Funds of the Lambton County Draft Budget, as his son is employed as a paramedic for Emergency Medical Services for The Corporation of the County of Lambton. Councillor Loosley recused himself when these matters were discussed.

Councillor Veen declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Tab 4 General Government Grants of the Lambton County Draft Budget as it relates to Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, as a family member is employed with Tourism Sarnia-Lambton.

In-Camera

#1: Hand/McRoberts: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera:

- a) to review the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated February 7, 2024 and the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) minutes dated February 21, 2024 pursuant to ss. 239 (2)(c), (d), and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to receive a report and provide instructions, regarding labour relations specifically regarding collective bargaining with UNIFOR 444, pursuant to s. 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Time: 9:03 a.m.

Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:08 a.m.

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session

The Clerk noted that County Council met in camera to:

- a) adopt the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) Minutes dated February 7, 2024 and the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) Minutes dated February 21, 2024.
- b) receive a report and provide instructions, regarding labour relations specifically regarding collective bargaining with UNIFOR 444.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated February 7, 2024, were presented.

#2: Case/SageMan: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated February 7, 2024, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

2024 Budget Deliberations

Lambton County Council went into the 2024 Budget Session.

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

Council commenced the 2024 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 6, 2024, specifically motions number (1-5) therein.

Reports Requiring a Motion

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated March 6, 2024 Regarding Supportive Housing Partnership

#3: Bradley/White: That Staff be authorized to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Supportive Housing Agency partnership.

Carried.

Committee of the Whole Minutes (Open Session)

#4: Sageman/Miller: That the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated February 21, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Other Business

York1 Environmental Waste Solutions Proposal

Councillor Broad raised the York1 Environmental Waste Solutions Proposal and advised County Council that York1 Environmental Waste Solutions is proposing amendments to waste processing/transfer and disposal operations at a landfill site in Dresden, approximately 2.5 kilometres south of the County of Lambton border. Councillor Broad requested that Jason Cole, General Manager, Infrastructure & Development Services provide information to the local municipalities so that each local municipality may have an opportunity to provide their own response and comments on the proposal prior to the March 16, 2024 deadline.

Distribution of 2025 Budget

Councillor Loosley suggested to staff that the annual draft budget be distributed in mid January rather than mid February.

By-Laws

#5: Broad/Agar: That By-Laws #7 and #8 of 2024, as circulated and amended, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#6: Agar/Broad: That By-Laws #7 and #8 of 2024, as circulated and amended, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#7: Veen/Dennis: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting of County Council be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

Carried.

Time: 10:45 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Olivia Leger
Clerk

2024 BUDGET MINUTES

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Motion	Mover / Seconder	Department / Motion	Budget Type	Budget Change			Result	Votes		
				Gross (\$)	Tax (\$)	Levy (%)		Yes	No	
1	Agar, Jeff Case, Todd	PW - Roads That Council authorize completion of the final engineering design for the proposed intersection improvements at County Road 4 and County Road 31 and that the cost thereof not to exceed \$400,000 to be drawn from debt financing, and that staff return to Council in 2025 with a full engineered project scope for Council's consideration. A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Boushy, was requested by Councillor Agar.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:	400,000			A	35	2	
								Councillors	Yes	No
								Agar, Jeff	3	
								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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2	Veen, Ian Loosley, Brad	Housing Services That the contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve be decreased by \$500,000 so that the contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve be \$2.5 million instead of \$3 million. A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Hand, was requested by Councillor Loosley.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:	-500,000	-500,000	-0.559	D	6	31	
								Councillors	Yes	No
								Agar, Jeff		3
								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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3	Agar, Jeff Dennis, Bill	Housing Services That \$500,000 of the \$3 million contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve be drawn from the Contingency & Opportunity Reserve and that the remaining \$2.5 million contribution into the Affordable Housing Reserve be funded through taxation. A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Dennis, was requested by Councillor Agar.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:		-500,000	-0.559	D	17	20

Councillors	Yes	No
Agar, Jeff	3	
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	
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4	Hand, Bev McRoberts, Chrissy	Housing Services That \$894,000 of the \$3 million contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve be drawn from the Contingency & Opportunity Reserve and that the remaining amount be funded through taxation so that the tax levy be decreased by 1% as a result. A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Broad, was requested by Councillor Hand.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:		-894,000	-1.000	D	13	24	
								Councillors	Yes	No
								Agar, Jeff		3
								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	
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5	Boushy, Dave Ferguson, David	County Council That the 2024 budget be approved as amended during today's deliberations.	Operating: Non-TCA: TCA:				A	25	12

A recorded vote, starting with Councillor White, was requested by Councillor Bradley.

Councillors	Yes	No
Agar, Jeff		3
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	