

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

April 3, 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, except Councillors G. Atkinson, B. Hand, and C. McRoberts. Also present was N. McEwen, Alternate Member to Councillor G. Atkinson, Town of Plympton-Wyoming and G. Grimes, Alternate Member to Councillor B. Hand, Village of Point Edward.

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

- a) to review the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) Budget minutes dated March 6, 2024 pursuant to s. 239 (2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to receive a report and provide instructions related thereto, regarding negotiations between the County and a third party relating to a development project in the City of Sarnia, pursuant to s. 239(2)(e)(k) 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 9:30 a.m.

The Warden noted that moving forward, the Open Session meeting will commence immediately following the Closed Session to eliminate the long wait period between meetings.

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 March 6, 2024; and
- b) receive a report regarding and provide instructions regarding negotiations between the County and a third party relating to a development project in the City of Sarnia.

Delegations

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

Carried.

Natural Environment Committee

Mary Martin, President, Lambton Wildlife Inc., Máirín Ring, Co-Chair Natural Environment Committee and Karen Cooke, member, Natural Environment Committee discussed the importance of woodlands in Lambton County, the relevant County documents that protect woodlands and the reasons why protection is significant for habitat preservation, wildlife protection and ecological services to county residents.

Minutes of Council (Open Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) Budget minutes dated March 6, 2024 were presented.

#3: Agar/Miller: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) Budget minutes dated March 6, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH (LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH)

Correspondence to Receive and File

BOH 04-04-24 A letter from Councillor Joy Lachica, Chair, Board of Health, Peterborough Public Health, dated January 31, 2024, advocating for legislated

improvements to indoor air quality in indoor public settings to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and other airborne pathogens.

#4: Veen/Cook: That correspondence BOH 04-04-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#5: Dennis/Ferguson: That the following Information Reports from the Board of Health (Lambton Public Health) be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated April 3, 2024 regarding Food Insecurity in Lambton County: The 2023 Nutritious Food Basket.

b) Information Report dated April 3, 2024 regarding Measles Preparedness.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated April 3, 2024 Regarding Public Health Ontario's Laboratory Modernization Plan with Recommendation to Phase Out Private Well Water Testing in Ontario including correspondence BOH 04-07-24 and BOH 04-08-24

#6: Broad/Cook: That County Council support the correspondence received from the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee on February 26, 2024 regarding concerns with the recommendations of the PHOL modernization plan as outlined in the December 2023 Auditor General's Value-for-Money Audit: Public Health Ontario (PHO) report.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

#7: Loosley/Dennis: That County Council move the Committee of the Whole meeting of Thursday, August 22, 2024 to Wednesday, August 14, 2024 to allow the County Councillors to take part in the Annual Charlotte Eleanor Englehart (CEE) Hospital Golf Tournament Fundraiser in Petrolia that takes place on August 22, 2024.

Withdrawn.

#8: Bradley/Loosley: That County Council cancel the August 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting on the understanding that an August 2024 meeting may be called at the discretion of the Warden to address any pressing and/or urgent matters.

Carried.

Other Business

- a) Councillor M. Bradley requested that staff provide brief monthly updates on its affordable housing projects and homelessness prevention efforts within the community.
- b) Councillor A. Broad encouraged County Councillors to submit their comments, through their respective lower-tier municipalities on Environmental Registry of Ontario #019-8313, being an application to expand a landfill in Dresden, Ontario, before the April 11, 2024 deadline. Councillor A. Broad also noted that comments are being sought by May 2024 with respect to an Environmental Assessment for the said landfill.
- c) Councillor T. Case thanked MPP Bob Bailey for all his support at Queens Park.
- d) Councillor B. Loosley informed County Council and the public that the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Lunch with MP Marilyn Gladu on Friday, April 5, 2024 at the Best Western.

By-Laws

#9: Agar/McEwan: That By-Law #9 of 2024, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#10: Agar/McEwan: That By-Law #9 of 2024, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#11: Veen/Sageman: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Carried.

Time: 10:08 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Olivia Leger
Clerk