

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

September 4, 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 Councillor B. Dennis.

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 I. Veen declared a pecuniary interest regarding item #8. b) and #13. a) of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) agenda dated September 4, 2024, referring to the Tourism Sarnia-Lambton (TSL) delegation presentation and the TSL financial statements, 2024 Budget and Board minutes, as a family member is employed with Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, and therefore recused himself on motion #15 of this day's minutes.

IN-CAMERA

#1: Atkinson/Case: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera:

- a) to review the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated July 3, 2024, pursuant to s. 239(2) (c), (d), (e) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- b) to receive a report and provide instructions regarding negotiations between the County and a third party relating to a service agreement, pursuant to s. 239(2) (i) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- c) to receive a report and provide instructions 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) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- d) to receive a report and provide instructions regarding negotiations between the County and a third party relating to a development project in the City of Sarnia and receive advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, pursuant to s. 239(2) (e), (f) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Time: 9:02 a.m.

Councillor B. Dennis joined the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:14 a.m.

RISE AND REPORT MOTIONS OF THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

The Clerk noted that County Council met in camera to:

- a) to review and approve the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) Minutes dated July 3, 2024.
- b) to review a report and provide instructions related to a service agreement between the County and a third party;
- c) to receive a report and provide instructions regarding a development project in the City of Sarnia and to authorize an additional \$1.7 million in debt to complete the project.
- d) to receive a report and provide instructions as it relates to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege regarding a development project in the City of Sarnia.

DELEGATIONS

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

Carried.

Dr. Katherine Albion, Executive Director, County of Lambton Community Development Corporation (CLCDC), and Derrek Lennox, Managing Partner, Kewin Consulting, presented to County Council regarding a progress update, including its financial status, as requested by County Council at it's May 1, 2024 Council meeting.

#3: Bradley/White:

- a) That County Council grant \$675,000 to the County of Lambton Community Development Corporation (CLCDC) for the remainder of the fiscal year;

- b) That Lambton County Council participate in the upcoming 5-year strategic planning process for the CLCDC;
- c) That CLCDC be included in the County budgeting process for upcoming fiscal years to address funding shortfalls; and
- d) That subsequent updates be incorporated into the CLCDC Annual General Meeting plus a semi-annual CLCDC progress update to Lambton County Council.

Carried.

Al Duffy, Chair, Board of Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, presented to County Council to provide further information regarding motion #8 as passed by County Council at its July 3, 2024 Open Session meeting, as shown below:

#8: Bradley/Loosley:

a) That County staff request for Tourism Sarnia-Lambton to provide its latest audited financial statements for inclusion in Lambton County Council September 4, 2024, meeting package, and that their audited financial statements also be included as part of the County grant process going forward.

b) That County staff request for Tourism Sarnia-Lambton to provide its Board meeting minutes following each Board meeting.

Mark Suvajac presented to County Council regarding a proposal to repurpose a cruise ship docked in Sarnia into a floating rehabilitation and treatment center to provide integrated services for addiction treatment, housing, and community support.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL (OPEN SESSION)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated July 3, 2024 were presented.

#4: Dennis/Hand: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated July 3, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH (LAMBTON PUBLIC HEALTH)

Board of Health Correspondence to Receive and File

BOH 09-02-24 A letter from René Lapierre, Board of Health Chair, and Dr. Mustafa Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Sudbury & Districts dated July 8, 2024, regarding a resolution as passed at the Board of Health for

Public Health Sudbury and District's meeting on May 16, 2024, relating to physical literacy for communities. Please see the attached letter for the full motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts endorses the Physical Literacy for Communities: A Public Health Approach as an exemplary guide for public health professionals to work collaboratively and efficiently within a multi-sector, community-based partnership to address physical literacy.

BOH 09-03-24 A letter from Joanne King, Chair, Board of Health, Renfrew County and District Health Unit dated July 24, 2024, regarding a resolution as passed at its June 25, 2024 meeting to request continued provincial funding and support for cross-provincial infectious disease wastewater surveillance and modern case and contact management software.

BOH 09-04-24 A letter from Matt Newton-Reid, Chair, Middlesex-London Board of Health dated July 24, 2024, regarding support for Bills S-233 and C-223 "*An Act to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income*". The Middlesex-London Board of Health supports a guaranteed livable basic income as a policy option for reducing poverty, income insecurity, and food insecurity and for providing opportunities for people with lower incomes.

#5: Veen/Broad: That correspondence BOH 09-02-24, BOH 09-03-24 and BOH 09-04-24 be received and filed.

Carried.

Board of Health Information Reports

#6: Miller/McRoberts: That the following Information Reports from the Board of Health (Lambton Public Health) be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated September 4, 2024 regarding Clinical and Family Services Q2 2024 Update.
- b) Information Report dated September 4, 2024 regarding Tobacco, Vape and Cannabis Strategy Update.

Carried.

Board of Health Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated September 4, 2024 Regarding Automatic Prohibition for Vapour Product Sale Non-Compliance - BOH 09-05-24

#7: Atkinson/Sageman:

- a) That Council support ALPHA RESOLUTION A24-01: Permitting Applications for Automatic Prohibition Orders under the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* for Vapour Product Sales Offences.
- b) That Council direct staff to submit a letter to The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health, Mr. Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister, Mental Health and Addictions, and Mr. Bob Bailey, Member of Provincial Parliament for Sarnia-Lambton requesting that the Province of Ontario amend Section 22 of the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* to include vapour product sales convictions for automatic prohibition order applications.

Carried.

Board of Health Other Business

A. Taylor, General Manager, Public Health Services Division, introduced Council to Jordan Banninga, Manager, Health Promotion, and Matt Ruf, Acting Manager, Health Protection.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Member Municipalities

CC 09-01-24 A letter from Amy Burkhart, City Clerk, City of Sarnia, dated August 15, 2024. The City of Sarnia is respectfully requesting financial assistance from the County of Lambton to support the ongoing health and safety measures which have been implemented at Rainbow Park.

#8: Ferguson/Cook: That correspondence CC 09-01-24 be received and filed.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Broad was requested by Councillor Bradley on motion #8 of this day's minutes.

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

Councillor	Vote
C. McRoberts	No (3)
S. Miller	Yes (2)
D. Sageman	Yes (2)
I. Veen	Yes (1)
B. White	No (3)

Yeas - 23; Nays - 14.

Motion Carried.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Finance, Facilities and Court Services Division

#9: Veen/Miller: That the following Information Reports from Finance, Facilities and Court Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated September 2024 regarding Debt Management - Status Update.
- b) Information Report dated September 4, 2024 regarding 2nd Quarter - 2024 Budget Monitoring Report.

Carried.

Social Services Division

Information Report dated September 4, 2024 Regarding Housing Services Statistical Report 2024 - Quarter 2

#10: Agar/Dennis: That County Council send a letter to the Federal Government to request that they refurbish their empty building spaces in the City of Ottawa into spaces for people experiencing homelessness across Ontario, and that those experiencing homeless be relocated to those available spaces once construction is completed.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor Dennis was requested by Councillor Bradley on motion #10 of this day's minutes.

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

Councillor	Vote
D. Cook	No (3)
B. Dennis	Yes (3)
D. Ferguson	Yes (1)
B. Hand	No (1)
B. Loosley	No (2)
K. Marriott	No (1)
C. McRoberts	No (3)
S. Miller	Yes (2)
D. Sageman	No (2)
I. Veen	No (1)
B. White	No (3)

Yeas - 12; Nays - 25.

Motion Defeated.

#11: White/McRoberts: That staff bring a report to County Council comparing the cost of tiny homes to traditional housing builds.

Carried.

#12: Agar/Sageman: That Information Report dated September 4, 2024 regarding Housing Services Statistical Report 2024 - Quarter 2 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Report dated September 4, 2024 Regarding Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Update

#13: Veen/Cook: That Information Report dated September 4, 2024 regarding Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Update be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Report dated September 4, 2024 Regarding Sarnia-Lambton Local Immigration Partnership Annual Report

#14: Miller/Hand: That Information Report dated September 4, 2024 regarding Sarnia-Lambton Local Immigration Partnership Annual Report be received and filed.

Carried.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A MOTION

#15: Case/McRoberts: That the following items be received and filed:

- a) Tourism Sarnia Lambton's 2022 Audited Financial Statements, 2024 Budget, and July 17, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

b) County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee (CLAAC) Minutes dated August 14, 2024.

c) Lambton Creative County Committee minutes dated November 30, 2023.

Carried.

REPORTS REQUIRING A MOTION

Infrastructure & Development Services Division

Report dated September 4, 2024 Regarding Canada Community-Building Fund Municipal Funding Agreement

#16: White/McRoberts:

a) That The Corporation of the County of Lambton is hereby authorized to enter into the Municipal Funding Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario related to funding provided by the Government of Canada under the Canada Community-Building Fund, for a term commencing on April 1, 2024 and terminating on March 31, 2034.

b) That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement and any other documents necessary to give effect to the Agreement.

c) That By-Law 22 of 2024 as presented be approved by Council.

Carried.

Cultural Services Division

Report dated September 4, 2024 Regarding County of Lambton Land Stewardship Program

#17: White/McRoberts:

a) Subject to paragraphs (b) and (c) below, and the funding noted therein first being secured, that staff then be authorized to work in consultation with the County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee and its partner agencies, the St. Clair Region and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authorities, to develop a Lambton County Land Stewardship grant funding pilot program, to be administered by The County of Lambton with the support of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority.

b) That County Council hereby authorize staff to respond to the Province of Ontario’s call for funding applications through the Great Lakes Local Action Fund to support the full

cost of the Lambton County Land Stewardship grant funding pilot program, up to \$100,000.

- c) That if the funding contemplated in paragraph (b) above is not secured through the Great Lakes Local Action Fund, staff bring forward options to fund the program for Council's consideration and defer this program to 2025 budget deliberations.

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (OPEN SESSION) MINUTES

No previous minutes.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor M. Bradley gave Notice of Motion at the July 3, 2024 County Council meeting for discussion at the September 4, 2024 County Council meeting requesting for staff to advise as to the role of the County, should a member municipality wish to pursue an injunction to address encampments in municipal parks across Lambton County.

#18: Bradley/McRoberts: That the motion and letter be referred to staff for response at the October 2, 2024 County Council meeting.

Carried.

#19: Case/Bradley: That, if the City of Sarnia chooses to end the encampment, the County of Lambton support the City with the mandated Social Services for which the County has responsibility to provide.

Carried.

BY-LAWS

#20: Hand/Ferguson: That By-Laws #22 and #23 of 2024, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#21: Hand/Ferguson: That By-Laws #22 and #23 of 2024, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#22: Broad/Veen: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 with the In-Camera Session to commence at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

INVITATIONS

The annual Council Steak Fry will be hosted by the Village of Point Edward after today's meeting. Please see the attached invitation for full details

Time: 10:31 a.m.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Olivia Leger
Clerk