



**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**(Infrastructure & Development Services/Public Health Services –**  
**Emergency Medical Services/Cultural Services/Long-Term Care/Corporate**  
**Services/Finance, Facilities and Acquisitions/Social Services)**

**January 15, 2025**

A meeting was held at the County Building at 9:01 a.m. on the above date.

**Present**

Chair K. Marriott and Members J. Agar, G. Atkinson, D. Boushy, A. Broad, T. Case, D. Cook, B. Dennis, D. Ferguson, B. Loosley, S. Miller, and I. Veen attended in person. Members M. Bradley, C. McRoberts and B. White attended virtually. Various staff were present including the following General Managers: Mr. J. Cole, General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, Mr. K. Churchill, General Manager, Public Health Services, Mr. A. Meyer, General Manager, Cultural Services, Mr. M. Gorgey, General Manager, Long-Term Care, Mr. L. Palarchio, General Manager, Finance, Facilities and Acquisitions, Ms. V. Colasanti, General Manager, Social Services, Ms. O. Leger, General Manager, Corporate Services, County Solicitor and Clerk, and Mr. S. Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer.

**Absent**

B. Hand.

**Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**

Councillor B. Loosley declared a pecuniary interest regarding items 4. A) a) and 4. B) b) of the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) agenda dated January 15, 2025, regarding correspondence EMS 02-09-25 and the 2024 Year-End EMS Operational Update report, due to his son being employed with Lambton EMS, and therefore recused himself from discussions during the deliberations of these items.

**INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

**Correspondence to Receive and File**

**IDS 02-01-25** A letter from Jennifer Keyes, Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch, Ministry of Natural Resources dated November 25, 2024 regarding a “Decision on Discussion Paper: Regulating Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon Storage Projects in Ontario, and Enabling the development of Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon

Storage in Ontario: The Geologic Carbon Storage Act.” More details on the decision, the feedback received, and the original discussion paper can be viewed in the decision notice on the Environmental Registry of Ontario: [Discussion Paper: Regulating Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon Storage Projects in Ontario | Environmental Registry of Ontario](#).

PD 02-05-25 A memorandum from Bernie Derible, Deputy Minister and Commissioner of Emergency Management, Emergency Management Ontario, dated December 9, 2024 regarding “Proposed Amendments to Modernize the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*.” The proposed amendments are posted on the [Ontario Regulatory Registry and the Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) for review and feedback until January 3, 2025.

PD 02-06-25 An email from Robyn Kurtes, Director, Environmental Policy Branch, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, dated November 20, 2024 regarding “Brownfields – Proposed Amendments to Reduce Records of Site Condition That Are Not Supporting Brownfields Redevelopment.” To review the proposed amendments in more detail and to provide your feedback, please visit [Environmental Registry of Ontario \(ERO\) #019-9310](#) which is available for public comment until January 10, 2025.

#1: Boushy/Miller: That correspondence IDS 02-01-25, PD 02-05-25, and PD 02-06-25 be received and filed.

Carried.

### Information Reports

#### Information Report dated January 15, 2025 Regarding Upcoming 2025 Public Works Conferences

#2: Cook/Atkinson: That Information Report dated January 15, 2025 regarding Upcoming 2025 Public Works Conferences be received and filed.

Carried.

### PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION - Emergency Medical Services Department

#### Correspondence to Receive and File

EMS 02-09-25 A letter from J. Hall, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, The Corporation of the Township of Terrance Bay dated November 19, 2024, regarding a resolution as passed by the Township of Terrace Bay at its September 16, 2024 Council meeting, relating to ambulance shortages and healthcare system issues.

#3: Atkinson/Agar: That correspondence EMS 02-09-25 be received and filed.

Carried.

### Information Reports

#### Information Report dated January 15, 2025 Regarding 2024 Year-End EMS Operational Update

#4: Sageman/Ferguson: That Information Report dated January 15, 2025 regarding 2024 Year-End EMS Operational Update be received and filed.

Carried.

### CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

#### Correspondence to Receive and File

MGA 02-07-25 A letter from The Honourable Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming dated November 15, 2024 regarding the Oil Museum of Canada being approved to receive a grant of \$20,974 from the Community Museum Operating Grant program for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Such funding assists museums in communities across Ontario with acquiring, conserving, interpreting and exhibiting artifacts of public interest.

MGA 02-08-25 A letter from The Honourable Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming dated November 13, 2024, regarding the Lambton Heritage Museum being approved to receive a grant of \$46,758 from the Community Museum Operating Grant program for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Such funding assists museums in communities across Ontario with acquiring, conserving, interpreting and exhibiting artifacts of public interest.

#5: Veen/Cook: That correspondence MGA 02-07-25 and MGA 02-08-25 be received and filed.

Carried.

#### Reports Requiring a Motion

##### Report dated January 15, 2025 Regarding Joint Library Facilities Review - Progress Report

#6: Veen/Ferguson:

a) That Lambton County Council direct staff to collaborate with lower-tier municipalities to address the library service planning considerations identified in the Joint Library

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Facilities Review – Progress Report, and incorporate such requests into future budget cycles for the consideration of Council.

- b) That Lambton County Council direct staff to work with lower tier municipalities to pursue potential funding opportunities, grants or sponsorships to further any capital improvements to library spaces or design.
- c) That Lambton County Council support, in principle, the relocation of the Grand Bend Library as part of the proposed Grand Bend Community Centre project, pending the outcome of the public consultation process undertaken by the Municipality of Lambton Shores and endorsement by Lambton Shores Council, and the establishment of a satisfactory Service Agreement between the County of Lambton and the Municipality of Lambton Shores.
- d) That Lambton County Council direct staff to continue working with the Municipality of Lambton Shores to further develop plans for a new Grand Bend Library, should the Municipality of Lambton Shores proceed with the project.
- e) That Lambton County Council direct staff to engage the Township of DawnEuphemia in discussions about the current state of Shetland Library and potential options for the future that may include an expansion to the site, the closure of the site, or a new library service point in the Township.
- f) That Lambton County Council direct staff to continue to engage the Township of St. Clair in discussions regarding the potential consolidation of Sombra and Port Lambton libraries, and the status of libraries within St. Clair Township.

Carried.

Report dated January 15, 2025 Regarding Museums, Gallery and Archives Collection Management October to November 2024

#7: Case/Atkinson: That the Museums, Gallery and Archives Collections Management October to November, 2024 Report be accepted, and items recommended for acceptance to, or deaccession from, the collection be approved for inclusion in or removal from, the respective permanent collections.

Carried.

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

LTC 02-02-25 A memorandum from Gillian Steeve, Assistant Deputy Minister, System Planning & Partnerships Division, Sean Court, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long-Term Care and Kelly McAslan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Long-Term Care

Operations, dated December 5, 2024 regarding “Public consultations on proposed amendments to the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021*”. A detailed summary of the proposed amendments will be available on the [Ontario Regulatory Registry](#) from December 4, 2024, to January 6, 2025.

#8: Miller/Cook: That correspondence LTC 02-02-25 be received and filed.

Carried.

### Information Reports

#9: Ferguson/Broad: That the following Information Reports from the Long-Term Care Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated January 15, 2025 regarding Small House Project Funding Approval.

b) Information Report dated January 15, 2025 regarding Vulnerable Occupancy Annual Fire Drills 2024.

Carried.

## CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

### Reports Requiring a Motion

#### Report dated January 15, 2025 Regarding 2025 Services and Fees Schedule

#10: Cook/Broad:

a) That the revised services fees and charges schedule set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto be approved and implemented effective February 5, 2025.

b) That an appropriate By-Law be presented to County Council to implement the revised services fees and charges.

Carried.

Councillor B. Hand joined the meeting virtually at 9:08 a.m.

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Report dated January 15, 2025 Regarding County of Lambton Elected Official Remuneration

#11: Case/Broad:

- a) That the base salaries for the fifteen (15) Council members be increased by \$1,720.
- b) That the above-noted increase be effective retroactive to January 1, 2025.
- c) That Council maintain its median, 50th percentile goal for the compensation of its elected officials.
- d) That Staff monitor and evaluate benefit options for elected officials and report back to Council if there are any recommended changes.
- e) That Staff continue to report back on external elected officials' compensation comparisons once per term of Council.

Carried.

Report dated January 15, 2025 Regarding Council Attendance at Conferences, Conventions and Seminars Policy

#12: Broad/Miller: That the Council Attendance at Conferences, Conventions and Seminars Policy set out in Appendix "B" attached hereto be approved and implemented effective February 5, 2025.

Carried.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND ACQUISITIONS DIVISION

No Agenda Items.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence from Member Municipalities

HS 02-03-25 A letter from Amy Burkhart, City Clerk, City of Sarnia, dated November 22, 2024 regarding a request from Sarnia City Council for The County of Lambton to immediately consult with Sarnia City Council on the proposed locations for temporary shelters to allow for input before they occur.

#13: Bradley/Loosley: That the County of Lambton consult with its respective member municipality's Council as it relates to any proposed location(s) for a temporary homeless

shelter(s) situated within that municipality, and that that Council shall have the final approval as to whether a temporary shelter shall be situated at the proposed location.

Carried.

### Information Reports

#14: Boushy/Miller: That the following Information Reports from Social Services Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated January 15, 2025 regarding Child Care Facility Development Update.

b) Information Report dated January 15, 2025 regarding Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Encampment Funding.

Carried.

### Other Business

Ms. Colasanti, General Manager, Social Services Division, reminded Councillors and staff that they are invited to attend the Open House for the new unit at Capel Manor, Sarnia, from 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. on this day, January 15, 2025.

### Office of the CAO

#### Correspondence to Receive and File

CAO 02-04-25 A letter from Lambton County Warden, Kevin Marriott, dated January 2, 2025 regarding the 2025 Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Board Member Representation. Warden Marriott is seeking Council's support by resolution to endorse his application to the SWIFT Board as a Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) member representative for a two-year term.

#15: Loosley/Cook: That County Council endorse Warden Marriott's application to the SWIFT Board as a Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) member representative for a two-year term.

Carried.

Time: 9:22 a.m.

### IN-CAMERA

#16: Loosley/Atkinson: That the Chair declare the Committee go in-camera to discuss the following:

a) a report seeking instructions from Council regarding personnel matters/negotiations (compensation), pursuant to s. 239(2) (b) and (d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

#17: (Motion to be dealt with at the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) meeting dated February 5, 2025.)

Carried.

#18: Miller/Loosley: That the Chair declare the Committee go back into Open Session.

Carried.

### ADJOURNMENT

#19: Veen/Dennis: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the County Building, Wyoming, Ontario.

Carried.

Time: 9:32 a.m.

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Kevin Marriott, Chair

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Olivia Leger, Clerk