



MINUTES LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

October 1, 2025

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. Councillor A. Broad and Councillor M. Bradley attended virtually.

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 SESSION - 9:03 A.M.

#1: Ferguson/McRoberts: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss the following:

a) to review and approve the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated September 3, 2025, pursuant to s. 239(2) (b),(c),(d),(e) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

b) to receive a report regarding the CAO's annual performance review pursuant to ss. 239(2)(b) and (d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

c) to receive a report and provide instructions relating to negotiations between the County and a third-party regarding potential litigation affecting the County pursuant to s. 239(2)(e) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Time: 9:15 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Open Session. Council then reconvened at 9:16 a.m.

RISE AND REPORT MOTIONS OF THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

The Clerk noted that County Council went In-Camera to discuss the following:

- a) to review the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated September 3, 2025.
- b) to receive a report regarding the CAO's annual performance review.
- c) to receive a report and provide instructions relating to negotiations between the County and a third-party regarding potential litigation affecting the County.

PRESENTATIONS

Delegate Integrity Commissioner, Rebecca Hines, Senior Associate with Hunter Legal LLP, presented to County Council regarding the Integrity Commissioner Report for Code of Conduct Complaint 2025-01 dated September 23, 2025.

#2: Ferguson/Veen: That County Council hereby issues a formal reprimand to Councillor B. Dennis in respect to the findings set out in the Delegate Integrity Commissioner's final investigation report, dated September 23, 2025, on Lambton County Code of Conduct Complaint 2025-01, as follows:

- a) that the Integrity Commissioner has found that Councillor B. Dennis contravened sections 5.4, 8.1 (in part) and 11.3 of the County's Councillor Code of Conduct during the discussion of a request from the Aamjiwnaang First Nation at the Regular Meeting of Council that occurred on November 27, 2024.
- b) that Council reminds all members of the importance of maintaining respectful conduct in all Council matters.
- c) that Council also suggests Councillor B. Dennis undertake the following remedial measures to constructively address the contraventions in this case:
 - 1. to review the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Summary of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, titled "Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future"; and,

2. to review pages 121 – 140 of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario's 2017 Environmental Protection Report, which details the history of Aamjiwnaang and the environmental pollution there.

A recorded vote starting with Councillor G. Atkinson was requested by Councillor M. Bradley on motion #2 of this day's minutes.

| Councillor | Vote |
|--------------|---------|
| J. Agar | Yes (3) |
| G. Atkinson | Yes (3) |
| D. Boushy | Yes (3) |
| M. Bradley | Yes (3) |
| A. Broad | Yes (1) |
| T. Case | Yes (2) |
| D. Cook | Yes (3) |
| B. Dennis | Absent |
| D. Ferguson | Yes (1) |
| B. Hand | Yes (1) |
| B. Loosley | No (2) |
| K. Marriott | Yes (1) |
| C. McRoberts | No (3) |
| S. Miller | Yes (2) |
| D. Sageman | Yes (2) |
| I. Veen | Yes (1) |
| B. White | Yes (3) |

Yeas - 28, Nays - 5

Carried.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL (OPEN SESSION)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated July 2, 2025 were presented.

#3: Miller/Hand: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated September 3, 2025 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH (Lambton Public Health)

Board of Health Correspondence to Receive and File

BOH 10-08-25 A letter from Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang, Chair, Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), dated September 8, 2025, in response to the release of the Government of Ontario's 2024 Annual Report and to express alPHa's strong support for its theme and content.

BOH 10-09-25 A letter from Suzanne Trivers, Chair, Board of Health, Algoma Public Health, dated September 12, 2025 regarding a resolution passed at its May 20, 2025 meeting that Algoma Public Health continue to advocate for income-based responses to food insecurity in Ontario. See attached for the full motion.

#4: Veen/Cook: That correspondence BOH 10-08-25 and BOH 10-09-25 be received and filed.

Carried.

Board of Health Information Reports

#5: Case/Boushy That the following Information Reports from the Board of Health be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated October 1, 2025 regarding Sexual Health Program Update.
- b) Information Report dated October 1, 2025 regarding 2025-26 Respiratory Season Planning and Preparedness.
- c) Information Report dated October 1, 2025 regarding 2025 Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program.

Carried.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Infrastructure & Development Services Division

Information Report dated October 1, 2025 Regarding Middlesex County Connect Inter-Community Transit Proposal

#6: Agar/Broad: That the Information Report dated October 1, 2025 regarding Middlesex County Connect Inter-Community Transit Proposal be received and filed.

Carried.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A MOTION

Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Meeting Minutes dated July 10, 2025

#7: Hand/Atkinson: That the Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Meeting Minutes dated July 10, 2024 be received and filed.

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (OPEN SESSION) MINUTES

The Committee of the whole (Open Session) minutes dates September 17, 2025 were presented.

Re: Motion #17 of the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) Minutes dated September 17, 2025 Regarding 2026 New Capital Grants Requests

#8: Ferguson/Case: Councillor B. Loosley requested a recorded vote, starting with Councillor D. Cook, on motion #17 of the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated September 17, 2025, which reads as follows:

That County Council authorize staff to continue the moratorium on any new capital grants for the 2026 County Budget as a response to controlling and containing costs in the upcoming 2026 Budget.

| Councillor | Vote |
|-------------|---------|
| J. Agar | Yes (3) |
| G. Atkinson | Yes (3) |

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|--------------|---------|
| D. Boushy | Yes (3) |
| M. Bradley | No (3) |
| A. Broad | Yes (1) |
| T. Case | Yes (2) |
| D. Cook | Yes (3) |
| B. Dennis | Absent |
| D. Ferguson | Yes (1) |
| B. Hand | No (1) |
| B. Loosley | No (2) |
| K. Marriott | Yes (1) |
| C. McRoberts | No (3) |
| S. Miller | Yes (2) |
| D. Sageman | Yes (2) |
| I. Veen | Yes (1) |
| B. White | Yes (3) |

Yeas - 25; Nays - 9.

Carried.

#9: Ferguson/Case: That the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated September 17, 2025 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Tabled Motion #11 of the Committee of the Whole (Open Session) minutes dated February 19, 2025 reads as follows:

That correspondence 04-01-25 be tabled until such time that the Integrity Commissioner provides its final report to County Council regarding the subject complaint.

#10: Loosley/McRoberts: That correspondence CORP 04-01-25 be lifted from the table.
Carried.

#11: Loosley/Cook: That correspondence CORP 04-01-25 be received and filed.
Carried.

NOTICE OF BY-LAWS

21 of 2025 A By-Law of The Corporation of the County of Lambton to confirm the resolutions and motions of Lambton County Council which were adopted up to and including October 1, 2025.

First and Second Reading of By-Laws

#12: White/Veen: That By-Law #21 of 2025, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.
Carried.

Third and Final Reading of By-Laws

#13: Veen/White: That By-Law #21 of 2025, as circulated, be taken as read a third and final time.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#14: Veen/Loosley: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned and that the next regular meeting of County Council be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 with the In-Camera Session to commence at 9:00 a.m.
Carried.

Time: 10:31 a.m.

Kevin Marriott, Warden

Ryan Beauchamp, Deputy Clerk