



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)

February 18, 2026

A meeting was held at the County Building at 9:00 a.m. on the above date.

Present

Chair K. Marriott and Members J. Agar, G. Atkinson, D. Boushy, T. Case, D. Cook, D. Ferguson, B. Hand, B. Loosley, S. Miller, D. Sageman and I. Veen attended in person. Members M. Bradley, A. Broad and B. Dennis attended virtually. Various staff were present including the following General Managers: Mr. J. Cole, General Manager, Infrastructure & 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, Ms. M. Fitzpatrick, General Manager, Social Services, Ms. K. Bettridge, County Treasurer and Mr. S. Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent

C. McRoberts and B. White.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None.

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

#1: Veen/Hand: That the following Information Reports from the Infrastructure & Development Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated February 18, 2026 regarding 4th Quarter Work in Progress Statistics and Approval Authority Activity.
- b) Information Report dated February 18, 2026 regarding 4th Quarter 2025 - Building, Plumbing, Septic, By-Law.

c) Information Report dated February 18, 2026 regarding Emergency Management Coordinator Activities Report.

d) Information Report dated February 18, 2026 regarding Woodlands Annual Report 2025.

Carried.

Other Business

Deputy Warden J. Agar requested an update regarding illuminated stop signs at the intersection of Petrolia Line and Kimball Road.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION - Emergency Medical Services Department

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated February 18, 2026 Regarding Lambton / Chatham-Kent Ambulance Border Coverage Agreement

#2: Sageman/Miller: That County Council authorize staff to enter into a Border Coverage Agreement with Medavie Chatham/Kent EMS, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A.

Carried.

Other Business

Councillor G. Atkinson inquired when Emergency Preparedness Week will be held. It was noted that it will be held May 3 - 9, 2026.

CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

#3: Cook/Loosley: That the following Information Reports from the Cultural Services Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated February 18, 2026 regarding Libraries Fourth Quarter 2025 Statistics.

b) Information Report dated February 18, 2026 regarding Library of Things Collection.

c) Information Report dated February 18, 2026 regarding Museums, Gallery and Archives Fourth Quarter 2025 Statistics.

d) Information Report dated February 18, 2026 regarding Cultural Services Division 2025 Annual Report.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated February 18, 2026 Regarding Libraries Donations, October 1 to December 31, 2025

#4: Case/Agar: That the Libraries Donations, October 1 to December 31, 2025 Report be accepted.

Carried.

Report dated February 18, 2026 Regarding Museums, Gallery and Archives Collection Management December 2025

#5: Agar/Veen: That the Museums, Gallery and Archives Collections Management December 2025 be accepted, and items recommended for acceptance be approved for inclusion in the respective permanent collections.

Carried.

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Information Reports

Information Report dated February 18, 2026 Regarding Temporary Licenses Update

#6: Miller/Loosley: That the Information Report dated February 18, 2026 regarding Temporary Licenses Update, be received and filed.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

CS 03-01-26 A letter dated January 28, 2026, from Mayor Gary Atkinson, Town of Plympton-Wyoming, to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation expressing strong support for

enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

CS 03-02-26 A resolution dated January 21, 2026, from The Township of Southgate opposing the proposed changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and asks the Government of Ontario to reconsider moving forward with these amendments. The Township also supports AMO's position that the current OMERS governance structure, with two corporate boards, should be maintained, as it best aligns with the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

#7: Boushy/Cook: That correspondence CS 03-01-26 and CS 03-02-26 be received and filed.

Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

#8: Case/Loosley: That the following Information Reports from the Social Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated February 18, 2026 regarding Ontario Works 2025 Year End Update.
- b) Information Report dated February 18, 2026 regarding 10-Year Capital Asset Management and Funding Plan Update.
- c) Information Report dated February 18, 2026 regarding Child Care Facility Development Update.
- d) Information Report dated February 18, 2026 regarding Housing Services Comparative Statistics Report 2025 to 2024.
- e) Information Report dated February 18, 2026 regarding Children's Services Department Update.

Carried.

OFFICE OF THE CAO

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated February 18, 2026 Regarding Finance, Facilities and Acquisitions Division Management Realignment

#9: Atkinson/Case: That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to: (a) eliminate the General Manager, Finance, Facilities and Acquisitions Division position; (b) reassign the General Manager, Finance, Facilities and Acquisitions Division duties and responsibilities within the Division, on a trial basis for the remainder of 2026; (c) review the standalone status of the Finance, Facilities and Acquisitions Division during the trial period; and (d) report back to County Council by the end of calendar year 2026 on the assessment and review thereof and final recommendations therefor.

Carried.

Time: 9:08 a.m.

IN-CAMERA

#10: Hand/Dennis: That the Chair declare the Committee go in-camera to discuss the following:

a) to receive a report and provide instructions regarding negotiations between The Corporation of the County of Lambton and Stones 'N Bones Museum and the City of Sarnia for the potential acquisition and display of museum materials, pursuant to s. 239(2)(k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

b) to receive a report regarding an interest arbitration award pertaining to ONA MGM, pursuant to s. 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

c) to receive a report and provide instructions regarding collective agreement negotiations with ONA LMV-NLL, pursuant to s. 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

d) to receive a report and provide instructions regarding collective agreement negotiations with ONA LMV-NLL, pursuant to s. 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

#11: (Motion to be dealt with at the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) meeting dated March 4, 2026.)

#12: (Motion to be dealt with in the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) meeting dated March 4, 2026.)

#13: (Motion to be dealt with at the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) meeting dated March 4, 2026.)

#14: (Motion to be dealt with at the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) meeting dated March 4, 2026.)

#15: Veen/Atkinson: That the Chair declare the Committee go back into Open Session.
Carried.

Time: 9:14 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

#16: Veen/Atkinson: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the County Building, Wyoming, Ontario.

Carried.

Time: 9:16 a.m.

Kevin Marriott, Chair

Stéphane Thiffeault, Deputy Clerk