

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL
(OPEN SESSION)

March 25, 2004

Lambton County Council was in session in the Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 9:00 a.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: McGugan/Jamieson: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning the proposed or pending acquisition/disposition of land by the municipality.

Carried.

Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into open session.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (OPEN SESSION) and (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated March 3, 2004 were presented.

#2: Davidson/Boushy: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence

3-28-04 A letter from Mike Bradley, Mayor of the City of Sarnia, dated March 10, 2004, advising Council that he is greatly concerned with the direction of the County as it relates to ambulance service. If Council goes ahead with the 24/7 service being added to 2004, the cost to operate is over \$8.3 million compared to \$3.3 million four years ago. Mr. Bradley is requesting that Council ask for a full analysis of the number of calls and the need for the additional thirty-two (32) staff, before a commitment is made to add another \$2 million to the 2004 Budget.

(B) **#3:** Jamieson/Ivey: That correspondence 3-28-04 be referred to budget deliberations. Carried.

3-29-04 A memorandum from the Township of South Stormont, dated March 9, 2004, requesting endorsement of its resolution that the Provincial Government approve the Private Bill to recognize the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association (O.R.F.A.) as the certifying body for recreation facility professionals.

3-30-04 A letter from the County of Hastings, dated March 4, 2004, requesting endorsement of its resolution to request that the Province of Ontario make available to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (M.P.A.C.) on a regular and on-going basis, records of all births and deaths in the Province as recorded in the Vital Statistics database maintained by the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services and that the *Municipal Elections Act* be amended to permit the delivery date to be closer to the election day.

3-31-04 A letter from the Supervisor Support Group of Sarnia-Lambton, dated March 18, 2004, advising that they are very excited by the possibility of additional childcare enhancement dollars being flowed into our community. They are formally requesting that Council include the 20% cost share requirement in the upcoming Budget negotiations.

3-32-04 A copy of a letter from the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation to Mr. Rick Doyle and Mr. Tom Lawson of the St. Clair Parks Commission, dated March 16, 2004, advising that the Ministry will provide the St. Clair Parks Commission with a \$150,000.00 operating grant from within the Ministry's 2003/04 budget for the Commission's 2004 season. The Ministry will also work towards providing an additional \$100,000.00. However, in order to provide these funds, the Ministry will need the Commission's business plan by March 19, 2004.

3-33-04 A letter from the St. Clair Parks Commission, dated March 19, 2004, advising that further to the letter from the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation dated March 16, 2004 (correspondence 3-32-04), \$225,000.00 of the Province's \$250,000.00 is for parks maintenance along the St. Clair River. The Commission is requesting the County of Lambton match the \$225,000.00 for Park Maintenance in Lambton County.

#4: Bradley/Burns: That correspondence items 3-29-04, 3-30-04, 3-31-04, 3-32-04 and 3-33-04 be received and filed. Carried.

3-34-04 A letter from Mr. Tony Hanlon, President and C.E.O., Lambton College, dated March 16, 2004, requesting the County to consider participating in the first of two key advocacy tactics that the Ontario Colleges are organizing Province-wide. The first tactic would be an e-mail campaign to Provincial Ministers and our two (2) local M.P.P.s, voicing support for more investment in colleges. The second tactic involves the College System placing an advocacy ad in newspapers and asking site managers to request approval for their company's name to be placed in the ad.

(A) #5: Boushy/MacDougall: That we support correspondence 3-34-04. Carried.

Minutes

Mrs. P. Davidson presented the Woodlot Committee minutes dated March 9, 2004.

#6: Davidson/Foubister: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motion #1). Carried.

Reports to Council

a) Finance Department Report

Mr. John Innes, Corporate Manager, Financial Services/Treasurer, provided an update to Council regarding the current status of the draft budget.

Memorandum dated February 25, 2004 Regarding the 2004 Budget Overviews: County Grants

- (B) #7: Kirkland/Dedecker: That the memorandum dated February 25, 2004 regarding the 2004
(F) Budget Overviews: County Grants, be accepted as presented. Carried.

Minutes

Mr. Wm. Bilton presented the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated March 17, 2004.

#8: Bilton/Arnold: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motion #1). Carried.

Mr. D. Boushy presented the Community Services/Information Technology Committee minutes dated March 10, 2004.

#9: Boushy/Arnold: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented. Carried.

Mr. D. Boushy presented the Community Services/Information Technology Committee minutes dated March 17, 2004.

Re: Letter from Mr. Mike Bradley, Mayor of the City of Sarnia, dated March 10, 2004, regarding Ambulance Services (Motion #18 of the Community Services/Information Technology Committee minutes dated May 21, 2003 regarding Emergency Medical Services 24 Hour Coverage).

#10: Bradley/Murray: That County Council go back to the original recommendation of staff and phase in the hiring as originally recommended in their report.

Motion #10 of this day's minutes was withdrawn by the mover and seconder.

#11: Boushy/Arnold: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented. Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Memorandum dated February 5, 2004 Regarding Library Restructuring

Mrs. Patricia Davidson, Mayor of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, spoke regarding the proposed reorganization of the Library.

- (A) #12: Davidson/Bradley: That the memorandum dated February 5, 2004 regarding the Library Restructuring, be referred back to staff for further consideration and input from the Committee. Carried.

Mr. Cam Ivey, Mayor of the Municipality of Lambton Shores, spoke regarding the No Smoking By-Law and the proposed enforcement of it by the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.) and Municipal police officers.

- (A) #13: Ivey/Bradley: That the enforcement section of the By-Law be amended to remove references to O.P.P. and local Municipal police forces. Carried.

Mrs. Bev MacDougall, Councillor of the City of Sarnia, spoke to County Council regarding the impacts of the No Smoking By-Law for the non-profit sector (charitable fundraisers, et cetera).

Mr. Jim Burns, Mayor of the Township of Enniskillen, inquired regarding communication strategies and other options for trying to lessen the impact of a No Smoking By-Law on local businesses.

Re: Special Meeting of Council April 7, 2004 Concerning the Smoke-Free By-Law

Council was unanimous in instructing staff that delegations shall be restricted in speaking to five (5) minutes.

Mr. William Bilton, Mayor of the Township of Dawn-Euphemia, presented the Municipality's new flag to County Council.

2004 Budget

Lambton County Council went into the 2004 Budget Session, reviewed all special Committee minutes and made resolutions on an exception basis as recorded on the attached minutes dated 03/25/04, numbered 1 – 4.

- (B) #21: Kirkland/Jamieson: That the 2004 County Budget be approved as amended. Carried.

By-Laws

#22: Arnold/Bilton: That By-Laws #13 to #16 of 2004, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time. Carried.

#23: Burns/Bradley: That By-Laws #13 to #16 of 2004, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 10:37 a.m.

Todd Case
Warden

Linda Ross
Solicitor/Clerk, General Manager,
Corporate Services