

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL
(OPEN SESSION)

November 5, 2003

Lambton County Council was in session at 1:30 p.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present except D. Kirkland.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: Jamieson/Khan: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss matters concerning the pending acquisition or disposition of an interest in land and to discuss a matter concerning the potential acquisition/disposition of property rights. 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 October 1, 2003 were presented.

#2: Dedecker/Foubister: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented. Carried.

The Lambton County Council (OPEN SESSION) and (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated October 24, 2003 were presented.

#3: Davidson/Ivey: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented. Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition Plaques

- a) A recognition plaque was presented to Muriel Thibert, in appreciation for her generous donation of her husband's sculpture *Cantoria of Anger, No.2*, 1998 – 99, valued at \$6,000.00, to Gallery Lambton. Mrs. Thibert's husband is Patrick Thibert, who is a practicing professional artist and is known for his abstract sculptures in a variety of media. This donation of work joins two other related sculptures *Cantoria of Anger*, 1997 and *Red Rage*, 1997. Mr. Pat Thibert was present on behalf of Muriel Thibert to receive the plaque.

- b) A recognition plaque was presented to Roy and Marisa Bernardi, in appreciation for their generous donation of an important large canvas by Toronto artist Alex Cameron titled *The English Garden*, 1978, to Gallery Lambton. The piece was valued at \$13,000.00.
- c) A recognition plaque was presented to John and Joan Oravec, in appreciation for their generous donation of an important large canvas by Toronto artist Alex Cameron titled *Stations*, 1983, to Gallery Lambton. The piece was valued at \$18,000.00. Joan Oravec was present to receive the plaque.
- d) A recognition plaque was presented to David Morris and Elaine McGregor Morris, in appreciation for their generous donation of two sculptures by St. Thomas artist David Morris titled *Sumac 2*, 2002 and *Perth Rock*, c. 1998 to Gallery Lambton. These sculptures were exhibited at Gallery Lambton in the exhibition *David Morris: Time, Interval, Like, Same*, November 2 to December 7, 2002. Both pieces were valued together at \$5,600.00.
- e) A recognition plaque was presented to Egon Nielsen, in appreciation of his generous donation of a remarkable country sideboard and other pieces to the Lambton Heritage Museum's Lambton Furniture Collection. Mr. Nielsen was present to receive the plaque.
- f) Ron Van Horne was recognized, in appreciation for his generous donation of antique furnishings to the Lambton Heritage Museum's Lambton Furniture Collection.
- g) A recognition plaque was presented to the North Lambton Rest Home Ladies Auxiliary, in appreciation of their generous donation of two blanket warmers and two tub upgrades, valued at \$16,000.00 to North Lambton Rest Home. Noreen Dillabough, President, was present to receive the plaque.
- h) A recognition plaque was presented to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 62, Sarnia, in appreciation of their generous donation of \$7,556.00 to Marshall Gowland Manor for one Arjo Chorus Lift with scale. Ron Chafe, President, was present to receive the plaque.
- i) A recognition plaque was presented to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 176, Forest, in appreciation of their generous donation of \$9,259.00 to the North Lambton Rest Home Outreach for one Arjo Opera Combi Lift with slings, as well as their donation of \$7,784.00 to North Lambton Rest Home for five traveller wheelchairs with elevating leg rest and two Broda chairs with dinner trays. Sue Bruner, President, was present to receive the plaque.

- j) A recognition plaque was presented to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 216, Petrolia, in appreciation of their generous donation of \$7,556.00 to Lambton Meadowview Villa for one Arjo Opera Combi Mechanical Lift with scale and slings. Gwen Hammond, Zone Commander, was present to receive the plaque.

Correspondence

11-1-03 A communication from the Village of Point Edward, dated September 25, 2003, advising that many local charities and non-profit organizations have found that their ability to raise funds through bingo events and lotteries have been seriously affected by casino and slots at racetracks. The Village of Point Edward is requesting endorsement of its resolution that the Ontario Government take immediate steps to increase the funding for the Trillium Foundation from \$100,000,000.00 to \$150,000,000.00, that the funding formula be amended from \$7.00 per capita to \$10.00 per capita, and that the application process be streamlined.

11-10-03 A copy of a letter from the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands to the Honourable David Anderson, Minister of the Environment, dated October 14, 2003, advising of its resolution to correspond with the Federal Minister of Environment expressing its concern with the export of water from Ontario's Tay River.

11-11-03 A letter from the City of Toronto, dated October 2, 2003, requesting endorsement of its resolution to call on the Government of Ontario to rescind Bill 210 – Electricity Pricing, Conservation and Supply Act, 2002, to abandon plans for deregulation and privatization of Ontario's electricity in accord with the wishes of the people of Ontario, to develop and implement a renewed vision for public power in Ontario and to stop the sell-off of public generating stations and local hydro utilities, stop paying higher deregulated prices to electricity producers and implement genuine energy conservation policies and expand clean, renewable energy sources.

- (A) #4: Bradley/McGugan: That correspondence 11-1-03 be endorsed as presented and that correspondence 11-10-03 and 11-11-03 be received and filed. Carried.

Reports to Council

a) Human Resources Services Report

Part A, Item 1 – Memorandum dated September 30, 2003 Regarding the Salary Survey – County Councillors Remuneration Survey

- (T) * #5: Bilton/Hart: That the memorandum dated September 30, 2003 regarding the Salary Survey – County Councillors Remuneration Survey, be tabled until the first regular meeting of County Council in 2004. Carried.

* See page 6.

Part B, Item 5 – Corporate Manager’s Report

- (A) #6: Ivey/Khan: That the Corporate Manager’s Report as set out in Part A and Part B be
(F) accepted as presented. Carried.

b) Finance Department Report

Part B, Item 4 – Corporate Manager’s Report

- (A) #7: Ivey/Foubister: That the Corporate Manager’s Report as set out in Part A and Part B be
(F) accepted as presented. Carried.

c) Provincial Offences Administration (P.O.A.) Department Report

Part B, Item 4 – Corporate Manager’s Report

- (A) #8: Hart/Ivey: That the Corporate Manager’s Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted
(F) as presented. Carried.

d) Legal Services/Clerk Report

Memorandum dated October 14, 2003 Regarding the Rules of Procedure

- (A) #9: Bradley/Dedecker: That item (v) concerning Council members standing to address Council,
in the memorandum dated October 14, 2003 - Rules of Procedure, be deleted. Carried.
- (A) #10: Ivey/Pole: That the memorandum dated October 14, 2003 regarding the Rules of
Procedure be accepted as amended. Carried.

Minutes

Mr. J. Foubister presented the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services
Committee minutes dated October 15, 2003.

Re: Motion #4 Concerning the Proposed Woodlands Conservation By-Law

- (A) #11: Bilton/Foubister: That Black Oak be removed from Species A and kept with Species B and
that By-Law No. 45 of 2003 be amended accordingly. Carried.
- (A) #12: Foubister/Kowalyshyn: That this day’s minutes be adopted as amended (motions #1 to
#12). Carried.

Mr. C. Ivey presented the Community Services/Information Technology Committee minutes dated October 15, 2003.

- (A) #13: Ivey/Pole: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #21). Carried.

Mr. Wm. Bilton presented the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated November 5, 2003.

- (A) #14: Bilton/Jamieson: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1, #3 and #4).
Carried.

Items Tabled From Previous Meeting(s)

- a) Tabled Motion #17 of the Lambton County Council (OPEN SESSION) minutes dated October 1, 2003 as follows:

Notice of Motion

#17: Bradley/Foubister: That the County request a change to the legislation for the St. Clair Parks Commission so that the County, as the major funding party, be able to appoint a majority of the members of the Board and that the Chair and Vice-Chair be appointed by the St. Clair Parks Commission. Tabled."

- (A) #15: Bradley/Dedecker: That we lift from the table motion #17 of the Lambton County Council (OPEN SESSION) minutes dated October 1, 2003 concerning the appointments to the St. Clair Parks Commission, that motion #17 of the Lambton County Council (OPEN SESSION) minutes dated October 1, 2003 be adopted and that it be referred to the Provincial Government for its consideration. Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mike Bradley, Mayor of the City of Sarnia, spoke to County Council regarding the assessment system in the Province. Staff was asked to develop a strategy to communicate with the public and work with all interested parties in explaining the tax policy.

Mr. Don McGugan, Mayor of the Township of Brooke-Alvinston, requested the Finance Department to make a presentation to County Council at its next regular meeting (November 26, 2003) regarding the tax policy.

- (A) #16: Bradley/Foubister: That staff prepare a report regarding changes it would like to see at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), including staffing levels, tax policy, communications and procedures. Carried.

Mr. Jim Foubister, Councillor of the City of Sarnia, inquired regarding the status of the Emergency Medical Services base being built in Sarnia.

Mr. Robert Wilks, who is the new Corporate Manager, Information Technology Services, was welcomed to the County by the Warden.

Re: 2003 "Take Our Kids to Work Program" – Wednesday, November 5, 2003

Mr. Mel Boersma, Maintenance – Facilities Services, brought his son Matt Boersma to work, and was welcomed by Council.

The A.C.R.O. Committee members and the volunteers were thanked by the Warden for their work during the A.C.R.O. Conference. The County of Lambton hosted the 2003 A.C.R.O. Conference which was held from October 5th - 8th, 2003.

By-Laws

#17: Khan/Jamieson: That By-Laws #44 and #46 of 2003, as circulated, and By-Law #45 of 2003, as amended, be taken as read a first and second time. Carried.

#18: Hart/Foubister: That By-Laws #44 and #46 of 2003, as circulated, and By-Law #45 of 2003, as amended, be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Todd Case
Warden

Linda Ross
Solicitor/Clerk, General Manager,
Corporate Services

* That the memorandum dated September 30, 2003 regarding the Salary Survey – County Councillors Remuneration, be received and filed – see Council February 4, 2004, mot. #9 and Recorded Vote.