

**MINUTES**  
**LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(OPEN SESSION)**

**June 4, 2003**

Lambton County Council was in session at 2:00 p.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present except R. O'Hara.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: Mr. William Bilton, Mayor of the Township of Dawn-Euphemia, declared a pecuniary interest on motion #2 of the Woodlot Committee minutes dated May 13, 2003 regarding Application W-007/03. Mr. Bilton is the owner of the property.

Mr. John Kowalyshyn, Councillor of the City of Sarnia, declared a pecuniary interest on Part C, Item 2 of the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated May 21, 2003 concerning the Community Health Services Department Space Review. Mr. Kowalyshyn owns property in the vicinity.

In-Camera

#1: Hart/Kowalyshyn: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning the potential acquisition/disposal of land, a matter subject to solicitor-client privilege and a matter concerning labour relations and employee negotiations. Carried.

Open Session

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

Delegations

#2: Dedecker/Khan: That we invite Mr. Len Kozachuk of URS Cole, Sherman & Associates Ltd., and Mr. Roger Ward of the Ministry of Transportation, within the Bar to speak to County Council to provide an update on the Bi-National Partnership Planning/Need and Feasibility Study. Carried.

#3: McGugan/Pole: That we invite Mr. Quintin Lang, Information Technology Services, within the Bar to speak to County Council regarding the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Project. Carried.

Presentation

#4: Jamieson/Davidson: That we invite Ms. Darlene Coke, Communications and Marketing Coordinator, within the Bar to give a demonstration of the County of Lambton's website to Council. Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (OPEN SESSION) and (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated May 7, 2003, were presented.

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

Correspondence

The Corporate Manager, Legal Services/Clerk read out a thank you card from Mrs. Maxine Gray and family for the flowers sent in memory of Mr. Kenneth W. Gray who recently passed away. Mr. Gray was Warden of Lambton County in 1962.

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Mr. R. Brown presented the Committee of the Whole minutes dated May 7, 2003.

#6: Brown/Pole: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #10). Carried.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Re: Woodlot Committee Minutes dated May 13, 2003 – Woodlot Application W-007/03

Mr. William Bilton, Mayor of the Township of Dawn-Euphemia, declared a pecuniary interest on motion #2 of the Woodlot Committee minutes dated May 13, 2003 regarding Application W-007/03. Mr. Bilton is the owner of the property.

Mrs. K. Hart presented the Woodlot Committee minutes dated May 13, 2003.

(A) #7: Hart/Jamieson: That this day's minutes be adopted as amended by changing in motion #3 the phrase "**valuation procedure of**" to "**tax rates that will apply to**" (motions #1 to #3). Carried.

Mr. J. Foubister presented the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated May 21, 2003.

Re: Motion #5 – Part C, Item 1 d) – Correspondence 6-10-03 from Sifto Canada Inc. – Establishment of a Voluntary Risk Management Program for the Use of Road Salt as an Alternative to its Listing as a Toxic Substance

#8: Khan/Brown: That we table motion #5 of the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated May 21, 2003, pending staff obtaining further information from bodies such as A.M.O. and the Ministry of Transportation, regarding their position. Defeated.

- (A) #9: Foubister/Hart: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #8, #10 to #15, #16 and #18 to #19). Carried.

Mr. C. Ivey presented the Community Services/Information Technology Committee minutes dated May 21, 2003.

Re: Motion #18 Concerning Emergency Medical Services 24 Hour Coverage

- (A) #10: Ivey/McGugan: That we amend motion #18 of the Community Services/Information Technology Committee minutes dated May 21, 2003 so that all ambulance stations move to 24 hour coverage by January 2005. Carried.
- (A) #11: Ivey/Pole: That this day's minutes be adopted as amended (motions #1 to #6, #8 to #19). Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Motion #9 of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated May 7, 2003, deferring motion #18 of the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated April 16, 2003, so that Councillors had an opportunity to review the correspondence in detail. Motion #18 is as follows:

**Correspondence 5-1-03 Letter from the Township of Smith Ennismore-Lakefield Regarding a Resolution Concerning the Safe Drinking Water Act and Sustainable Water and Sewage System Act**

**#18: Davidson/Jamieson: That correspondence 5-1-03 be received and filed.**  
Carried.

- (A) #12: Davidson/Jamieson: That motion #18 of the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated April 16, 2003, be accepted as presented. Carried.

Ms. Carolyn Jamieson, Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Lambton Shores, brought forward a resolution for consideration concerning the Progressive Conservative campaign document, "The Road Ahead". The proposal requires a referendum to be held in order to garner elector support for property tax increases.

- (A) #13: Jamieson/Pole: **WHEREAS** the Progressive Conservative campaign document, “The Road Ahead” has been released and contains the proposal to extend the “Taxpayer Protection Act” to municipal property taxes; and,

**WHEREAS** the proposal requires a referendum to be held in order to garner elector support for property tax increases; and,

**WHEREAS** the Province has put in place a regime of benchmarking, public reporting of municipal performance, and public notice of municipal budget changes; and,

**WHEREAS** “The Road Ahead” does not quantify or even estimate the costs of annual referenda in the 447 municipalities of Ontario;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the County of Lambton respectfully requests that the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party withdraw from its recently announced campaign platform the initiative which would legislate a referendum should a municipality wish to increase property tax rates; and further,

**THAT** copies of this resolution be circulated to all local Municipalities for endorsement and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier’s office and to the M.P.P. Carried.

Mrs. Patricia Davidson, Mayor of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, spoke to County Council regarding the Smart Growth Panel Open Houses. Mrs. Davidson confirmed there will be an Open House in Stratford on June 12, 2003. The Open Houses to be held in Windsor, London and Owen Sound have not yet been confirmed. They will possibly be held the week of June 16, 2003.

Re: Hospital Board Appointment

Mr. Cam Ivey, Mayor of the Municipality of Lambton Shores, spoke on behalf of the Striking Committee concerning an appointment to the Lambton Hospitals Group Board.

- (A) #14: Davidson/Ivey: That the County decline the opportunity to sit on the Hospital Board. Carried.

By-Laws

#15: Hart/Foubister: That By-Law #28 of 2003, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time. Carried.

#16: Jamieson/Khan: That By-Law #28 of 2003, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 3:30 p.m.

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Todd Case  
Warden

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Linda Ross  
Corporate Manager, Legal  
Services/Clerk