

AGENDA

LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Wednesday, February 4, 2004, 12:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, Wyoming

1. Silent Reflection.
2. Roll Call.

- A. **IN-CAMERA SESSION - 12:30 P.M.**

- B. **OPEN SESSION**
 1. Regular meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. (tentative)
 2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: If any.
 3. Rise and Report motions of the In-Camera Session.
 4. Presentations: If any.
 5. Delegations:
 - a) Mr. Ken James, Chair of the Sarnia Lambton Taskforce on Healthcare Recruitment, will be speaking to County Council regarding their activities and involvement in trying to locate family doctors and primary health care personnel to this area (attached brochures will be available on the Centre Table the day of Council).

 - b) Grant Requests
 - i) 1:15 p.m. St. Clair Parks Commission

 - ii) 1:30 p.m. Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership

 - iii) 1:45 p.m. Tourism Sarnia-Lambton

6. Reading and adoption of the Minutes of Council (Open Session) dated December 10, 2003 and (Open and Closed Session) dated December 17, 2003.

7. Correspondence for Council:

- a) 2-1-04 A letter from Durham Region, dated November 6, 2003, asking Municipalities to purchase a brick to support the Juno Beach Centre, in the amount of \$2,500.00. This purchase will support our veterans and will ensure that generations to come are able to view displays which depict Canada's contribution to the war effort. Also attached is a letter from Garth Webb, President of the Juno Beach Association and information about purchasing a group brick.
- b) 2-2-04 A letter from Neil MacLeod, Director General, Office of Energy Efficiency, dated December 4, 2003, presenting the County of Lambton, on behalf of the Honourable Herb Dhaliwal, Minister of Natural Resources, with a plaque in recognition of the County's participation in the Office of Energy Efficiency's Energy Innovator's Initiative and the County's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change (the plaque will be on the Centre Table in the Council Chambers the day of Council).
- c) 2-3-04 A letter from Prime Minister Paul Martin, dated December 12, 2003, advising that his Cabinet is changing the way the Government of Canada works in order to re-engage Canadians in the political process and achieve demonstrable social and economic progress for Canada. One particular initiative the Prime Minister will be leading will be a New Deal for Canadian cities, both big and small, that will bring their concerns to the centre of government decision-making.
- d) 2-32-04 A memorandum from the County of Oxford, dated January 19, 2004, advising that OSTAR funding from both the Provincial and Federal Governments for water system upgrades has not been established to date for many municipalities. The County of Oxford is requesting endorsement of its resolution to request the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to commit to their fair share of the funding of capital upgrade expenditures for water, i.e. one-third being paid by each level of government.

Recommendation

That correspondence 2-1-04, 2-2-04, 2-3-04 and 2-32-04 be received and filed.

- e) 2-4-03 A copy of a letter to the Honourable Gregory Sorbara, Minister of Finance, from the Township of Warwick, dated December 15, 2003, regarding farm assessment. The Township is requesting the Province of Ontario to intervene and investigate the impact of changes caused by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (M.P.A.C.) and O.M.A.F.R.A. to the Municipalities and ratepayers of Ontario.

7. Correspondence for Council: (continued)

The Municipality is also requesting that the methodology be reviewed to ascertain that all assessments and specifically rural assessment, are being completed in a fair and accurate manner, that M.P.A.C. provide adequate resources to address municipal and ratepayers’ enquiries in a prompt and proper manner and that O.M.A.F.R.A. extend its appeal date, for an assessment class change, to a date at least thirty (30) days after the mailing out of the Notice of Assessment by M.P.A.C.

Recommendation

That we endorse correspondence 2-4-03 as presented.

8. Reports to Council (PART II in Council Booklet):

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9. Committee Reports (PARTS III & IV in Council Booklet):

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10. Items tabled from previous meetings: If any.

11. Notice of Motion:

a) A letter from Mr. Mike Bradley, Mayor of the City of Sarnia, dated January 20th, 2004, concerning a Notice of Motion for debate at the February 4th, 2004 Council session as follows:

“Whereas Lambton County is a federation of municipalities where property taxpayers contribute to both the lower municipality and the County of Lambton on their property tax bill, and as it is extremely important that both levels coordinate any relief to property owners to ensure fairness to the lower tier and to the taxpayers;

11. Notice of Motion: (continued)

That Lambton County Council ask County staff to meet with the Treasurers of each municipality to deal with the impacts on assessment on residential, farm properties, etc., and report back on a coordinated approach to have the lower and upper tier work together to mitigate the impact on the classes who have experienced a large increase in assessment.”

12. Other business.

13. Notice of By-Laws:

- a) #4 of 2004 – A By-Law to Appoint Members to the Community Services/ Information Technology Committee.
- b) #5 of 2004 – A By-Law to Appoint Members to the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee.
- c) #6 of 2004 – A By-Law to Appoint Members to the Emergency Services Committee.
- d) #7 of 2004 – A By-Law to Appoint Members to a Land Division Committee, and to Committees of Adjustment for Various Municipalities.
- e) #8 of 2004 – A By-Law to Appoint Members to the St. Clair Parks Commission.
- f) #9 of 2004 – A By-Law to Appoint Members to Various Boards and Commissions.
- g) #10 of 2004 – A By-Law to Regulate Smoking in Public Places and Workplaces in the County of Lambton (1st and 2nd reading).
- h) #11 of 2004 – 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 February 4, 2004.

14. First and second reading of By-Laws #4 to #11 of 2004.

15. Motion that By-Laws #4 to #9 and #11 of 2004 be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

16. Motion to adjourn.

17. O Canada!

NOTE:

1. **The Warden, Deputy Warden and the Committee Chairs will meet with the media in Committee Room #1 immediately after the Council meeting to discuss Committee reports and information.**

2. **A reminder to Councillors that Clouse Photo will be set up in Committee Room #2 to take photographs on Wednesday, February 4, 2004 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the lobby display.**