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Council Highlights

Wyoming, ON – At its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 1:15 p.m., Lambton County Council:

- Heard a presentation from Cindy Scholten, Physician Recruiter, and Ron Prior, Chairman of the Physician Recruitment Task Force of Sarnia Lambton, who spoke to Council about physician recruitment initiatives in Sarnia-Lambton.
- Heard a presentation from James Houston, Fundraising Chairman, Lambton Seniors' Association, who spoke to Council to make a grant request for the expansion of the Handyman / Handywoman program into Lambton County. The request was referred to the Corporation's 2011 budget process.
- Directed the Planning & Development Services Department to review and update a demographic study following each census period.
- Directed staff to report to the Ministry of Environment's Renewable Energy Facilitator's Office about concerns raised regarding the installation of ground-mounted solar panels on serviced lots in lieu of housing under the OPA's MicroFit program.
- Directed staff to forward a report from the Planning & Development Services Department concerning the current Provincial Policy Statement Review to the province and local municipalities.
- Directed staff to prepare a report regarding the issues surrounding the placement of wind turbines in the lake.
- Approved the winning entry from the contest held to choose the name of the new affordable housing building project at 993 Maxwell Street in Sarnia. The building will be known as Maxwell Park Place.
- Approved the Housing Advocacy and Trustee Program, and directed staff to recruit a Community Support Worker in the Housing Services Department to deliver the Housing Advocacy component of the program.

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- Approved a one-time administration grant in the amount of \$61,000 to the Sarnia-Lambton Native Friendship Centre to develop the required human resources capacity to eventually operate the child care program and receive ownership of the Little Friends Child and Family Development Centre, with the grant to be funded 100% through Best Start.
- Announced the ratification of a three-year collective agreement with CEP 65, representing workers at the Sarnia Library and Gallery Lambton retroactive to January 1, 2010.
- Noted that committee meetings will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 9 am and 1 pm and the next regular council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 1:15 pm.

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