

**MINUTES**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT/**  
**SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**September 17, 2003**

A meeting was held at the County Building at 9:00 a.m. on the above date.

Present: Chair J. Foubister, Warden Todd Case. Members: Wm. Bilton, C. Jamieson, P. Davidson, K. Hart, J. Kowalyshyn, D. Kirkland and J. Dedecker. Also Mr. J. Kutyba, General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services; Mr. K. Dick, General Manager, Social and Health Services and Mr. R. G. Van Horne, C.A.O.  
Absent: None.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Delegation

Ms. Karen Mathewson, Community Legal Assistance Sarnia, spoke to the Committee concerning social assistance rates.

- (A) #1: Case/Davidson: That staff prepare a report for the next regular meeting of the Committee, with recommendations for County Council regarding social assistance rates in the County. Carried.

Part B, Item 4 – General Manager’s Report

- (A) #2: Jamieson/Bilton: That the General Manager’s Report as set out in Part A and Part B be  
(F) accepted as presented. Carried.

Part C, Item 1 a) – Correspondence 10-1-03

- (A) #3: Dedecker/Hart: That Council support the County of Lennox and Addington’s resolution that the Provincial Government develop some type of a dental care program. Carried.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Part B, Item 4 – General Manager’s Report

- (A) #4: Dedecker/Case: That the General Manager’s Report as set out in Part A and Part B be  
(F) accepted as presented. Carried.

Part C, Item 1 a) – Correspondence 10-17-03

- (A) #5: Davidson/Jamieson: That correspondence 10-17-03 be noted and filed. Carried.

This portion of the meeting adjourned.

Time: 10:05 a.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Part B, Item 4 – General Manager’s Report

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

Part C, Item 1 a) and b) – Correspondence 10-3-03 and 10-4-03

- #7: Dedecker/Jamieson: That correspondence 10-3-03 and 10-4-03 be received and filed.  
Carried.

Part C, Item 1 c) – Correspondence 10-5-03

- #8: Dedecker/Case: That the speed limit on Kimball Road (County Road #31) be reduced to 80  
km./hr. from Courtright Line (County Road #80) to the Plank Road (County Road #20). Defeated.
- (A) #9: Davidson/Kowalyshyn: That given the changing traffic patterns in the County, the entire  
road system be reviewed and re-evaluated regarding the appropriate safe speed limits. Carried.

Part C, Item 1 d) – Correspondence 10-6-03

- (A) #10: Jamieson/Hart: That staff contact the waste haulers utilizing the Moore Landfill Site  
located on Ladysmith Road in St. Clair Township and request that they access the site from  
Courtright Line (County Road #80) rather than from Moore Line in order to reduce the impacts  
to local roads and residents. Carried.

Part C, Item 1 e) – Correspondence 10-21-03

- (A) #11: Dedecker/Kowalyshyn: That the following lands be declared surplus and that they be  
(F) offered to Don and Mary Hislop for a set price of \$1,500.00 per acre as well as other terms and  
conditions as per the inactive Rights-of-Way policy (County Council – October 1, 1997):

1. Part of Lots 34 to 37, Front Concession, Town of Plympton-Wyoming through the  
execution of a Quit Claim Deed as well as any required Reference Plans.

Carried.

Part C, Item 1 f) – Correspondence 10-22-03

- (A) #12: Kirkland/Bilton: That the County reimburse the Town of Plympton-Wyoming for the costs  
(F) to destroy noxious weeds (\$3,985.58) on those properties identified in the staff report. Carried.

Part C, Item 2 – Memorandum dated September 5, 2003 Regarding Extra Costs – Confederation Street (County Road #25) Project

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- (A) #13: Jamieson/Davidson: That the report addressing potential expenses encountered on  
(F) Contract 5-2003 (Confederation Street Reconstruction), be accepted as presented;

That staff work towards reducing the potential unbudgeted expense in order for the project to be completed on budget; and further,

That staff report to City and County Councils with respect to the status of the project expense as the project progresses. Carried.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING SERVICES**

Part B, Item 4 – General Manager’s Report

- (A) #14: Dedecker/Kowalyshyn: That the General Manager’s Report as set out in Part A and Part B  
(F) be accepted as presented. Carried.

Part C, Item 1 a), b) and d) – Correspondence 10-2-03, 10-14-03 and 10-18-03

#15: Dedecker/Case: That correspondence 10-2-03, 10-14-03 and 10-18-03 be received and filed. Carried.

Part C, Item 1 c) – Correspondence 10-16-03

- (A) \* #16: Jamieson/Hart: That the County support the CAER letter and that where new development proposals (plans of subdivision or condominium) extend beyond the existing siren coverage area, that the County require developers to contribute toward the cost of extending the early warning siren system; and further,

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Township of St. Clair.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 11:20 a.m.

Jim Foubister

Chair

Ronald G. Van Horne

Secretary

- \* Refer motion #16 of the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated September 17, 2003, back to staff to allow time to meet with City Planning Department staff, industry representatives and any other interested parties to discuss the issues raised – see Council October 1, 2003, mot. #14.



**PART B**     **Monthly Activities (continued)**

Total Exits (Children) in August

| Age Group    | Age               | # of Children<br>August 31, 2002 | # of Children<br>August 31, 2003 |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Infant       | 0 – 17 months     | 3                                | 6                                |
| Toddler      | 18 – 31 months    | 28                               | 11                               |
| Preschool    | 32 months – 5 yr. | 37                               | 41                               |
| Kindergarten | 5 – 6 years       | 13                               | 18                               |
| School Age   | 6 – 9 years       | 46                               | 50                               |
| Other        | Over 9 years      | 20                               | 23                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                   | 147                              | 149                              |

b) Children's Services Department – Special Needs

Committee Members may recall that Special Needs Resourcing for children with developmental delays was part of the “downloaded” services to the County. The need to view the level of service and service delivery model was identified in the Children's Services Plan, previously approved by Council. The collective effort of an internal working group comprised of staff from the Children's Services Department, Ministry of Community, Family, and Children's Services (MCFCS), and Social Planning staff has established the critical elements of an effective and efficient service delivery model which is believed to be responsive to the needs of parents and children with developmental delays.

The internal working group will use the results of a community consultation process to develop a Request for Proposal for delivery of Special Needs Resourcing that will meet the current and future needs of the County. The internal working group's *Terms of Reference* is attached along with staff's letter informing the community stakeholders of the process.

c) Social Services Department – Statistical Report

The attached Ontario Works statistical report is for the month of July, 2003. The decrease of 17 cases represents a decrease of 1.07% over the previous month. Year-to-date, the caseload has increased by 2.54% with the average caseload at 104.9 cases per caseworker.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

| <b>Month</b><br>Month | Budget<br>Estimate | Actual |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|
| December, 2001        |                    | 1,770  |
| December, 2002        | 1,651              | 1,534  |
| January, 2003         | 1,488              | 1,588  |
| February, 2003        | 1,488              | 1,604  |
| March, 2003           | 1,488              | 1,591  |
| April, 2003           | 1,488              | 1,597  |
| May, 2003             | 1,488              | 1630   |
| June, 2003            | 1,488              | 1,590  |
| July, 2003            | 1,488              | 1,573  |

d) Social Services Department – Program Compliance

Social Planning & Program Support staff has completed twenty-nine (29) program reviews/audits, to date. Seventeen have been completed in program areas that include Homelessness and the National Child Benefit. The Children's Services Department has seen a total of twelve wage subsidy programs reviewed. The reviews conducted examine the appropriate use of County funding, in addition to program quality, and compliance to the contractual agreement with the agency, identifying what should be happening, what is happening and any recommendations for consideration by the Manager of the agreement.

e) Social Services Department – Homelessness

Since approval of the County's Homelessness Plan Social Planning & Program Support (SPPS) staff have been working on its implementation. To date all initiatives that did not change with agreements which required only minor amendments have had those agreements amended, and the funding has flowed.

A request for proposal (attached) by invitation for the priority initiative of "*Moving People from Emergency Shelter to Permanent Accommodation*" has been created and presented to the key stakeholders.

A pilot project of providing emergency shelter for youth at a unit managed by the Inn of the Good Shepherd and funded in part by Ontario Works was started in August. SPPS staff continues to work with stakeholders in implementing other aspects of the plan.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

f)      Social Services Department - National Child Benefit

Since approval of the 2003 National Child Benefit (NCB) plan, Social Planning staff amended six Agreements and the funds have been flowed to the delivery agencies in accordance with the approved plan. Agreements are being amended due to new insurance clauses and reporting requirements requested by staff of the delivering agent.

g)      Social Services Department - Lambton Shared Services Centre

The operation of the Lambton Shared Services Centre (LSSC) has been one of adjustment and accommodation by all Partners involved. Since the opening of the facility in 2001 most Partners have 'changed' how they conduct business, in one way or another. Partners have seen consistent growth in the number of people accessing the main front lobby. Each month, an average of 10,000 people access this service. This is an increase of nearly 67% from day-one.

Substantial changes in the way the Federal Government Partner and the Ontario Government Information Centre (GIC) conduct business today, in addition to the large increase in clients accessing the Employment Resource Centre – have been identified by the Partnership as causing pressures on the main front lobby of the facility. The pressures on the Lambton Shared Services Centre facility include:

- more people in the lobby because of increased program staff;
- lineups at computers to apply for employment insurance because of a change in business;
- lineups at resource computers because of increased client usage;
- longer waits for GIC service at the counter because of additional services being offered.

An internal working group has been formed to examine the issue for the purpose of identifying potential solutions.

h)      Social & Health Services Division Projects – Accessibility Plan

Social Planning staff recently completed the County's 'accessibility plan' as required in accordance with the Ontario Disabilities Act (ODA.) Staff will now focus on the implementation of the accessibility plan.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

The plan focuses on what programs and services will be reviewed over the upcoming year with regards to accessibility and how they will be reviewed. The requirements of the Act indicate that the plan must be annual. By 2005 all Divisions of the County may have be required to identify fiscal resources needed to removal barriers.

4.      General Manager's Report

Recommendation

That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion**

1.      Correspondence

- (a)    #10-1-03      Correspondence and accompanying resolution from the County of Lennox & Addington regarding the inconsistencies, anomalies, and unfairness in the availability of Dental Care Services in Ontario.

There are significant differences in people's ability to access dental care in Ontario. Persons covered by Ontario Works, who are 17 years of age or younger, are covered by a mandated dental program. Persons covered by Ontario Works who are 18 years of age or older are covered by Ontario Works (CMSM) local policies. In Lambton County this coverage includes all necessary extractions and necessary work for the relief of pain. Children In Need Of Treatment (CINOT) is provincially mandated to cover children in grade 8 and under who require "urgent" dental care, whose parents have no dental plan, and provide proof they cannot afford the treatment. Lambton County has extended the age to 17 years of age. Both CINOT and Ontario Works fees are set by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, and Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Service. The Fees schedule is approximately 66% less than the current Dental Associations suggested fees. Dentists are reluctant to accept these government plans.

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion (continued)**

There are a significant number of families and individuals who cannot afford routine/emergency care. It is unclear how low income wage earners can deal with costs associated with even emergency dental care. There are certainly dentally disadvantaged segments of society.

There is no coverage for persons over the age of 65 and most benefit plans terminate at retirement. Most provinces do however some form of "denticare".

Dental health is an important part of health and well being. Dental care is one aspect of health care that has been excluded from government health care coverage. There are significant numbers of the population who cannot access even reasonable dental care.

**Recommendation**

That Council support the County of Lennox and Addington's resolution that the Provincial government develop some type of a dental care program.

**SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION**  
**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

September 17, 2003

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**PART A**      **Follow-up from Previous Month(s)**

1.      **Smoke Free Lambton – Public Consultation**

Warden Todd Case advised lower tier municipalities of two additional public consultation meeting dates - one in Grand Bend (August 28), and one in Inwood (September 4).

To date, the first three public consultations in Thedford, Grand Bend and Inwood have been well attended, and have provided Lambton County residents with an opportunity to have their say on this issue. Approximately 30 written submissions have been received to date, and the telephone survey is currently in process.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities**

1.      **Accounts**

A listing of accounts \$170,686.55 will be available at the meeting.

2.      **Accounts Verification**

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| i)   | Are there any items significantly over budget?             | No  |
| ii)  | Are there any items significantly under budget?            | No  |
| iii) | Are there any items that were not in the budget?           | No  |
| iv)  | Were all items purchased in accordance with County policy? | Yes |

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

3.      Items of Committee Interest

a)      Environmental Health & Prevention Services

Vaccine Preventable

Vaccines valued at \$300,000.00 were packed into coolers and transported to Lambton Hospitals Group when it was determined that the power outage August 14<sup>th</sup> was going to last more than three hours. A power generated, refrigerated room in the Dietary Department housed the Community Health Services Department vaccines until August 19, 2003 when the power seemed more stable.

All physicians' offices, clinics, and long-term care facilities were contacted and an assessment of their vaccines related to efficacy was made. Those vaccines that were determined to be ineffective were returned to the Government Pharmacy.

Food Safety

As a result of the hydro failure on August 14/ 15, 2003, Public Health Inspectors were busy with telephone calls to food premises. Staff verified that foods were being stored at safe temperatures and temperature-abused foods were being discarded. Numerous calls were also received from the public on food safety issues. Staff conducted a local radio interview concerning food safety issues during the power outage. An information package is being developed to address contingency plans for safe food storage during a power disruption.

Staff are assisting the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in a federal recall of food products originating from Aylmer Meat Packers Inc. CFIA has issued a number of press releases on the issue. To date, no food distributors have been identified in Lambton County. However, the list of food distributors will be updated by CFIA routinely and the Department will monitor the information. The Community Health Services Department has notified food premises such as grocery stores, long- term care facilities, and day cares.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

Food vendors at the Highland Games, Dragon Boat Festival, and the Tall Ships events were inspected. A few violations were noted, however, the majority of the premises were satisfactory.

The Food Handlers' Course remains busy. To date, 157 people have been certified; 35 with the Home Study Course; 3 with the on-line course and 119 people in class.

A radio spotlight was conducted on BBQ and picnic food safety.

**Water Quality**

Staff were notified August 20, 2003 of a vinyl chloride spill to the St. Clair River. Approximately 310 kg of vinyl chloride monomer was released to the river from a local plant on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2003. A *Drinking Water Advisory* was issued to downriver residents by the Medical Officers' of Health from both Lambton County and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. To date, the Ministry of Environment has advised that there has been no detectable level of vinyl chloride in the St. Clair River. As a result, the drinking water advisory was discontinued.

A report of a sewage spill to the St. Clair River from Port Huron, Michigan was identified. Findings indicated that due to heavy rain from a thunderstorm on August 15, 2003 approximately 3.46 million gallons of effluent from the combined sewer overflow system entered the St. Clair River. Port Huron authorities did not report the spill. Water samples taken at two locations downriver by Community Health Services Department staff, during the week of August 18, 2003 showed no adverse findings.

An adverse drinking water test result was received from MDS Labs on a water sample taken by the operator of the Stag Island water system. A *Boil Water Advisory* was issued and a letter was hand delivered to each residence by Public Health Inspectors. An inspector from the Ministry of the Environment is investigating.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**West Nile Virus

The 2003 West Nile Report is enclosed for Committee's review. Public education activities are still continuing as there were two West Nile Virus information sessions held in August for the White Cane Group in Petrolia and Imperial Oil in Sarnia.

During August, there were 37 reports of dead birds, including 16 crows and 4 blue jays. There have been 7 crows and 2 blue jays suitable for testing. In total, 6 crows from Lambton County have tested positive for the virus in 2003, in the following locations:

| Date                 | Location         |
|----------------------|------------------|
| August 5, 2003       | North Lambton    |
| August 12 & 13, 2003 | Sarnia, Ontario  |
| August 20, 2003      | Corunna, Ontario |
| August 22, 2003      | Arkona, Ontario  |
| August 26, 2003      | Watford, Ontario |

No further birds from Sarnia are being accepted. The West Nile virus is here. The next 2 – 3 weeks will be high risk for human infection. Consequently, advertisements to run during the next 4 weeks have been placed in the Observer, Forest Standard, Petrolia Topic, and the Lakeshore Advance advising residents of the increased risk and suggesting options for personal protection.

There have been 14 complaints of standing water on private or municipal property along with approximately 23 additional calls related to the West Nile virus (larviciding, education requests, and other animals).

Adult mosquito trapping was conducted during the weeks of August 11<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>. Traps were set up in Sarnia (5 locations), Corunna, Petrolia, Alvinston, Port Franks, and Wyoming. No positive mosquito pools have been identified to date.

West Nile Virus – Standing Water By-law Fines

The set fines, for the Standing Water By-law, #26 of 2003, are set out in the table below, as outlined in Part 1 of the Provincial Offences Act:

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities** (continued)

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Column 1</u><br>(Short form<br>Wording)                       | <u>Column 2</u><br>Provision creating or<br>defining offence | <u>Column 3</u><br>Set Fine<br>(Including costs) |
|-------------|--|--|--|
| 1.          | Permit standing water to accumulate                              | 2(a)   | \$500.00   |
| 2.          | Permit swimming pool to contain standing water                   | 2(b)   | \$500.00   |
| 3.          | Permit swimming pool cover to contain standing water             | 2(b)   | \$500.00   |
| 4.          | Permit wading pool or pond to contain standing water             | 2(b)   | \$500.00   |
| 5.          | Failure to comply with an Order by the Medical Officer of Health | 3  | \$500.00   |

Rabies

During the month of August, fifteen courses of rabies vaccine were issued to Lambton County residents. Eleven were related to bat exposures and 4 were associated with stray cats.

Communicable Disease/Outbreak Control

In August, a 3-year old girl in London was investigated for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). Before it was revealed that another virus was the cause of her illness, our staff had placed 3 Lambton County residents, who were in the London Emergency Room at the same time as the little girl, under voluntary quarantine and supplied them with masks and thermometers. Continued surveillance such as this is necessary to ensure that our health care system is not surprised by further outbreaks.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

One individual was diagnosed with E. Coli 0157.H7. Undercooked ground beef is one of the more common sources of this infection. However, often it is difficult to be certain of the source of this infection, when sporadic cases are found.

b)      Health Promotion & Program Support

Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation

A *Stop Smoking* Program is scheduled to begin October 8, 2003 at Community Health Services Department. A smoking cessation presentation was given to fifteen employees at Bayer.

Injury Prevention

A Car Seat Clinic was held at Bluewater Ford in Forest and seventeen car seats were checked.

Worksites

The official launch for the Healthy Workplace Awards will take place October 23, 2003.

Early Child Development Project

A consultation with Community Health Services Department (CHSD) staff and Lambton Hospitals group is underway regarding the implementation of the Routine Universal Screening Protocol (RUCS). This is a tool that was developed in order to screen women for signs of family abuse. Plans are underway to hold a workshop for CHSD and Social Services Department staff in the fall.

A meeting with Early Years and Children's Services Department staff will be held to share information and resources.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

Nutrition/Heart Health/Diabetes Prevention

Funding from Social Services has been renewed to provide cooking clubs in Alvinston and Sombra. An additional site will be added this year. The Diabetes Prevention Project is sponsoring the “Healthy Choices...Taking Charge of Your Life” program. This is a multi-session program covering topics such as nutrition, physical activity, stress management and diabetes prevention. The program will begin in October 2003. Diabetes Education Days for staff were held at Lambton Meadowview Villa and Marshall Gowland Manor and were well attended.

Hydro Failure

The Community Health Services Department successfully implemented the internal emergency plan on Thursday August 14, immediately following the initial loss of power, at the Point Edward facility. During the following week, significant energy reductions were achieved and staff are to be commended for their cooperation during this period.

4. General Manager’s Report

Recommendation

That the General Manager’s Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion**

1. Correspondence

- (a) #10-17-03      Medical Post, Special Report – Public Health Article noting “Health Promotion falls through cracks, while MOH’s are busy ‘putting out fires.’” (July 29, 2003, Issue 28)

Recommendation

That correspondence item 1(a) be noted and filed.

**INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION**  
**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

September 17, 2003

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**PART A**      **Follow-up from Previous Month(s)**

None at this time.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities**

1.      Accounts

Totals for the month of August:

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Roads            | \$ 1,827,595.37 |
| Waste Management | \$ 164,324.90   |
| County Building  | \$ 20,038.06    |

A listing of accounts will be available at the meeting.

2.      Accounts Verification

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|--|-----|
| i)      Are there any items significantly over Budget?             | No  |
| ii)     Are there any items significantly under Budget?            | No  |
| iii)    Are there any items that were not in the Budget?           | No  |
| iv)     Were all items purchased in accordance with County Policy? | Yes |

3.      Items of Committee Interest

- a)      Excerpt from online Hazardous Material Magazine re: Decline in Imports of Hazardous Wastes to Canada.
  
- b)      Excerpt from online Solid Waste Magazine re: How Municipalities can avert a waste disposal crisis.

4.      General Manager's Report

Recommendation

That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion**

1.      Correspondence

- a)      Item # 10-3-03 dated August 12, 2003 from Rose-Marie Ur, M.P. Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, regarding Lambton County's commitment to participate in the Energy Innovators Initiative, a Natural Resources Canada program.

As part of the developing facilities management function established by County Council, staff is looking to improve the energy efficiency of various County buildings. The federal program provides assistance in identifying and implementing better energy use practices and technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with a view to meeting the environmental objectives of the Kyoto Protocol.

Recommendation

That Item #10-3-03 be received and filed.

- b)      Item #10-4-03 dated July 30, 2003 from the Minister of Natural Resources Canada (The Honourable Herb Dhaliwal) thanking The Corporation of the County of Lambton for the voluntary commitment to participate in the Energy Innovators Initiative thereby helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency.

With Canada's commitment to the principles and goals of the Kyoto Protocol, it is appropriate individuals as well as corporations, both public and private, assist in achieving the reduction targets for greenhouse gases.

Recommendation

That Item #10-04-03 be received and filed.

- c)      Item #10-5-03 dated August 7, 2003 from Robert A Nicol regarding increased transport truck traffic on County Road 31 (Kimball Road). During the reconstruction of Highway 40 in 2002, traffic was diverted to C.R. 31 where the speed limit is typically 90 km/hr but was reduced to 80 km/hr over the detour route. Residents along C.R. 31 endured the higher volumes of traffic during this time period. With the completion of construction on Highway 40, Mr. Nicol feels that traffic volumes have not decreased. Mr. Nicol also feels that vehicle speed is excessive. Mr. Nicol is proposing that the speed limit be reduced to 80 km./hr. on C.R. 31 (Kimball Road).

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion (continued)**

Discussion: The Ministry of Transportation continues to upgrade Highway #40 from Wallaceburg to Sarnia. Most recently, the bridge over Running Creek just west of Wallaceburg is being replaced and traffic has been reduced to one lane. This probably results in additional traffic utilizing C.R. #31 as an alternative.

With the continued upgrade of Highway #40 I expect that there will be higher volumes of traffic on C.R. #31 for the next few years. Highway #40 is posted 10 km/hr slower than C.R. #31 (80 km/hr vs. 90 km/hr) which may also attract additional traffic. C.R. #31 has always been a more direct route to, and through, Wallaceburg than Highway #40 for those that live in the Sarnia-Chatham corridor. As to speed, the present 90 km/hr limit is appropriate. As discussed a number of times at committee, speeding is not only a County issue but certainly a much bigger issue. The County's role is to set a speed limit that is safe for the travelling public. Speeds in excess of that limit become an enforcement issue. I would suggest that no change be made to the speed limit on C.R. #31 at this time.

Recommendation

That no changes be made to the posted speed limit (90 km/hr) on County Road #31 (Kimball Road); and further,

That staff respond to Mr. Nicol (correspondence item #10-5-03) on the matter.

- d) Item #10-6-03 dated August 12, 2003 from St. Clair Township in regards to Ladysmith Road Petition. St. Clair Township has received a petition from area residents stating that access to the County landfill site by way of the Courtright Line (C.R. #80) be encouraged therefore minimizing the distance traveled on Ladysmith Road. Grading and dust control by St. Clair Township's Public Works Department has occurred on Ladysmith Road. The township will be seeking compensation from the County to cover the costs of this maintenance.

Discussion: Generally, the department suggests that landfill users access the Moore Landfill from Ladysmith Road via County Road #80 (Courtright Line). I do not have a problem contacting the waste haulers that regularly use the Moore Landfill to ensure that they use C.R. #80 to access the landfill. At current fill rates the landfill has approximately 3 years capacity remaining.

**PART C      Other Matters Requiring a Motion (continued)**Recommendation

That staff contact the waste haulers utilizing the Moore Landfill Site located on Ladysmith Road in St. Clair Township and request that they access the site from County Road #80 (Courtright Line) rather than from Moore Line in order to reduce the impacts to local roads and residents.

- e) Item #10-21-03 dated September 8, 2003 from George, Murray, Shipley and Bell Barristers and Solicitors acting for Don and Mary Hislop. James Kohlmeier is acting for the Hislop's with regard to a proposed sale of their property described as Part of Lots 34 to 37, in the Town of Plympton-Wyoming. The property is located north of Douglas Line on C.R. #7 (Lakeshore Road). In the mid-1960s, Lakeshore Road was transferred from the Township to the County to become what was known then as County Road #12. The County undertook the upgrading of what was a very basic "cowpath" to County road standards of the day. The project involved re-aligning parts of the road to fit the standard. With respect to the current Hislop property (formerly owned by Henry L. Caulkins) the new alignment moved the road right-of-way away from the lake in a number of places resulting in pieces of the Caulkins lands being orphaned between the old and new R.O.W. This has not been a problem until recently when the Hislop's have decided to sell their lands for development purposes. The old R.O.W. was closed but never sold/conveyed to the adjacent property owner.

Mr. Hislop is asking that the lands be conveyed by way of a Quit Claim Deed and that "nominal" compensation be paid to the County. I had answered an earlier query (November 1997) from Mr. Kohlmeier on the sale issue. The issue had been addressed at Public Works Committee and County Council (October 1, 1997):

*Thomas/Evans: That the County establish a policy for the sale of inactive Rights-of-Way to adjacent property owners subject to the following conditions:*

- a) That the land be sold for \$1500 per acre which reflects the current price paid by the County for land with brush or swamp;*
- b) That the purchaser be responsible for all costs including, but not limited to, survey, registration, fencing, etc.; and*
- c) That the purchaser provide easements for utilities located in the purchased land as necessary.*

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion (continued)**

The current surplus land policy exempts “highways” from the requirement for an appraisal as well as the offering to the named public bodies in By-Law 64 of 1999.

I would propose that the lands be declared surplus as per the provisions of By-Law 36 of 1995 (as amended).

Recommendation

That the following lands be declared surplus and that they be offered to Don and Mary Hislop for a set price of \$1,500 per acre as well as other terms and conditions as per the inactive Rights-of-Way policy (County Council – October 1, 1997):

1. Part of Lots 34 to 37, Front Concession, Town of Plympton-Wyoming through the execution of a Quit Claim Deed as well as any required Reference Plans.
  
- f) Item #10-22-03 dated August 22, 2003 from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming respecting actions taken by the County Weed Inspector. An order was issued to a landowner to destroy noxious weeds as per the requirements of the *Weed Control Act (WCA)*. The WCA provides for a period of 7 days whereby the landowner can appeal to the chief inspector. Action was taken on the order prior to the appeal period passing thereby negating the responsibility of the landowner to pay for the destruction of the weeds. Although the initial action with respect to addressing weed complaints came from the Town, it is the County’s weed inspector that should know the process and insure it is followed. Note that this issue does not appear to be otherwise covered by any written agreement between the County and the local municipality.

Recommendation

That the County reimburse the Town of Plympton-Wyoming for the costs to destroy noxious weeds (\$3,985.58) on those properties.

2. Report on Extra Costs – Confederation Street (C.R. #25) Project.

Recommendation

That the report addressing potential expenses encountered on Contract 5-2003 (Confederation Street Reconstruction) be accepted as presented; and further,

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion** (continued)

That staff work towards reducing the potential unbudgeted expense in order for the project to be completed on budget; and further,

That staff report to City and County Councils with respect to the status of the project expense as the project progresses.

**INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION**  
**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

September 17, 2003

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT and BUILDING SERVICES**

**PART A**      **Follow-up from Previous Month**

1.      a)      Proposed Woodlands Conservation By-Law

*Davidson/Bilton: That motion #12 of the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee dated June 18, 2003 addressing the Woodlands Conservation By-Law be lifted from the table, and further, that it be deferred until the September meeting so that all changes/refinements are presented to the Committee in a final draft.*

Final adjustments are being made to the Woodlands Conservation By-Law and a final version will be presented to the Committee in October.

b)      Transfer of the Management of the Wallaceburg Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC)

*Davidson/Case: That the County reiterate its position that it opposes the transfer of the management of the Wallaceburg CACC to Chatham-Kent without the consent and agreement of Lambton County.*

Letter sent to the Hon. Tony Clement on August 13, 2003 under the Warden's signature.

c)      Central Emergency Reporting Bureau (CERB) – Requests for Proposals

*Dedecker/Kowalyshyn: That staff prepare and issue a Request for Proposal for call answering for the County of Lambton 9-1-1 system (CERB – Central Emergency Reporting Bureau) with a view to having the contracted service in place beginning January 1, 2004; and further,*

*That staff proceed with the preparation of a new agreement for 9-1-1 services with the Aamjiwnaang First Nations and Kettle and Stony Point First Nations.*

Work continues on the Request for Proposal.



**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

Village of Oil Springs

The main issue is still the change in mapping. The entire map needs to be updated. Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) setbacks remain a large issue. There are several small farm operations within the municipality.

Township of St. Clair Parking Study

The Terms of Reference, which have been divided into four phases, will be introduced to Council members on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The scope of Phase 1 (which has been completed) involves a review of the land use information in the study area. This will include an in-depth identification of every lot in the study area and additional areas of concern, along with an inventory of on-site and demarcated on-street parking.

b) Official Plan Amendment #8 to the Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Official Plan Amendment #8 was adopted by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming on July 9, 2003 by By-law 66 of 2003 and was received by the County on July 14, 2003.

Official Plan Amendment #8 will change the designation on a portion of lands described as Plan 29, Part Block "B" in the former Township of Plympton. The property is currently in the "Restricted Agricultural Area" designation and the "Hazard and Environmental Protection" designation, in the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Official Plan. This amendment will change the designation to "Residential" and will permit the creation of residential lots fronting on Ferne Avenue.

c) Nutrient Management Act

Dave Posliff and Will Nywening attended an OMAF session in Ingersoll on September 3 to be updated on the Nutrient Management Act (NMA).

The regulations under the new Act come into effect on September 30. Based on our situation in Lambton, the following will be the general procedure on or after September 30:

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities** (continued)

- All new livestock operations of over 5 Nutrient Units (NU's are replacing livestock units for the purposes of the NMA) must comply with the provisions and regulations of the NMA;
- Expanding existing operations must deal with nutrient management, but the approach varies;
- Expanding existing operations of over 300 nutrient units, or existing operations of under 300 NU's which will be over 300 NU's following the expansion, fall under the provincial regulations;
- Expanding existing operations of between 25 and 300 NU's after the expansion will continue to fall under the provisions of municipal by-laws such as ours;
- Existing operations that are not expanding will be phased in under the NMA according to their size;
- OMAF will continue to provide third party review and approval of NM Plans or Strategies as in the past.

The major change from the regulations as they were first presented is that municipal by-laws will continue to have a fairly substantial role in nutrient management practices of operations not yet subject to the NMA, where it was originally proposed that the provincial regulations would largely replace local by-laws.

Because of the changes to the thresholds at which the provincial regulations will come into play, the overall terminology used (NU's versus LU's), and the fact that the NMA says that any local provision that conflicts with the provincial provisions will be superceded, there will be a need to amend local by-laws. The Ministry is encouraging local by-laws to be worded so that they work hand-in-hand with the provincial regulations and do not conflict, and they may provide a model local by-law based on that approach. Based on discussions and correspondence with other counties that are involved in NM by-laws, it appears that most agree with this approach, but they are likely going to wait to see how the local and provincial approvals work in practice before amending local by-laws.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

A more detailed report and recommendations will follow following further discussions with others involved in the NM regulations and the Ministry.

d)      **Regional Assessment Population Statistics 2000 – 2003**

We have recently obtained the 2003 population estimates from Regional Assessment. They were done with the municipal enumeration, which takes place every three years. The methodology differs from the population estimates made by Statistics Canada and the two cannot be compared. The assessment figures are useful to determine growth trends. A report is attached.

e)      **For Committee Information**

A letter from the Ministry of Public Safety and Security, Emergency Management Ontario. The timeline for meeting the Essential Level emergency management program requirements has been adjusted. Emergency Management Ontario has determined that the deadline for completion of the Essential Level program requirements will be December 31, 2004. The dates for achieving the subsequent phases of the emergency management program remain unchanged. The Enhanced Level deadline is still set for December 31, 2005.

4.      **General Manager's Report**

**Recommendation**

That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion**

1.      **Correspondence**

- a)      Item #10-2-03 dated August 13, 2003 from North Algona Wilberforce Township regarding the Nutrient Management Program and requesting that the County of Lambton forward a copy of a resolution in support of the North Algona Wilberforce Township resolution to their office and to the Ministers of Agriculture and Food, The Honourable Helen Johns M.P.P. and The Honourable Lyle Vanclief, M.P.

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion** (continued)

The resolution requests Ontario Agriculture Minister Helen Johns to immediately suspend the requirements of the Nutrient Management Act. It further requests that the contracts for all supervisors, and training courses for all inspectors also be suspended to reduce expenses that farmers are required to support.

Recommendation

That correspondence item #10-2-03 be received and filed.

- b) Item #10-14-03 dated August 5, 2003 from the Town of Gravenhurst requesting support from the County of Lambton for a resolution in regard to Group Homes.

Recommendation

That correspondence item #10-14-03 be received and filed.

- c) Item #10-16-03 dated July 22, 2003 from Community Awareness Emergency Response (CAER) in regard to the use of sirens in conjunction with commercial radio stations to alert the public in the event of severe weather or industrial emergencies. They are recommending that, where new development proposals (i.e. plans of subdivision or condominium) extend beyond the existing siren coverage areas, that the committee consider requiring developers to contribute toward the cost of extending the early warning siren system.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the County support the CAER letter and that where new development proposals (plans of subdivision or condominium) extend beyond the existing siren coverage areas, that the County require developers to contribute toward the cost of extending the early warning siren system; and further,

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Township of St. Clair.

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion** (continued)

- d) Item #10-18-03 dated August 11, 2003 from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) regarding two Regulations filed by the Provincial government under Bill 124, the Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act, 2002, noting that key municipal concerns have not been addressed.

The new regulatory framework will include:

- Restrictions on building permit fees (it is anticipated that as a result, property taxes may have to increase in some high growth communities);
- Mandatory qualifications/testing for building officials, designers and Registered Code Agencies (RCAs) – builders were exempted from this legislation;
- Standard building permit application forms;
- Statutory timeframes for building permit decisions;
- Mandatory inspections at various stages of construction;
- The ability for municipalities to appoint insured and provincially registered RCAs to do plan review and building inspections (in some cases municipalities can allow applicants to appoint RCAs); and
- Expedited OMB hearings for Site Plan Control disputes.

**Recommendation**

That correspondence item # 10-18-03 be received and filed.

**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES/**  
**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**September 17, 2003**

A meeting was held at the County Building at 1:00 p.m. on the above date.

Present: Vice-Chair D. McGugan, Warden Todd Case. Members: A. Khan, R. Brown, A. Pole and A. Syer. Ms. C. Clarke and Ms. S. Murray attended for Libraries, Museums and Gallery Lambton matters. Also Ms. C. Thayer, General Manager, Community Services; Ms. L. Ross, Solicitor/Clerk, General Manager, Corporate Services and Mr. R. G. Van Horne, C.A.O.  
Absent: C. Ivey, R. O'Hara and W. Petryschuk.

**LIBRARIES**

Part A, Item 1 – Tabled Motion #3 of the Community Services/Information Technology Committee Minutes, dated August 13, 2003, Regarding the Bookmobile

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- (A) #1: Brown/Khan: That we lift from the table motion #3 of the Community Services/Information Technology Committee minutes dated August 13, 2003; and further,

That the Bookmobile continue to operate in the City of Sarnia and that the local Municipalities be surveyed to see if there is the need for such a service in the rural areas. Carried.

Part B, Item 4 – General Manager's Report

- (A) #2: Case/Brown: That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted  
(F) as presented. Carried.

Part C, Item 1 a) – Correspondence 10-15-03

- (A) #3: Syer/Pole: That a letter be sent accepting the proposal from Chris Thompson, Chair of The Partnership Committee in Grand Bend and indicating that the Warden would be pleased to say a few words on behalf of the County. Carried.

Part C, Item 2 – Library and Lambton Room Donations

- (A) #4: Murray/Khan: That the Library and Lambton Room donations be gratefully accepted and  
(F) that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's Recognition Policy. Carried.

Part C, Item 3 – Wyoming Branch Renovation

- (A) #5: Syer/Clarke: That the capital funds of \$16,607.00, budgeted for the Wyoming Library  
(F) renovation, be placed in reserve for use next year. Carried.

**MUSEUMS**

Part B, Item 4 – General Manager’s Report

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

Part C, Item 2 – Collections Management

- (A) #7: Brown/Clarke: That the donations be gratefully accepted and that thank you letters be sent  
(F) in accordance with the County’s Recognition Policy. Carried.

**GALLERY LAMBTON**

Part B, Item 4 – General Manager’s Report

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

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Part B, Item 4 – Corporate Manager’s Report

- (A) #9: Pole/Brown: That the General Manager’s Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted  
(F) as presented. Carried.

**HOUSING SERVICES**

Part B, Item 4 – General Manager’s Report

- (A) #10: Case/Syer: That the General Manager’s Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted  
(F) as presented. Carried.

**SENIOR SERVICES**

Part B, Item 4 – General Manager’s Report

- (A) #11: Syer/Pole: That the General Manager’s Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted  
(F) as presented. Carried.

Part C, Item 2 – Donations – Lambton Meadowview Villa and Marshall Gowland Manor

- (A) #12: Brown/Pole: That the donations be gratefully accepted and that thank you letters be sent in  
(F) accordance with the County’s Recognition Policy. Carried.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Part A, Item 1 – 24 Hour Coverage

- (A) #13: Khan/Case: That staff be authorized to start hiring the additional paramedics required for  
(F) 24 hour coverage. Carried.  
(W)

Part B, Item 4 – General Manager’s Report

- (A) #14: Pole/Brown: That the General Manager’s Report as set out in Part A and Part B be  
(F) accepted as presented. Carried.

In-Camera

#15: Pole/Case: That the Vice-Chair declare that the Committee go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning a proposed disposition of land and a personal matter about an identifiable individual. Carried.

#16: (Motion dealt with in the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated October 1, 2003.)

#17: (Motion dealt with in the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated October 1, 2003.)

Open Meeting

The Vice-Chair declared that the Committee go back into open meeting.

Adjournment

The Vice-Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 2:25 p.m.

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Don McGugan  
Vice-Chair

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Ronald G. Van Horne  
Secretary



**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

Technical Services Manager – Krystyna Stalmach;  
Branch Services Manager – Carol Gardiner;  
Public Services Manager – Susie Beynon.

In addition, Maureen McKay retired as of August 30<sup>th</sup> with more than 25 years experience with the Lambton Library System.

4.      General Manager's Report

Recommendation

That the General Manager's report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion**

1.      Correspondence

- a)      Item #10-15-03. A letter from Chris Thompson, Chair of The Partnership Committee in Grand Bend proposing a preview party at the new Grand Bend Public Library and Cultural & Recreational Centre, and inviting representatives of the County of Lambton to attend.

Recommendation

That a letter be sent accepting their proposal and indicating that the Warden would be pleased to say a few words on behalf of the County.

2.      Donations

Library Donations

- i)      2 copies of Ipperwash Beach by John E. Smith, one for Thedford Branch and one for Port Franks Branch.
- ii)     Panasonic Fax Machine from Don Freeman, Petrolia ON for Petrolia Branch.
- iii)    Over \$1000 worth of books and audio visual material from Lambton Heart Health Committee.
- iv)     \$10 from Brian Fowler, Wyoming for reference materials.

**PART C      Other Matters Requiring a Motion (continued)**

- v) \$25 from the Wyoming Branch, Toronto Dominion Bank for children's programs at Wyoming Branch.
- vi) \$19 from Mallroad Branch's donation box.

Sale of Used Books: \$359.24

Lambton Room Donations

- i) 1922-1930 House of Commons Speeches given by B.W. Fansher (East Lambton) and W.R. Fansher (born in Lambton), donated by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Fansher, Chatham, ON.
- ii) Ravenswood Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History (3 binders), donated by Betty Anderson, Thedford, ON.
- iii) Door to Door: Concerned Citizens Cancer Survey (3 copies), donated by Ralph Ferguson, Brooke Township, ON.
- iv) Alvinston...The First Century 1880-1980, Memories of Fred Stanley Walden, The Clans and Tartans of Scotland, Ghost Towns of Ontario, Volume 1, A History of the Independent Telephone Industry in Ontario (includes information on Brooke Municipal Telephone and People's Telephone), donated by Hector McNeil, Brooke Township, ON.
- v) Tales, Trials, Triumphs through Five Generations of "Ardare" McKellars on L24, C14 Metcalfe Township between 1838-2002, donated by Cecil Maddock, Brooke Township, ON.
- vi) Faded Footprints in Ontario: Babcock, James, McDougall, Rogers, Spaulding and Zufelt Families, donated by Cindy Klemm, Clinton Township, Michigan.
- vii) Building the Tunnel: The New St. Clair Tunnel (video) and Bluewater Bridge: The Second Span (video), donated by Carol Leckie, Petrolia, ON.
- viii) The Egremont Road: Historic Route from Lobo to Lake Huron (2 copies) donated by Egon Nielsen, Forest, ON.
- ix) 5 Unidentified Lambton Photos including one by photographer Louis Buxton of Petrolia, donated by Sandra Vandeborn, Chatham, ON.
- x) First Season-First Concert Program of the International Symphony Orchestra of Sarnia and Port Huron, donated by Doris Kretschmann, Bright's Grove, ON.
- xi) County of Lambton Minutes, Reports and Bylaws (1972; 1973; 1974), Record of Gifts Presented to Twilight Haven 1956-1966, House of Refuge, Sarnia Visitors' Register 1922-1954, Medical Superintendent Record Book 1910-1925, and House of Refuge Committee Minutes 1914-1957 (3 books), donated by Lambton Meadowview Villa, Petrolia, ON.

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion (continued)**

- xii) Sarnia Figure Skating Club 1953 Ice Follies Souvenir Program and Inwood Women's Institute newspaper clippings about Brooke Township, donated by Kathleen Lochner, Inwood, ON.
- xiii) St. Clair Parkway Commission Annual Reports (1960; 1967; 1970) and A Proposal for a Comprehensive Planning Study and Report on the Proposed St. Clair Parkway (1965), donated by Eldon Lehrbrass, Inwood, ON.

Recommendation

That these donations be gratefully accepted and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's recognition policy.

3. Wyoming Branch Renovation

Plympton-Wyoming received no bids from contractors to carry out the renovation of the Wyoming Library. They have decided to ask for bids again in the fall when contractors are not so busy. The target completion date would be March 2004. Since renovations will not happen this fall, the budgeted funds for this project will not be spent this year.

Recommendation

That the capital funds of \$16,607, budgeted for the Wyoming Library renovation, be placed in reserve for use next year.

**Additional Items Attached for Information Purposes Only**

Adult Programs – September

Children's Programs – September



**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

c)      Exhibitions

The Welcome Garden at the Lambton Heritage Museum is being reconfigured to represent a relief outline of Lambton County showing the shoreline, riverfront, political boundaries and chief features and attractions. This garden will incorporate large bedrock fossil conglomerate boulders previously housed indoors, and features welded sculptures representing the Bluewater Bridge, an oil derrick, and other key features produced by volunteer welder Terry Atkin.

d)      Special Events

Canadians in the Civil War, Enactment Camp, Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup>:

An exploration through costumed interpreters of the role played by some 50,000 Canadians who registered to fight on the Union side of the American Civil War.

Volunteer Appreciation Day, September 16, 2003, 6 to 9 PM:

The museum presents certificates and thanks at our annual wine & cheese event to acknowledge the support of our 200 active community volunteers. Our volunteers are particularly crucial to the success of our key fundraising and interpretive events, such as the Haunted Halloween Tours and the Lambton Fall Colour Craftsale.

Canadian Drill Rig Restoration:

Staff has experienced considerable difficulty in locating a framer skilled in the fitting of heavy beams, to repair the Drill Rig where the main beam has weathered where it is (properly) exposed to the elements. Staff is delighted to have obtained a donation of technical support from Union Gas to undertake this restoration work with their skilled workers, and the work will soon proceed at no cost to the County.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

4.      General Manager's Report

Recommendation

That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion**

1.      Correspondence

None at this time.

2.      Collections Management:

Lambton Heritage Museum

**Artifacts Recommended for Acceptance:**

- i)      Barn raising photo, Thomas Crawford farm, Bosanquet 1903; Frank Wight, Thedford.
- ii)     Lambton County Centennial Button; Janet Cobban, Windsor.
- iii)    Lambton 149<sup>th</sup> Reg't CEF Christmas Card, 1916, photo of Lieut. John White; Brian Reed, Pt. Elgin.
- iv)     Memorabilia from Lakeview Casino, 1919, Grand Bend: cast canteen stool, swimmer's basket by Forest Basket Co., main stage microphone used by Louis Armstrong; Peter & Ester Warner, Grand Bend.
- v)      New Perfection Oil Stove Co. of Sarnia cookbook; Sombra Museum.
- vi)     Portrait of Brigden girl in dress, 1920's, accessories; Ed Reeves, Arlington VA.
- vii)    1940's Muncey Reserve loom (refer to Heritage Sarnia-Lambton museums); Marie Strapp, Grand Bend.
- viii)   9 Lakeview Casino dance floor stanchions; Keith Kerfoot, Aberfoyle.

**Artifacts Recommended for Refusal:**

- i)      Oxen yoke bows; Marjorie Damon, Exeter.
- ii)     Full 6 foot loom; Mr. St. Amand. (refer to Heritage Sarnia-Lambton museums)

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion (continued)**

- iii) 1930's hitching post; Terry Atkin, Grand Bend.
- iv) Bedrock fossil rock; Anne Dannecker, Poplar Beach.
- v) Porch swing; Tom Capstick, Ipperwash Beach.
- vi) 1966 coin collection, primers; Jane Kenzie, Exeter.
- vii) IHC Hay lifter, rotten; John Chumko, Sarnia.

Oil Museum of Canada

**Artifacts Recommended for Acceptance:**

- i) Booklet about foreign driller Ross Dyke; Doris Coupland, London, ON
- ii) Book for Morse Code; Phil Morningstar, Oil Springs, ON
- iii) 4 Railroad lanterns; Doug Kelso, Welland, ON
- iv) Sewing booklet, Child's type set; Neil Miner, Petrolia, ON
- v) Model of Oil Tank Wagon (half scale); Jim Kershaw, Sarnia, ON
- vi) 3 photos of foreign driller; Arthur Lather Jim & Glenda Eberle, Blenheim, ON
- vii) Sand pumpcup (oil tool); Phil Morningstar, Oil Springs, ON.

Recommendation

That these donations be gratefully accepted and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's recognition policy

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

September 17, 2003

**GALLERY LAMBTON**

**PART A**      **Follow Up from Previous Month(s)**

No matters at this time.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities**

1.      Accounts

Total for the month of August: \$7,379.18  
A listing of the accounts will be available at the meeting.

2.      Accounts Verification

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| i)   | Are there any items significantly over budget?             | No  |
| ii)  | Are there any items significantly under budget?            | No  |
| iii) | Are there any items that were not in the budget?           | No  |
| iv)  | Were all items purchased in accordance with County policy? | Yes |

3.      Items of Committee Interest

a)      Bus Trips

A bus trip to London, Ontario is scheduled on Saturday, September 13, 2003 to visit Eldon House, Idlewyld Inn and the London Club. Thus far, 40 of 45 have registered.

b)      Fall Art Classes for Children

Four art classes are being offered to children 6 to 8, and 9 to 13. In addition, four sessions of Creative Wigglers will be offered.

c)      Current Exhibitions

*Tony Calzetta: War Stories for Children and Art Stories for Adults*, September 6 to October 11, 2003 (Main Gallery). Originated and circulated by the Thames Art Gallery in Chatham, this exhibition features paintings and sculptures by Toronto artist Tony Calzetta.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

Large colourful enigmatic paintings are accompanied by lengthy, often humorous, titles that involve the viewer in a friendly, engaging manner.

*3x4 Miniature Exhibition and Art Draw*, September 6 to October 2, 2003 (Sadie A. Knowles Gallery). This is the third exhibition whereby artists have donated small works of art to Gallery Lambton as a fundraiser. These works, featuring local and regional artists in a wide range of media and aesthetic concerns, will be displayed for four weeks. Tickets may be purchased for the draw that will take place at the conclusion of the exhibition. A cocktail party and draw will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2003 between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Each ticket allows participants to choose one work of art. All money raised will go towards Gallery Lambton's programs.

d) Upcoming Exhibitions

Lyn Westfall: The Requiem Series, October 18 to November 22, 2003 (Main Gallery). This exhibition by Caledon artists (formerly of Sarnia), is a series of abstract paintings and collages that is based on the Requiem Mass by French composer Gabriel Fauré. This is a good example of the mix between visual art and music. On October 18<sup>th</sup>, the artist will present a walking tour at 3:00 p.m. and this will be followed by a performance of Fauré's beautiful music, performed by Sarnia's Clarion Symphony and Chorus in the Gallery, under the direction of Henry Janzen. This music is 35 minutes in length for orchestra, choir and two soloists.

Entrances and Exits: The Civilizations of Turkey, October 11 to November 5, 2003 (Sadie Knowles Gallery). This exhibition will feature watercolours of well known Sarnia artist Jane Hunter, who was inspired by a trip that she made to Turkey in the spring of 2001. She was fascinated by the great wealth and variety of art and architecture from so many different civilizations scattered throughout that beautiful and captivating country. An opening reception will be held on Friday, October 10, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. and she will present a walking tour on Saturday, October 25, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.

e) Loans from the Permanent Collection

Gallery Lambton's Tom Thompson, Chill November, which is an important part of the traveling exhibition organized both by the National Gallery of Canada and the Art Gallery of Ontario, is due to be at the Winnipeg Art Gallery from September 29 to December 7, 2003. The Winnipeg venue is an extension of this tour.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

f)      Statistics

4.      General Manager's Report

Recommendation

That the General Manager's report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion**

1.      Correspondence

None at this time.

2.      Donations

None at this time.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
**CORPORATE MANAGER'S REPORT**

September 17th, 2003

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**PART A**      **Follow-up from Previous Month/Meeting(s)**

None.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities**

1.      Accounts

A listing of accounts will be available at the meeting.

Total for the month of August \$45,886.47

2.      Accounts Verification

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| v)    | Are there any items significantly over Budget?         | No  |
| vi)   | Are there any items significantly under Budget?        | No  |
| vii)  | Are there any items that were not in the Budget?       | No  |
| viii) | Were items purchased in accordance with County Policy? | Yes |

3.      Items of Committee Interest

a)      Financial Information System

Payroll and HR staff are continuing to enter payroll related information. Discussions are continuing to plan for specific dates for task completion. Vadim, HR and IT staff are currently defining priority needs for enhanced HR system functionality. The HR manager and a system analyst will also be attending the Vadim Annual Users Group meeting in BC in October 7th to the 9<sup>th</sup>.

b)      County Wide Area Network (WAN)

All sites are now using the County Wide Area Network (WAN). There are some ongoing adjustments still being made to the network. IT is currently exploring options to improve connectivity to four sites (Lambton Heritage Museum, Community Health Services Satellite Office in Forest, Forest Library and NLRH).

**PART B Monthly Activities (continued)**

c) Process Technology Reviews

The Accounts/Payable report completed by Vadim is still under consideration by Finance.

d) Lambton Shared Services Centre (LSSC) and Health Unit

Ontario Works staff was greatly affected by the recent power blackout and the affect of the blaster worm virus on the Government of Ontario Network (GoNet) which prevented staff from accessing Ministry applications (SDMT). Information Technology is reviewing current procedures and is working with the SDMT helpdesk to identify issues and procedures to improve disaster recovery planning and response.

e) CLEAR, Geo-smart, BRAND, COBRA Fund Applications

The County of Lambton Economic and Agricultural Revitalization (CLEAR) funding application is still under review.

The County submitted an application to the Connect Ontario Broadband and Rural Access (COBRA) Provincial program. This program promotes public institution's access to Broadband services. The Ministry asked the County to work with Chatham-Kent to "fast track" the development of the business plan directly and not to apply for funding of the business plan preparation itself, as the Ministry had previously requested.

The County has received funding (\$17,958) for the Broadband for Rural and Northern Development pilot program (BRAND) application to the Ministry of Industry. This program promotes general public access to Broadband services. Two community meetings were held to solicit public input into the process. Both Watford and Mooretown were selected due to the under availability of high speed internet access in those communities and the surrounding areas. Both meetings were successful and excellent feedback was provided by the public.

f) Library Services

A number of refurbished computers have been deployed to the Sarnia Library for public use. These computers have replaced older equipment and have been setup to allow for carefree maintenance by library staff.

**PART B Monthly Activities (continued)**

g) Miscellaneous Items

The County website (Lambtononline.ca) Intranet (for internal County staff access only) is now being developed by the Web development team members in association with MIAD Systems.

The GPS units are in use by the GPS team with large areas being completed (i.e. Wyoming, Forest, parts of Sarnia). The EAB team has progressed well with the initial public communication/promotion phase. The Ash tree location identification and review phase is underway.

4. Corporate Manager's Report

Recommendation

That the Corporate Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C Other Matters Requiring a Motion**

None.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

September 17, 2003

**HOUSING SERVICES**

**PART A**      **Follow Up from Previous Month(s)**

1.      Alternative Housing Program

The Inn of the Good Shepherd Housing Program opened as scheduled August 1, 2003.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities**

1.      Accounts

Total for the month of August: \$472,456.34  
A listing of the accounts will be available at the meeting.

2.      Accounts Verification

- i)      Are there any items significantly over budget? No
- ii)     Are there any items significantly under budget? No
- iii)    Are there any items that were not in the budget? No
- iv)    Were all items purchased in accordance with County policy? Yes

3.      Items of Committee Interest

a)      Statistics

August, 2003

b)      Fire Damages

A fire occurred in one of the units in Sarnia on September 1, 2003. The cause was a fan left running and the tenant was not at home. Cost of repairs totaled \$7,395.00 plus GST. The tenant will be charged for the repairs as per Policy 2.4.

**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

c)      Housing Provider Pro Forma Agreements

According to the Social Housing Reform Act the determination of ongoing eligibility and the amount of geared-to-income rent payable are the responsibility of the Service Manager.

Since transfer, October 1, 2001, these responsibilities have been delegated to each Housing Provider under a Pro Forma Agreement. These agreements expire September 30, 2003. All have been renewed except one. The Housing Services Department will determine ongoing eligibility, calculate the amount of geared-to-income rent payable by the tenant and issue monthly payments to the one exception for the rent supplement amount. These are the same procedures followed for the Commercial and Homelessness Rent Supplement Programs.

4.      General Manager's Report

Recommendation

That the General Manager's report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion**

No matters at this time.



**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

In order to resolve the Ministry's concerns and stay within our approved staff compliment and approved budget, a new position of Environmental Supervisor was created (one for all three Homes) and a "lead hand" position was eliminated along with some staffing hours in each Home.

4.      General Manager's Report

Recommendation

That the General Manager's report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion**

4.      Correspondence

No matters at this time.

5.      Donations

The following memorial donations have been received:

|                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Lambton Meadowview Villa | - donations totalling \$20.00; |
| Marshall Gowland Manor   | - donations totalling \$75.00. |

Recommendation

That these donations be gratefully accepted and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's recognition policy.



**PART B**      **Monthly Activities (continued)**

3.      Items of Committee Interest

- a)      Statistics – See attached
- b)      Construction is moving along well at the new Sarnia Ambulance station and there are currently no anticipated delays.
- c)      Lambton EMS provided ambulance coverage to the Tall Ships event in Sarnia and Point Edward. We are glad to report that no serious calls were received during the event. An invoice will be issued to Stokley Entertainment for services rendered.
- d)      EMS department experienced only minor issues with the recent power interruption, mainly due to paging and radio problems. Staff was requested to remain on-duty at the stations until the power was restored. There was also an additional unit staffed from the Sarnia station for potential call volumes. Staff is analyzing the additional costs in order to determine whether to file a claim with the Province for reimbursement.
- e)      Final round meetings are currently being scheduled with all stakeholders for the newly passed Deployment strategy. The strategy is to be implemented on November 01, 2003.
- f)      Simcoe County has opted to run its ambulance service as a municipal entity. In a surprise vote by Council they have not renewed their contract with Health Trust and decided to run their service in-house.

4.      General Manager's Report

Recommendation

That the General Manager's report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C**      **Other Matters Requiring a Motion**

None at this time.