

MINUTES

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Infrastructure & Development/Social & Health
Services Committee"

on
Wednesday May 18, 2005 09:00 AM
Committee Room #1
Chair: Joseph Dedecker

Orders of the Day:

SERVICES

DEVELOPMENT/BUILDING

DELEGATIONS

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

PLANNING &

SERVICES

SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

DELEGATIONS

Representatives from Bluewater Health were present to bring the Committee up to date on their peer review and the fiscal challenges faced by them.

Representatives from South Winds Development were present at the meeting to speak in support of their application for the Official Plan Amendment for the Municipality of Lambton Shores.

Mr. Leo Ducharme spoke to the Committee in support of the application for an Official Plan Amendment for the Municipality of Lambton Shores.

Neighbours from the existing development, spoke to the Committee in support of the application for an Official Plan Amendment for the Municipality of Lambton Shores.

Planning and Development Services staff for the County of Lambton, spoke against the application for the Official Plan Amendment for the Municipality of Lambton Shores.

#1: Ivey/Foubister: That the application be approved as requested and further, that the developer be required to connect to the sanitary sewer system as soon as it becomes available.

Carried.

#2: Kirkland/Bilton: That the applicants be invited to attend County Council on June 1st, 2005 to discuss their proposal with the full Council present; and,

That in the future, all such applications be brought directly to County Council for consideration.

Carried.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT/BUILDING SERVICES

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#3: Ivey/Bilton: That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Part C. Item 2 - Hydro Corridor Secondary Use Project

#4: Ivey/Foubister: That the County of Lambton's submission under the Hydro Corridors Secondary Use Project, be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs by the June 1, 2005 deadline.

Carried.

Part C. Item 3 - Official Plan Amendment #7 - Municipality of Lambton Shores

See motions #1 and #2 of this day's minutes.

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES SERVICES

Part B. Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#5: Foubister/Ivey: That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Part C. Item 1 - Correspondence 6-3-05

#6: Kirkland/Davidson: That no action be taken on the request from the Township of St. Clair with respect to e-waste until such time as Waste Diversion Ontario develops a diversion program in accordance with the designation made by the Minister of the Environment utilizing the powers contained in the Waste Diversion Act.

Carried.

Part C. Item 2 - Land Transfer

#7: Bilton/Burns: That the County of Lambton transfer Part 2 of Reference Plan 25R-8956 (located at the intersection of Northville and Ravenswood roads) to the Municipality of Lambton Shores; and further,

That Lambton Shores assumes all costs related to the transaction and in return the County will not charge for the land itself.

Carried.

Part C. Item 3 - Petrolia Landfill Site Access Roads

#8: Foubister/Kirkland: That no action be taken on the request of the Citizen's Liaison Committee (Petrolia Landfill) to change the outbound access route (County Roads #4 and #8) for large waste trucks to Oil Heritage Road (County Road #21).

Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Part B. Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#9: Bilton/Ivey: That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

Carried.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#10: Burns/Ivey: That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Part C, Item 1 a) - Correspondence 6-10-05

#11: Ivey/Burns: That correspondence 6-10-05 be received and filed.

Carried.

Part C, Item 1 b) and c) - Correspondence 6-15-05 and 6-16-05

#12: Ivey/Davidson: That correspondence 6-15-05 and 6-16-05 be noted and filed.

Carried.

IN-CAMERA

#13: Davidson/Burns: That the Chair declare that the Committee go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning the acquisition/disposition of property by the Municipality.

Carried.

#14: (Motion dealt with in the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated June 1, 2005.)

OPEN MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Time 11:00 a.m.

Joseph Dedecker
Chair

Ronald G. Van Horne
Secretary

AGENDA

County of Lambton

Meeting for the Committee "Public Works/Facilities Services - General Manager's Report"

on

Wednesday May 18, 2005 09:00 AM

Committee Room #1

Chair: Jim Kutyba

Orders of the Day:

PART A - Follow-up from Previous

Month(s)

PART B - Monthly Activities

PART C - Other Matters Requiring a

Motion

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

1. PART A Follow-up from Previous Month(s)

None at this time.

PART B - Monthly Activities

1. PART B Monthly Activities

1. Accounts and Verification

Totals for the month of April 2005:

Roads	\$ 412,168.26
Waste Management	\$ 140,782.42
Facilities Services	\$ 18,565.84

A listing of accounts will be available at the meeting.

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

Totals for the month of April 2004:

Roads	\$ 174,192.87
Waste Management	\$ 184,573.40
Facilities Services	\$ 18,045.65

2. Revenue and Verification

Revenues received during the month of April 2005:

Roads	\$ 65,172.00
Waste Management	\$ 33,061.00
Facilities Services	\$ 257.00
i) Were any receipts not included in the current year's budget?	No
ii) Were any receipts significantly less than budgeted?	No
iii) Were any receipts significantly more than budgeted?	No

Revenues received during the month of April 2004:

Roads	\$ 91,119.00
Waste Management	\$ 33,639.00
Facilities Services	\$ 0

3. Items of Committee Interest

a) Sarnia Airport Pool

Market Hub Partners are proposing the development of an underground natural gas storage reservoir that lies in the vicinity of the Sarnia Airport. The storage pool would be connected by pipeline (~12") to an existing Union Gas (Duke Energy) facility on C.R. #26 (Mandaumin Road) north of LaSalle Line. The assessment and planning for the project had been initiated a few years ago by Canerco who have since gone out of business. A majority of the proposed pipeline installation is on local municipal roads but there is a desire to use some County roads (Churchill and Mandaumin). A franchise agreement is being developed to reflect the use of County roads as well as the royalty payable for this right. Committee will need to review and approve the agreement at some time in the near future.

b) COMRIF Funding - Intake One

Staff memo dated May 3, 2005 is attached regarding the results of Intake One.

c) Facilities Services Coordinator

The April report from G. Leenhouts, Facilities Services Coordinator, is attached.

d) 2005 TAC Conference

The 2005 annual conference & exhibition will be held in downtown Calgary at the TELUS Convention Centre on September 18 through to September 21, 2005. The theme is "Transportation - Investing in our Future". Those interested in attending please contact Jim Kutyba as soon as possible so arrangements can be made for hotels, flights, etc.

e) Adopt a Road

Roadside clean-ups on the following County roads were completed in April:

Ladyluck Riders Motorcycle Club

- CR #26 (Mandaumin Road) - from London Line (CR #22) to Lakeshore (CR #7).

Cassia Lodge Thedford 116

- CR #6 (Thomson Line) - from Arkona Road (CR #79) to the Lambton-Middlesex boundary.

Wyoming Lions Club

- CR #21(Oil Heritage Road/Broadway Street) - from Hwy. #402 to LaSalle Line.

Watford Rotary Club

- CR #79 (Nauvoo Road) - from the south limits of Watford to LaSalle Line.

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. PART C Correspondence

1. Correspondence

6-3-05 Letter dated April 5, 2005 from the Township of St. Clair requesting that County Council consider a site for disposal of e-waste ie: computer equipment. Please see attached staff report dated May 6, 2005.

Recommendation

That no action be taken on the request from the Township of St. Clair with respect to e-waste until such time as Waste Diversion Ontario develops a diversion program in accordance with the designation made by the Minister of the Environment utilizing the powers contained in the Waste Diversion Act.

2. PART C Land Transfer

2. Land Transfer

A letter dated April 29, 2005 from The Municipality of Lambton Shores regarding the property aquisition at the intersection of Northville and Ravenswood Roads. As a follow-up to an earlier Committee direction to work with Lambton Shores staff on their need for a parcel of County road allowance at the above intersection, agreement has been reached. The County has agreed to transfer Part 2 (approx. 0.45 ha) shown on Reference Plan 25R-8956 to Lambton Shores. Lambton Shores will assume all costs related to the transaction and in return the County will not charge for the land itself.

Recommendation

That the County of Lambton transfer Part 2 of Reference Plan 25R-8956 (located at the intersection of Northville and Ravenswood Roads) to the Municipality of Lambton Shores; and further

That Lambton Shores assumes all costs related to the transaction and in return the County will not charge for the land itself.

3. PART C Petrolia Landfill Site Access Roads -

Staff memo dated May 6, 2005 is attached regarding County access roads to the Petrolia Landfill Site. Also attached is a letter from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding a motion approved at their regular council meeting dated April 27, 2005.

Recommendation

That no action be taken on the request of the Citizen's Liaison Committee (Petrolia Landfill) to change the outbound access route (County Road#4 & #8) for large waste trucks to County Road #21 (Oil Heritage Road).

AGENDA

County of Lambton

Meeting for the Committee "Planning & Development/Building Services - General
Manager's Report"

on

Wednesday May 18, 2005 09:00 AM

Committee Room #1

Chair: Jim Kutya

Orders of the Day:

Delegations

Month(s)

PART A - Follow-up from Previous

PART B - Monthly Activities

PART C - Other Matters Requiring a

Motion

Delegations

1. Delegation Graham

Bill Graham, President of South Winds Development, and Peter Hill will be speaking to Committee regarding the application for the Official Plan Amendment for the Municipality of Lambton Shores.

2. Delegation Ducharme

Leo Ducharme will be speaking to the Committee regarding the application for the Official Plan Amendment for the Municipality of Lambton Shores.

3. Delegation Minielly

John Minielly will be speaking to the Committee regarding the application for the Official Plan Amendment for the Municipality of Lambton Shores.

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

1. PART A Follow-up from Previous Month(s)

None at this time.

PART B - Monthly Activities

1. PART B Monthly Activities

1. Accounts and Verification

Totals for the month of April 2005:

Planning & Development

\$ 3,192.13

Emergency Services	\$ 209.68
Building Services	\$ 10,258.62

A listing of accounts will be available at the meeting.

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

Totals for the month of April 2004:

Planning & Development	\$ 1,535.13
Emergency Services	\$ 0
Building Services	\$ 7,755.98

2. Revenue and Verification

Revenues received during the month of April 2005:

Planning & Development	\$ 4,800.00
Emergency Services	\$ 0
Building Services	\$ 22,661.00

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| i) Were any receipts not included in the current year's budget? | No |
| ii) Were any receipts significantly less than budgeted? | No |
| iii) Were any receipts significantly more than budgeted? | No |

Revenues received during the month of April 2004:

Planning & Development	\$7,018.00
Emergency Services	\$ 0
Building Services	\$ 18,014.00

3. Items of Committee Interest

a) Work in Progress

Township of Brooke-Alvinston Official Plan and Zoning By-law

Passage of the Brooke-Alvinston Official Plan Amendment to allow surplus dwelling severances as well as the Housekeeping Zoning By-law Amendment have been deferred again. Council seeks further clarity on some minor issues. Bob Alderman (Clerk) is arranging a special meeting. Will Nywening, Planner, is to attend to discuss any outstanding issues and questions.

Township of Enniskillen Comprehensive Zoning By-law

The Enniskillen Zoning By-law is in progress. Enniskillen has identified specific policy needs that have to be addressed as well as some old policies (dating back to 1984) that are in serious need of updating. There are still some preliminary issues that the planner would like to address directly to Council in the very near future.

Village of Point Edward Official Plan

Meetings with the Village of Point Edward Council and staff, Planning staff and major landowners are being held with the hope of finalizing the Official Plan for public circulation.

Town of Plympton-Wyoming Comprehensive Zoning By-law

A by-law was passed applying the same rules applicable in other areas of the lakeshore to the Shoreline Management Plan portion of the Blue Point Subdivision. Previously, this part of the municipality had been in a special zone that had similar regulations to the previous zoning by-law. This by-law was appealed. The meeting date was scheduled for May 12-13th, but the applicant submitted a letter withdrawing their appeal. We are waiting for the Board to acknowledge this.

The one outstanding appeal on the new comprehensive by-law relates to the Open Space 3(1) Zone applying to Sawmill Creek. The Town, County and property owner have come to an agreement regarding the necessary revisions, however the OMB is apparently having difficulty contacting the appellants to get their confirmation of this. A hearing date is being scheduled which will hopefully bring the necessary parties together or prompt the appellants to make the necessary contact with the Board.

Village of Oil Springs Official Plan

The Final Adoption of the plan will occur after the March 1, 2005 Provincial Policy Statement update and as such falls under the new rules. This in turn will affect some of the wording of the document.

b) Official Plan Amendment # 8 to the Municipality of Lambton Shores Official Plan

Official Plan Amendment # 8 was adopted by The Municipality of Lambton Shores Council on April 4, 2005 by By-law 17 of 2005. OPA # 8 was received by the County on April 14, 2005 and approved on May 3, 2005.

The purpose of Amendment # 8 is to change the land use designation of the lands shown on Schedule "A" from "Industrial" to "Highway Commercial" ; comprise an area of approximately 5.5 hectares and are described as Part of Lots 36 and 37, South Boundary Concession, Geographic Township of Bosanquet, located on the west side of Highway 21, south of Enterprise Drive in Forest. This amendment will increase the amount of commercial land available in Forest, the supply of which is identified as being quite low.

A concurrent Zoning By-law Amendment has been approved by Lambton Shore Council to change the zoning on the lands from "Industrial – 1 (M1) Zone" to a special "Commercial- 2 (C2) Zone" which would permit several C2 uses.

c) Emergency Management Coordinator

An activity report for the month of April 2005 from Mark Wetering, Emergency Management Coordinator, is attached.

d) Lambton County Community Emergency Management Coordinators Meeting

Minutes of Tuesday, April 5, 2005 are attached.

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. Other Matters Requiring a Motion

Hydro Corridor Secondary Use Project

A draft of the County's submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs under the Hydro Corridors Secondary Use Project is attached for the Committee's information and review. So far the Townships of Brooke-Alvinston and St. Clair have submitted specific projects for inclusion and the City of Sarnia has asked that it be able to retain its options in future without submitting specific projects. The Manager of Planning and Development is meeting with Enniskillen Council on May 15. A motion of support from County Council is to accompany the submission to the Ministry.

Recommendation

That the County of Lambton's submission under the Hydro Corridors Secondary Use Project be approved, and submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs by the June 1, 2005 deadline.

3. Other Matters Requiring a Motion

Official Plan Amendment # 7 - Lambton Shores

A report from Dave Posliff, Manager of Planning & Development Services Department, is attached to amendment # 7 of the Official Plan of Lambton Shores.

Recommendation

That the Official Plan Amendment # 7 from the Municipality of Lambton Shores be refused.

AGENDA

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Social Services - General Manager's Report"
on
Wednesday May 18, 2005 09:00 AM
Committee Room #1
Chair: Ken Dick

Orders of the Day:
Month(s)

PART A - Follow-up from Previous

PART B - Monthly Activities

PART C - Other Matters Requiring a

Motion

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

1. No matters to report at this time.

PART B - Monthly Activities

1. Accounts and Verification

Total for the month of April, 2005 \$1,677,586.17

Total for the month of April, 2004 \$1,593,597.96

A listing of the accounts will be available at the meeting.

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

2. Revenue and Verification

Revenues received during the month of April, 2005 \$1,033,503.00

Revenues received during the month of April, 2004 \$707,932.00

- i) Were any receipts not included in the current year's budget? No
- ii) Were any receipts significantly less than budgeted? No
- iii) Were any receipts significantly more than budgeted? No

3. Items of Committee Interest

a) Social Services Department – Statistical Report

The attached Ontario Works statistical report is for the month of April 2005. The decrease of 30 cases represents a decrease of 1.64% over the previous month. Year-to-date, the caseload has increased by 7.16% with the average caseload at 112.2 cases per caseworker.

b) Social Services Department – Intake Screening Unit

As Committee will recall, the Ministry announced that Intake Screening Units would be eliminated and that Ontario Works would move from a two-step to a one-step application process conducted in local offices by June 16, 2005. Effective May 2, 2005, Bruce County, Chatham-Kent, Stratford-Perth and Oxford County transitioned to the one step process. No significant issues were reported. The City of Windsor transitioned May 9th, with London, Grey County and Lambton County moving to the new process June 15, 2005. The Intake Screening Units will cease operations June 16, 2005. Staff are finalizing the implementation planning around the transition of the intake screening duties to Lambton effective June 15, 2005 and have prepared a presentation for the June Committee meeting on the changes to the application process for Lambton County residents.

c) Social Services Department – Addiction Services

As part of the Provincial Blueprint Initiative announced by the previous government, all CMSMs must institute an addiction screening as part of their respective Ontario Works Departments by the end of 2005. The Provincial Director, Ontario Works Branch must approve Consolidated Municipal Service Managers as delivery sites for the Addiction Services Initiative before participants may be required to participate in Ontario Works addiction services. All delivery sites must be designated or approved by December 31, 2005, although implementation of the initiative is not required prior to that date. Staff attended an Addiction Services information session on March 30, 2005 in London. The session provided an overview of the program, shared information on the status of the early implementation sites and discussed a provincial roll out strategy. An Addiction Services Implementation Proposal must be submitted to the Regional Office and the Ontario Works Branch by July 29, 2005. Once Lambton's plan is developed staff will prepare a presentation for Committee's information.

d) Children's Services Department – Statistical Report

e) Children's Services Department – Coronation Park Day Nursery

Committee members will recall that as a result of the most recent review an occupancy target rate of 80% was set for Coronation Park Day Nursery. Maintaining a rate of 80% was deemed reasonable for this type of programming and age group and would ensure that the cost of service provision was comparable

to other not-for-profit operations. Overall there has been an increase in enrollment as shown over last year. The Occupancy Rate has increased from a February 2004 low of 64.77% to a February 2005 high of 82.11%. Year over year the monthly average increased from 69.22% to 79.45%. The number of full-fee paying parents has increased while the number of subsidized parents has decreased. Currently there is a waiting list for the Toddler room and the summer School-Age program.

Coronation Park Day Nursery – Occupancy Report

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. No correspondence matters to report.

AGENDA

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Community Health Services - General Manager's
Report"
on
Wednesday May 18, 2005 09:00 AM
Committee Room #1
Chair: Ken Dick

Orders of the Day:
Month(s)

PART A - Follow-up from Previous
PART B - Monthly Activities
PART C - Other Matters Requiring a

Motion

PART A - Follow-up from Previous Months

1.No matters to report at this time.

PART B - MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

1. Accounts and Verification

Total for the month of April, 2005

\$165,103.05

Total for the month of April, 2004

\$128,100.00

A listing of the accounts will be available at the meeting.

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

2. Revenue and Verification

Revenues received during the month of April, 2005

\$50.00

Revenues received during the month of April, 2004

\$37,332.00

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| i) Were any receipts not included in the current year's budget? | No |
| ii) Were any receipts significantly less than budgeted? | No |
| iii) Were any receipts significantly more than budgeted? | No |

3. Items of Committee Interest

Food Safety

Staff conducted a number of food safety courses/presentations throughout Lambton County. A food safety presentation was done for 19 food handlers from a Lambton Shores area church congregation. Two Food Handler courses were conducted at which 27 attendees became certified as follows: 11 food handlers from the Township of Dawn-Euphemia area community groups and 16 food handlers from the Walpole Island Health Centre. Staff conducts food handler education upon request from Lambton area First Nations communities. These partnerships enable us to fulfill our mandate to ensure that Lambton County residents have access to safe food supplies.

A staff member attended the “Eat Smart” professional development session. The meeting was hosted by Community Health Services staff for agencies who serve food to the public. Attendees included community groups, schools, day cares and long-term care facilities. The meeting focused on Food Allergy Awareness.

Safe Water / Health Hazard

Staff attended a meeting in Toronto regarding Bill 133. This proposed legislation relates directly to industrial spills and developing broader partnerships and comprehensive planning to better deal with issues. For issues related to spills, local health departments are key stakeholders. Bill 133 is a framework that sets out the government’s public policy regarding spills to the environment. The regulations under Bill 133 will apply environmental penalties to approximately 143 companies in these sectors – petroleum refining, iron and steel, mining, pulp and paper, metal mining and refining, inorganic chemical and electric power generation.

This proposed legislation comes as a result of Minister Leona Dombrowsky, (Environment) findings from the SWAT investigations in Sarnia’s chemical valley and other Lambton municipalities. The penalties will not apply to municipalities, farms, retail outlets, or individuals in their daily lives.

A more detailed explanation of Bill 133 is attached.

Tobacco Control

Enforcement Officers issued the three tickets under By-Law No. 10 of 2004 to regulate smoking in Public Places and Workplaces in the County of Lambton. Enforcement Officers conducted one hundred & forty-five (145) Tobacco By-Law

inspections and four re-inspections. Four complaints were investigated and two Statement of Infraction notices were issued.

Enforcement Officers attended three court appearances related to charges of smoking on school property. In one instance, charges were dismissed against a youth for holding lighted tobacco on school property. In this trial, a Sarnia area school principal gave testimony of witnessing the student smoking. The student had previously been warned and charged for smoking on school property and had admitted to this on the witness stand, but claimed he did not do it this time. The trial lasted for close to an hour and the Justice of the Peace determined that there was reasonable doubt and the charge was dismissed.

Vaccine Preventable Diseases

Local students continue to make appointments for the meningitis vaccine which was offered during school-based clinics earlier in the spring. Because of absenteeism rates and consent issues at those earlier clinics a large number of students missed out on that opportunity, and are now coming in to catch up on the missed vaccine. Additional community clinics will be held during May to enable those returning home from college or university, or for those who were unable to attend the earlier clinics to receive this important vaccine.

Booster clinics were held in local secondary schools for tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis early in April. A large number of students did not receive their vaccines at the school-based clinic, due to lack of parental consent, which is the result of changed school board practice. Close to 700 students will be receiving suspension notices over the next several weeks.

Sexual Health

Public Health Nurses conducted twenty-three sexual health presentations to a total of 348 attendees. A total of 872 clients presented at clinics as follows: 590 clients attended nursing clinics and 282 clients attended physician clinics.

West Nile Virus

The County of Lambton is finalizing an Agreement with St. Clair Parks Commission to provide larval monitoring and larvicide applications to catch basins on municipal property for 2005.

Staff attended the Technical Public Health West Nile Virus meeting in Toronto on April 6, 2005. This meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care for the purpose of reviewing 2005 West Nile virus activities. In addition to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, other agencies on the agenda included the Ministries of Environment, Natural Resources and Transportation. The 2005 program

will be similar to the West Nile Virus Preparedness Plan activities conducted last year.

To support our initiatives to educate the public, group information sessions were conducted for an agricultural youth group and the Lambton Sportsmen Association. Both meetings were well attended.

Dead bird submissions for laboratory testing will begin May 9, 2005. Only crows and blue jays are being tested for the virus in 2005.

Communicable Disease /Outbreak Control

We had two Influenza A outbreaks in long- term care facilities during the month of April. Both of these outbreaks have now been declared over.

One case of Hepatitis A was identified in a returned traveler. This individual did not receive the recommended pre-travel immunization and became ill approximately one month after returning from the trip. As per Ministry of Health protocol one immediate family contact was immunized as a precaution

Alerts have been posted to watch for cases of both Measles and Rubella (German measles) in populations where immunization rates for these diseases are low. A case of Rubella was identified in a school in Oxford County. As of April 26, 2005, one confirmed case and fifty-seven probable cases of rubella have been identified in unimmunized persons, mainly children attending a school. Three of the probable cases reside in the Haldimand-Norfolk County jurisdiction and the one confirmed case resides in Brant County. The earliest probable case had onset of rash on February 9, 2005. To date, all probable cases are linked to the school in Oxford County. Brant County is also investigating a secondary outbreak possibly related to cases from the Netherlands.

Rubella is a mild disease in young children, but can cause severe complications for a developing fetus if a pregnant woman becomes infected. Measles, which is uncommon in Canada today because of immunization, can cause serious side effects such as encephalitis in young children. It has recently been identified in both British Columbia and Saskatchewan. The three measles cases that have so far been confirmed have occurred in children who have recently traveled to California.

These alerts point out the need for continual monitoring of vaccine rates in every community.

Nutrition

The new Food Smarts booklets (Supermarket Tour Books) have been printed and distributed to SW health departments/units. This activity falls under the Mandatory

Program Guidelines for Chronic Disease prevention (requirement 1b) which states: The board of health shall work with community agencies and groups to provide the public with information and opportunities for skill development to facilitate the adoption of health-related behaviours for the prevention of chronic diseases; ... events (in this example, grocery store tours) must involve public interaction and participation, and provide information and/or skill building. This was a regional project led by Community Health Services Department. This joint project is an example of health departments working together to maximize human resources and save on printing costs.

Physical Activity

Two Lambton County Trails presentations were given at the Rural Tourism Conference (Beyond City Lights.) Trail walks and events are being held throughout the County. On Friday May 6th, local leaders are being encouraged to join in the launch of Active 2010, a community-wide initiative to promote physical activity. The walk begins at 3:00 at the waterfront walkway gazebo in Point Edward. These activities fall under the Mandatory Program Guidelines for Chronic Disease Prevention, requirement 7c., which states: The board of health shall work with municipal recreation departments and other community partners to promote and increase access to regular physical activity for people of all ages assist community partners to increase the availability of safe and accessible recreational opportunities such as walking trails and cycling routes.

Substance Abuse Prevention

The Lambton Student Wellness Committee has received \$49,078.00 in funding from the National Crime Prevention Strategy to operate the project "Closing the Gaps for Youth." The project takes a pro-active approach to crime prevention through social development, building self-esteem and engaging young people in positive activities. The partners are Alexander MacKenzie School, Community Health Services Department and the Lambton County Student Wellness Committee. This project and work with the Student Wellness Committee cuts across several Mandatory Programs. This example falls under requirement 5a of the Injury Prevention including Substance Abuse Prevention: The board of health shall work with school boards, school advisory councils, principals/teachers and parents to promote and provide information and skill development on alcohol use risks associated with illicit substances impaired driving and riding with an impaired driver. This project is 100% federally funded, and the Lambton Kent District School board has committed to covering administrative costs valued at 10% of the total grant (\$4,900.)

Tobacco Use Prevention

With funding received from Ontario Physical Health Education Association (OPHEA) to promote Lungs are for Life, a tobacco use prevention magic show entitled “Just Say Moe” was held for grades 4-6 students with over 700 students attending. Staff and three youth leaders from Lambton County recently attended a regional weekend camp designed to encourage youth to involve their peers in events and efforts designed to prevent smoking.

Tobacco Bill 164 Hearings

On Friday April 28, Kevin Churchill, Manager, Health Promotion & Program Support appeared on behalf of County Warden Patricia Davidson at the hearing of the Standing Committee in Tillsonburg, regarding Bill 164. The presentation described the consultation process and details of County of Lambton By-Law 10 of 2004. The following points were highlighted.

- The Province should give consideration to existing municipal By-Laws when developing the provincial legislation. Local municipalities have demonstrated leadership in the development of tobacco control By-Laws in Ontario;
- The current County of Lambton By - Law meets the Gold Standard as defined by the Ontario Campaign for Action on Tobacco. Implemented in September 2004, the By-Law does not allow any exemptions for gaming facilities, including charity bingos, the Point Edward Charity Casino, and the Hiawatha Racetrack Slots. Lambton County Council would like to emphasize the importance of the need for a “level playing field” with respect to gaming facilities throughout the Province;
- The only exemptions contained in the Lambton By-Law are for residents of long-term care facilities and psychiatric facilities, as these are currently restricted under the present Tobacco Control Act;
- The County of Lambton By-Law allows for designated outdoor smoking areas, and provides guidelines for these. These guidelines allow for a full or partial roof, providing strict criteria are met with respect to open wall space, no shared windows, no shared ventilation and are subject to Planning Department approval. In order to comply with the County By-Law, business owners have constructed patios at considerable expense. Council is concerned that these may be deemed inappropriate for use as smoking areas under the proposed provincial legislation;
- The Standing Committee was also provided with copies of Lambton County’s Designated Outdoor Smoking area Guidelines, 100% Smoke Free Lambton Consultation Report.

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) 6-10-05 Correspondence from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit supporting the resolution of the Board of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit requesting that the Province require mandatory annual vaccination against influenza for all health care workers in Ontario through legislation.

Recommendation

That Lambton County Council support the resolution of the Board of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, requesting that the Province require mandatory annual vaccination against influenza for all health care workers in Ontario through legislation; and;

That the County of Lambton write to the Premier of Ontario; Minister of Health and Long-Term care and local MPP's stating its support for mandatory annual vaccination against influenza for health care workers.

- b) 6-15-05 Correspondence from the Ministry of Health and long-Term Care regarding the Province's efforts to change and improve the health care system in Ontario, including patient care, community-based care, Family Health teams, and Local Health Integrated Networks.
- c) 6-16-05 Correspondence from the Lambton's Medical Officer of Health to Sarnia City Council and Lambton Area Water Supply System Board Members regarding fluoridation of drinking water.

Recommendation

That correspondence 6-15-05 and correspondence 6-16-05 be noted and filed.