

# MINUTES

County of Lambton  
Meeting for the Committee "Woodlot Committee"  
on  
Wednesday September 14, 2005 09:00 AM  
Committee Room #1  
Chair: Jim Foubister

**Orders of the Day:**

**Applications**

The Woodlot Committee of the County of Lambton met at the Lambton County Buildings at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 14, 2005, to hold a hearing into an application for Woodlot.

Present: Chair J. Foubister, Warden Pat Davidson. Members: B. Bilton, T. Case. Also present were Deputy-Secretary Treasurer M. Pauschenwein, Planner Maria Cossa-Rossi and Woodlot Inspector Corinne Nauta.

Absent: None.

## **IN-CAMERA**

**#1:** Case/Davidson: That the Chair declare the Committee go in-camera to discuss a woodlot item.

Carried.

(Item dealt with in the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated October 5, 2005.)

## **Open Meeting**

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

## **Applications**

Application W-002/05

2048449 Ontario Limited  
c/o Steve Chisholm, Lorrie Robinson  
Concession 7, West Part Lot 14  
1630 London Line  
City of Sarnia

The applicants have applied for an exemption from the provisions of By-law 45 of 2003 of the County of Lambton, being "A by-law to prohibit or regulate the destruction or injuring of trees" in respect to a woodlot which is located on the property noted above.

The applicants state they need the exemption in order to provide enough area for a golf driving range. The applicants have stated that they are willing to replant the fencerows on the property equalling the same area of trees that are proposed to be removed. The area of trees proposed to be removed is approximately 0.79 acres. This woodlot consists of Elm, Poplar and Maple tree species.

Attending the meeting were the applicants Steve Chisholm and Lorrie Robinson. They stated that they had talked to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (S.C.R.C.A.) and they did not foresee any problems.

A letter from the City of Sarnia was read by the Deputy-Secretary-Treasurer. The City states that a rezoning will be required for the property located within the Interim Use 1 (IU1) Zone. They also state that the rear of the property, which includes the woodlot, is located within the Perch Creek flood plain. In the City's opinion, it would be premature to authorize the removal of the woodlot from the flood plain until such time as the proposal is reviewed by the S.C.R.C.A. and the proposed golf driving range is approved for the site. In order for this to happen a rezoning of the property is required as well as the execution of an acceptable site plan agreement with the City.

The Deputy-Secretary-Treasurer also read a telephone message from Muriel Andre of the S.C.R.C.A. which states that trees replanted in a fencerow do not provide the same benefit as trees abutting a woodlot.

**#2:** Case/Bilton: That the Woodlot Committee make a recommendation to County Council that the decision on Application W-002/05 be deferred until planning applications are approved by the City of Sarnia.

Carried.

#### Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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Jim Foubister  
Chair

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Madeline Pauschenwein  
Deputy-Secretary-Treasurer