

MINUTES

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Lambton County Council"
on
Wednesday February 1, 2006 12:30 PM
Council Chambers
Chair: Jim Burns

Orders of the Day:

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest
Rise and Report motions of the In-Camera
Session
Delegations
Minutes of Council (Open Session) and (Closed
Session)
Correspondence
Reports to Council (not requiring a motion)
Committee Reports
Other Business
Notice of By-Laws
Adjournment

Lambton County Council was in session in the Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 12:30 p.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present; one seat vacant.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: Dedecker/McGugan: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter subject to solicitor-client privilege and a matter concerning labour relations and employee negotiations.
Carried.

Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into open session.

Rise and Report motions of the In-Camera Session dated February 1, 2006

#2: Jamieson/Case: That Council rise and report.
Carried.

Ms. L. Ross noted that there were no resolutions to report from the Closed Session meeting.

#3: Jamieson/Case: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.
Carried.

Delegations - 2006 Grants

#4: MacDougall/Foubister: That we invite Mr. Ken Akers, Executive Director, Huron House Boys' Home, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding its grant request.

Carried.

#5: Dedecker/Foubister: That the Huron House Boys' Home grant request be referred to the 2006 Budget process.

Carried.

#6: MacDougall/Boushy: That we invite Mr. George Mallay, General Manager, Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding its grant request.

Carried.

#7: MacDougall/Perry: That the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership's grant request be referred to the 2006 Budget process.

Carried.

Minutes of Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session)

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated November 30, 2005 and the Inaugural Session of Council dated December 7, 2005 were presented.

#8: Foubister/McManaman: That these days' minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence

2-8-06 A letter from FarmGate5, dated December 2, 2005, requesting endorsement of its resolution to support the preservation of supply management for Canada's dairy, poultry and egg farmers, processors, consumers and other Canadians who depend on a vibrant farm economy.

#9: McGugan/Dedecker: That the County of Lambton endorse the resolution from FarmGate5, requesting to support the preservation of supply management for Canada's dairy, poultry and egg farmers, processors, consumers and other Canadians who depend on a vibrant farm economy.

Carried.

2-35-06 A memorandum from Mr. Don McGugan, Mayor of the Township of Brooke-Alvinston, dated January 23, 2006, regarding the many interruptions of service supplied by Hydro One which have inconvenienced local ratepayers and damaged small businesses using small motors and compressors. Mr. McGugan is asking County Council to direct staff to prepare a letter requesting Hydro One for an explanation of the problem.

#10: McGugan/Perry: That we support the request from Mr. Don McGugan, Mayor of the Township of Brooke-Alvinston, to direct staff to prepare a letter requesting Hydro One for an explanation regarding the interruption of service.

Carried.

2-7-06 A memorandum from the City of Kingston, dated November 23, 2005, requesting support of its resolution to urge the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to vote against Bill 123 - Transparency in Public Matters Act, if the reference to "Municipal Councils" is not deleted in the Bill as reported by the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills.

2-12-06 A Member Communication Alert from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.), dated December 7, 2005, regarding Bill 123 - Transparency in Public Matters Act, recommended for Third Reading. A.M.O. supports the principles of open, transparent and accountable Municipal Governments, but does not support the Bill. The content of the legislation counters A.M.O.'s work under the Municipal Act review and its work to establish a mature provincial/municipal relationship. A.M.O. believes that these important matters should be discussed in the context of the current Municipal Act review and considered by the Legislature when it debates a new Municipal Act. A.M.O. sought to have Municipal organizations exempted from this legislation if it proceeds.

2-13-06 A letter from the Sarnia Imperials Senior Men's Football, dated December 8, 2005, inviting the County of Lambton to become an official sponsor of the Sarnia Imperials Football Club.

2-14-06 A news article from The Barrie Examiner, dated Wednesday, December 14, 2005, titled "Gas-tax deal not one-time thing". The article states that Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance, said that a Federal Government will permanently entrench the "new deal" it struck with Canadian Municipalities. Ottawa agreed earlier this year to share \$5 billion in federal gas tax revenue with cash-strapped Municipalities over the next five (5) years to fund badly needed repairs and upgrades to roads, sewers, transit and other infrastructure projects.

2-15-06 A letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated December 14, 2005, informing that the Provincial Government has passed the Respect for Municipalities Act, 2005, and removed a significant barrier to providing Municipalities the authority to consider using a broader range of fiscal tools. The government also introduced the Stronger City of Toronto for a Stronger Ontario Act, 2005. If the Act passes, it would grant the City broad powers within its jurisdiction and greater flexibility and autonomy to develop solutions to local problems.

2-23-06 An Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.) Fact Sheet, dated December 2005, advising that leading academics, financial industry economists, public policy research institutes, municipal governments and property tax payers agree that Ontario's unique situation of requiring Municipalities to subsidize provincial programs and provincial services, is not good public policy and it is not economically sustainable. A.M.O.'s \$3 billion gap campaign is based on a straightforward accounting of the net subsidy provided by Municipalities each year to pay for provincial health, social services and income redistribution programs.

2-24-06 A letter from the Honourable John Tory, M.P.P., Leader of the Official Opposition, dated December 12, 2005, concerning Bill 37 - The Disrespect for Taxpayers Act, and advising that he strongly believes that the three (3) levels of government need to sit down and decide who will do what and how it will be paid for. Mr. Tory supports a stronger role for Municipalities in Ontario.

2-34-06 A letter from the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat, dated January, 2006, advising that the deadline for submitting a nomination for The Order of Ontario, has been extended to February 28, 2006. The Order of Ontario was established in 1986 to honour those people who have rendered service of the greatest distinction and of singular excellence in any field of endeavour benefiting society here and elsewhere.

#11: Foubister/Kirkland: That the above correspondence items be received and filed.

Carried.

Reports to Council (not requiring a motion)

The following items were presented for County Council's information:

- a) Land Division Committee Minutes dated January 10, 2006; and,
- b) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated November 1 and 29, December 6 and 14, 2005.

Committee Reports

Mr. Wm. Bilton presented the Woodlot Committee minutes dated January 10, 2006.

#12: Bilton/MacDougall: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 and #3).

Carried.

Mr. J. Foubister presented the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated January 18, 2006.

Re: Motion #9 - Part C. Item 2 - Air Quality Assessment Related to the Traffic Congestion at the Bluewater Bridge

#13: Arnold/Bradley: That motion #9 of the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated January 18, 2006 be deferred until the end of the meeting, to give staff an opportunity to distribute the motion from the City of Sarnia passed on January 30, 2006 regarding Highway 402 Planning and Preliminary Design Study.

Carried.

#14: Foubister/Dedecker: That this day's minutes be adopted as amended.

Carried.

Mr. G. Perry presented the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated January 18, 2006.

Re: Motion #12 - Non-Profit Escrow Accounts

A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Don McGugan, was requested by Councillor Steve Arnold, on motion #12 of the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated January 18, 2006.

S. Arnold	No (2)
Wm. Bilton	Yes (1)
D. Boushy	Yes (3)
M. Bradley	Yes (3)
J. Burns	No (1)
T. Case	Yes (2)
J. Dedecker	Yes (3)
J. Foubister	Yes (3)

C. Ivey	No	(3)
C. Jamieson	Yes	(2)
D. Kirkland	Yes	(1)
B. MacDougall	No	(3)
D. McGugan	Yes	(1)
B. McManaman	Yes	(2)
J. Murray	Yes	(3)
G. Perry	Yes	(1)

Yeas - 25; Nays - 9.

Motion carried.

#15: Ivey/MacDougall: That the \$2,132.70 be removed from reserves and used to pay down the outstanding mortgage.

Defeated.

Re: In-Camera Motion #19 of the Corporate and Community Services Committee Minutes dated January 18, 2006 Regarding Correspondence 2-33-06, from the Canadian Red Cross, Terminating the Agreement Related to the Purchasing of Frozen Meals from the County of Lambton

It was noted that motion #19 was moved to open session for consideration.

#16: Perry/McManaman: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #31).

Carried.

Minutes

Re: Deferred Motion #9 of the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated January 18, 2006 Regarding Air Quality Assessment Related to the Traffic Congestion at the Bluewater Bridge and the letter from the City of Sarnia regarding Highway 402 Planning and Preliminary Design Study



City of Sarnia - Hwy 402 Planning and Preliminary Design Study.pdf

#17: Boushy/Bradley: That we amend motion #9 of the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated January 18, 2006, to add the following:

"That the County direct staff to prepare a letter to the Minister of the Environment, with copies to URS Canada Inc. and the Ministry of Transportation, requesting a "bump-up" of the Transportation Environmental Study/Preliminary Design Report for the Highway 402 Study to an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA); and,

That the Federal and Provincial Governments be requested to continue its funding commitment for this project."

A recorded vote, starting with Councillor William Bilton, was requested by Councillor Mike Bradley on motion #17 of this day's minutes.

S. Arnold	No	(2)
Wm. Bilton	No	(1)
D. Boushy	Yes	(3)
M. Bradley	Yes	(3)
J. Burns	No	(1)
T. Case	Yes	(2)
J. Dedecker	No	(3)
J. Foubister	No	(3)
C. Ivey	No	(3)
C. Jamieson	No	(2)
D. Kirkland	No	(1)
B. MacDougall	No	(3)
D. McGugan	No	(1)
B. McManaman	No	(2)
J. Murray	No	(3)
G. Perry	No	(1)

Yeas - 11; Nays - 23.

Motion defeated.

#18: Jamieson/Perry: That motion #9 of the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated January 18, 2006 regarding Air Quality Assessment Related to the Traffic Congestion at the Bluewater Bridge, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

New Business

Re: Impacts of Casino and No-Smoking By-Laws on Fundraising Revenue

#19: MacDougall/Kirkland: That a meeting amongst representatives from local Social Services agencies, M.P.P.s, County Council, the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Ontario Trillium Foundation, be held to discuss the impacts of casino and non-smoking by-laws on fundraising revenue through gaming initiatives and possible solutions regarding the same.

Carried.

Ms. Carolyn Jamieson, Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Lambton Shores, spoke to County Council regarding important issues raised at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.) Board of Directors meeting, held on Friday, January 27, 2006 in Toronto.

Mr. David Boushy, Councillor of the City of Sarnia, requested that a letter be sent to the new M.P., Patricia Davidson, to congratulate her on her election victory. Warden Burns noted that he had already done so.

The County Council meeting set for Wednesday, April 5th, 2006 has been cancelled because there will be no regular business to debate arising from the March Committee meetings, which will focus on the 2006 Budget.

Please note that the Budget meeting this year will be held on **Friday, March 31st, 2006** and not the Thursday as has been the case in the past.

By-Laws

#20: Perry/Murray: That By-Laws #3 to #9, #11 to #13 as circulated and #10 as amended, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#21: McManaman/McGugan: That By-Laws #3 to #9, #11 to #13 as circulate and #10 as amended, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Jim Burns
Warden

Linda Ross
Solicitor/Clerk,
General Manager, Corporate Services