

MINUTES

County of Lambton
Lambton County Council

Wednesday June 7, 2006 12:30 PM
Council Chambers
Chair: Jim Burns

Orders of the Day:

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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.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: McGugan/Perry: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter subject to solicitor-client privilege and a matter concerning a proposed acquisition / disposition of property by the Municipality.

Carried.

Open Session

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

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session

#2: Case/Foubister: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

There were no resolutions to report from the Closed Session meeting.

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

Carried.

Delegations

#4: Murray/McGugan: That we invite Mr. Scott McKay, Chair - Young Professionals of Sarnia-Lambton, Hazlitt & Steeves Chartered Accountants, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding the results of their new report on youth retention.

Carried.



Scott McKay - County Presentation.ppt

#5: McGugan/MacDougall: That the Warden, Deputy Warden and two (2) Committee Chairs be directed to meet with Mr. McKay's group and look at ways in which the County can assist in addressing their concerns.

Carried.

Monthly Staff Presentation Re: Activities and Issues

#6: Foubister/McGugan: That we invite Ms. April James, Manager, Libraries, Museums and Cultural Services, within the Bar, to present an overview of the Libraries, Museums and Cultural Services Department's operations.

Carried.

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

The Lambton County Council (OPEN SESSION) and (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated May 3, 2006 were presented.

#7: Kirkland/Bradley: That these day's minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence

6-5-06 A copy of a letter from the City of Owen Sound to the Right Honourable Steven Harper, Prime Minister, dated April 26, 2006, advising of its resolution regarding declining water levels on Lakes Huron and Michigan and Georgian Bay which are causing adverse affects on the people and communities that border on these bodies of water. The City of Owen Sound is asking that the Federal Government, working with the American Government and the appropriate agencies, to take immediate action to develop and implement a plan to restore the outflow to historic levels that will allow lake levels to return to the normal level.

#8: Kirkland/Bradley: That Mr. Ralph Coe from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, be asked to provide comments regarding the content of the report; and further,

That Mr. Coe's comments then be added to correspondence from the County of Lambton to our local M.P.s, as well as the Mayors' Advisory Group on the Great Lakes.

Carried.

6-11-06 A memorandum from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, dated May 5, 2006, requesting nominations to the 2006-2007 A.M.O. Board of Directors.

If the County wishes to nominate a person for election to the Board of Directors, then a resolution is to be submitted along with the nomination form indicating the full name of the nominee, his or her municipal title, and the caucus for which the person is being nominated. Nominations must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., on Friday, July 14, 2006.

#9: Bilton/Jamieson: That correspondence 6-11-06 regarding the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's request for nominations to the 2006-2007 Board of Directors, be deferred for consideration at the next meeting of County Council, July 5th, 2006.

Carried.

6-2-06 A letter from The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, dated April 10, 2006, requesting support of its resolution to ask the Provincial and Federal Governments to take immediate action to address the current, unprecedented farm income crisis, that they provide immediate and sufficient financial support to ensure the planting of this year's crops and a fair return from this year's farm marketing and that all levels of government across Canada, meet with farm organizations to develop long term strategies to resolve farm issues including, but not necessarily limited to, supply management support, income stabilization and orderly marketing.

6-10-06 A memorandum from the Township of South Stormont, dated April 25, 2006, advising that the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs announced that there will be \$125 million in immediate financial assistance to farmers of the Province of Ontario. The Township of South Stormont is requesting support of its resolution to ask its M.P.P. to solicit the assistance needed from the Minister Leona Dombrowsky, to request that the Federal budget reflect the necessary funding to finalize in this calendar year, a long-term plan as requested by Ontario Farmers.

6-18-06 A letter from the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (W.O.W.C.), dated May 8, 2006, advising that at its meeting on April 7, 2006, the Caucus heard a presentation regarding a regional economic development initiative sponsored by the Western Ontario Community Futures Development Corporations which, if successful, would lead to the establishment of a Western Ontario Rural Development Fund. W.O.W.C. is requesting endorsement of its resolution to support the proposed Rural Ontario Development Fund as described in the Brief dated July 2005 (attached).

#10: McGugan/MacDougall: That the County of Lambton support correspondence 6-2-06 from the County of Prince Edward, 6-10-06 from the Township of South Stormont and 6-18-06 from the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus regarding funding for Ontario Farmers, as presented.

Carried.

6-3-06 A letter from The Corporation of the Township of Hamilton, dated April 20, 2006, requesting support of its resolution that any and all ethanol plants funded by all levels of government, shall be supplied by Canadian Grains produced by Canadian Farmers only, and that farm organizations and groups be consulted in setting a fair and profitable price for the grain, along with the ability to produce the quantity required.

6-6-06 A letter from the Town of Newmarket, dated April 28, 2006, advising of its resolution to request the Canadian Petroleum Institute to review with its members the need to ensure that all gas stations make provision for full service to patrons having special needs and that the Province of Ontario be requested to address the issue of accessibility to gas station service in Provincial policies and guidelines pertaining to the accessibility needs of Ontarians.

6-12-06 A letter from Caroline Di Cocco, M.P.P., Sarnia-Lambton Riding, dated May 5, 2006, forwarding additional information concerning a letter from several Ontario medical professionals to Premier Dalton McGuinty about the "made-in-Ontario" Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP) approach to the financing and redevelopment of Ontario's hospitals. The Ontario Government will ensure that it will not compromise the integrity of the health system that is the envy of the world.

6-16-06 A memorandum from The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, dated May 3, 2006, requesting support of its resolution to request the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.) and the Federal and Provincial Governments, to develop a program that will support infrastructure sustainability by providing a yearly stream of funding to all rural Municipalities without the Municipality having the expend funds and exhaust limited resources in developing business cases.

6-17-06 A letter from Mr. Bev Shipley, M.P., Lambton-Kent-Middlesex Riding, dated May 3, 2006, responding to Warden Jim Burns' letter of March 16, 2006 regarding ongoing support of agriculture. Mr. Shipley notes that the current program does not meet the needs of producers in a number of respects. In terms of funding, the Conservative Government has honoured the commitment passed by the previous Parliament of \$755 million and has committed to an additional \$2.5 billion over the next five (5) years. The Government has announced an additional \$1 billion of immediate investment to assist farmers right now.

6-19-06 A Members' Advisory from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (F.C.M.), dated May 15, 2006, advising that the Prime Minister Stephen Harper and FCM President Gloria Kovach, discussed the challenges faced by Canada's Municipal Governments and possible solutions. The Prime Minister indicated his interest in helping to fix the municipal infrastructure deficit and fiscal crunch.

6-20-06 A copy of a letter from the City of Sarnia to Premier Dalton McGuinty, dated April 24, 2006, advising of its resolution related to the assessment system in Ontario and that Sarnia City Council supports Bill 75 (An Act to Amend the Assessment Act with respect to homestead).

#11: Ivey/Bradley: That the above correspondence items be received and filed.

Carried.

Reports to Council

Memorandum dated May 19, 2006 Regarding the Appointment to the Board for Children's Aid

#12: Ivey/Foubister: That we appoint the Deputy Warden, Steve Arnold, to the Board for Children's Aid for the balance of the term of this Council.

Carried.

Reports to Council (not requiring a motion)

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

- a) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated April 4 and May 2, 2006;
- b) Speaking Notes given by Ms. Carol Stephenson, Dean of the Richard Ivey School of Business at the Lambton County Municipal Association Annual Banquet held on April 6, 2006; and,
- c) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton - Board of Directors Minutes dated April 13, 2006.

#13: Ivey/Bradley: That Items a) to c) be received and filed.

Carried.

Committee Reports

Mr. Wm. Bilton presented the Woodlot Committee minutes dated May 9, 2006.

#14: Bilton/Dedecker: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motion #1).

Carried.

Mr. J. Foubister presented the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated May 17, 2006.

Re: Motion #2 Regarding Move Ontario Fund, Capital Projects

Councillor Steve Arnold requested a separate vote on motion #2 of the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated May 17, 2006. Motion #2 carried.

#15: Foubister/Kirkland: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #29).

Carried.

Mr. G. Perry presented the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated May 17, 2006.

Re: Motion #18 - Core Services Report Phase II b) - Community Services Division, Senior Services Department

Councillor Steve Arnold spoke to motion #18 of the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated May 17, 2006, and requested that it be divided into three (3) separate items. Mr. Arnold also requested a recorded vote on the third item regarding the potential cost savings of closing one of the three Homes.

Item (a): That a long-term staffing plan that examines the differences in quality of care and reviews the staffing allocations among the three (3) Homes, be prepared. The plan should consider the possibility of reallocating staff in order to ensure equitable staffing levels and workloads in the three (3) Homes, without compromising resident care or safety. The plan should also address ways to ensure the Unions' input is received as well as provide an opportunity for public consultation.

#16: Perry/Jamieson: That Item (a) be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Item (b): That all items under Option 3 continue to be reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure the service is provided in the most efficient manner possible.

#17: Napper/Arnold: That Item (b) be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Item (c): That staff look at the potential savings of closing one of the three (3) Homes.

A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Don McGugan, was requested by Councillor Steve Arnold on motion #18, Item (c), of the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated May 17, 2006 regarding the potential cost savings of closing one of the three Homes.

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

Yeas - 6; Nays - 31.

Defeated.

#18: Arnold/McManaman: That staff create a five (5) year plan to direct the Homes to run without contribution of the levy.

A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Todd Case, was requested by Councillor Joseph Dedecker on motion #14 of this day's minutes.

S. Arnold	Yes	(2)
Wm. Bilton	Yes	(1)
D. Boushy	No	(3)
M. Bradley	No	(3)
J. Burns	No	(1)
T. Case	No	(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)
L. Napper	No	(3)
G. Perry	No	(1)

Yeas - 3; Nays - 34.

Motion defeated.

#19: Perry/Napper: That this day's minutes be adopted as amended (motions #1 to #19).

Carried.

Other Business

A thank you note was received from the McEwen family, thanking the County for the flowers that were sent in memory of Charles McEwen, former Councillor of the Township of Plympton and Warden in 1966.

A thank you note was also received from the Lambton 4-H Association thanking the County for its generous grant. The 4-H program continues to play an important role for rural and urban children in Lambton. The money will help with activity costs and the costs of maintaining the program.

Mr. Gord Perry, Mayor of the Village of Oil Springs, spoke to County Council regarding Toronto's sludge contract with the State of Michigan.

#20: Perry/McManaman: That the County oppose receiving sludge from other Municipalities including that from the City of Toronto.

Carried.

Ms. Bev MacDougall, Councillor of the City of Sarnia, informed Council that June 7th is "Clean Air Day". She acknowledged that Council and staff should celebrate the successes achieved in providing ways and means for people to live a healthy lifestyle, which includes the development of the Lambton County Trails System. Mrs. MacDougall also informed Council that the Trails Committee has a new representative from the Community Health Services Department - Laura Metcalfe. Mrs. Mary Jane Marsh will be Co-Chair along with Mrs. MacDougall.

Warden Jim Burns informed Council that on Wednesday, May 31st, 2006, the Lambton County Student Wellness Committee had an event called Tar Angels Day. It was a celebration of Ontario becoming smoke-free. The Warden accepted on behalf of County Council, an honorary award from the Council for a Tobacco-Free Lambton, in recognition of the County's outstanding contribution, dedication and continued support for a smoke-free community.

Warden Burns also thanked Councillors for their assistance in raising money for the Lung Association. Over \$1,000.00 was raised.

Notice of By-Laws

#21: Boushy/Bradley: That By-Laws #24 and #25 of 2006, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#22: Dedecker/Case: That By-Laws #24 and #25 of 2006, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Jim Burns
Warden

Linda Ross
Solicitor/Clerk,
General Manager, Corporate Services