

# MINUTES

County of Lambton  
Lambton County Council  
Wednesday July 5, 2006 12:30 PM  
Council Chambers, Wyoming  
Chair: Jim Burns

## Orders of the Day:

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest  
Delegation  
Rise and Report motions of the In-Camera Session  
Monthly Staff Presentation Re: Activities and Issues  
Minutes of Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session)  
Correspondence  
Reports to Council  
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 except C. Ivey, B. MacDougall and L. Napper.

**Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.**

## **In-Camera**

**#1:** Kirkland/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.

## **Delegation**

The delegation from the Lambton County Student Wellness Committee has been deferred until September, due to a personal family issue with the presenter.

**Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated July 5, 2006**

**#2:** Jamieson/Perry: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

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

**#3:** Jamieson/Perry: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

**Monthly Staff Presentation Re: Activities and Issues**

**#4:** Bradley/Case: That we invite Mr. John Innes, Corporate Manager, Financial Services/Treasurer, within the Bar, to present an overview of the Finance Department's operations.

Carried.

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

The Lambton County Council (OPEN SESSION) and (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated June 7, 2006 were presented.

**#5:** Kirkland/Dedecker: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.

**Correspondence**

**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. **(Correspondence was deferred to the July 5th, 2006 Council Session - see Council June 7, 2006, motion #9.)**

**#6:** Bilton/Boushy: That Carolyn Jamieson be nominated to sit on the 2006-2007 A.M.O. Board of Directors for the County Caucus.

Carried.

**7-13-06** A copy of a letter from the Township of Georgian Bay to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.), dated June 14, 2006, advising of its resolution concerning the water levels on Lakes Huron, Michigan and Georgian Bay. The Township is requesting that the Federal Government, working with the American Government and the appropriate agencies, 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.

**#7:** Dedecker/Bradley: That the County of Lambton support the resolution of the Township of Georgian Bay requesting that the Federal Government, working with the American Government and the appropriate agencies, 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.

Carried.

**7-2-06** A copy of a letter from the Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses to Mr. Roger Anderson, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, dated May 24, 2006, noting its great interest in A.M.O.'s reaction to the results of C.F.I.B.'s survey of Ontario's municipal leaders. Key findings include:

- 1) Municipal leaders overwhelmingly (77%) want provincial/municipal responsibilities reconfigured such that the level of government responsible for a program or service is the level responsible for raising the required revenue;
- 2) They prefer relief from some of the current responsibilities (89%) instead of new revenue raising powers;
- 3) They want a clear division of regulatory responsibilities between levels of government (93%).

A.M.O. advocates for new fiscal arrangements, does not believe new revenue tools are the answer to perceived municipal fiscal difficulties and is opposed to regulatory duplication and overlap.

**7-14-06** A letter from the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands, dated June 14, 2006, requesting support of its resolution to ask the Provincial Government not to implement the recommendation of the Watertight Report, to create an Ontario Water Board or transfer jurisdiction of water and wastewater to Regional Municipalities.

**7-15-06** A letter from the Moore Agricultural Society, dated June 2006, thanking the County for its generous donation towards the 2006 Brigden Fair.

**#8:** Dedecker/Foubister: That correspondence 7-2-06, 7-14-06 and 7-15-06 be received and filed.

Carried.



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**Reports to Council (not requiring a motion)**

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

- a) Land Division Committee - Minutes dated June 13, 2006;
- b) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated May 23, 2006; and,
- c) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton - Board of Directors Minutes dated May 11, 2006.



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**Committee Reports**

Mr. J. Foubister presented the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated June 21, 2006.

**Re: Motion #36 - Core Services Report Phase II b) - Building Services Department**

#9: Bradley/Murray: That the County support motion #36 items a) and b), and table the balance of the items, so that items a) and b) can first be circulated to local Municipalities for their feedback.

Carried.

#10: Foubister/Jamieson: That this day's minutes be adopted as amended (motions #1 to #42).

Carried.

Mr. Wm. Bilton presented the Woodlot Committee minutes dated June 13, 2006.

#11: Bilton/Foubister: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 and #2).

Carried.

Mr. G. Perry presented the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated June 21, 2006.

#12: Perry/Arnold: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #16 and #19 to #33).

Carried.

Mr. G. Perry presented the Audit Committee minutes dated June 25, 2006.

#13: Perry/Arnold: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.



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**Other Business**

The County of Lambton's 2005 Consolidated Financial Statements and Trust Funds Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2005, as well as the Management Letter were presented.



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Trust Funds Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended Dec 31 2005.pdf

#14: Jamieson/McManaman: That County Council accept the 2005 Consolidated Financial Statements and Trust Funds Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2005, as well as the Management Letter as presented.

Carried.

Councillors Carolyn Jamieson and Jim Foubister spoke to the memorandum dated July 5, 2006 regarding the AMO/AMRC Position Paper - Improving the Efficiency of the Blue Box.



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#15: Jamieson/Foubister: That the County of Lambton support the recommendations contained in the AMO/AMRC Position Paper on Improving the Efficiency of the Blue Box; and further,

That the resolution be forwarded to AMO by the July 30, 2006 deadline.

Carried.

Councillor Don McGugan spoke to Council regarding the new maps prepared by Tourism Sarnia-Lambton titled "Locally Lambton - Food & Fun From The Farm!". Mr. McGugan stated that the maps were well formatted and that all Councillors should have one.

Councillor McGugan also noted that tickets are available for the 9th Annual Charity Barbecue to be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at the Alvinston Arena and hosted by the Lambton County Pork Producers. Proceeds will go to the Lambton County Development Services organization.

The Lambton Cattlemen's Association will be hosting their annual barbecue on August 2nd, 2006 in Alvinston. All are invited to attend.

Councillor McGugan inquired regarding the cost and use of roundabouts by the County.

Councillors Don McGugan and William Bilton announced that their Municipalities have both voted to withhold their tax payment for hospital purposes.

Councillor Bilton informed Council that the Township of Dawn-Euphemia is hosting the annual Council Steak Fry Barbecue, to be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2006. All are welcome to attend.

Councillor Gord Perry announced that Cultural Capitals of Canada has indicated that the County's grant application for "2008 Celebrate", has moved to the next phase.

It was also noted that on Saturday, July 8, 2006, Oil Springs will be celebrating its 141st birthday. There will be a car show and dinner dance. Tickets are available. All are welcome to attend.

Councillor Joseph Dedecker inquired as to what would happen if Municipalities do not pay their portion of the hospital tax.

Warden Burns noted that he recently attended the Sarnia-Lambton Rebound Annual General Meeting and he was presented with a certificate in appreciation for the County's support.

**Notice of By-Laws**

#16: Kirkland/Jamieson: That By-Laws #26 to #29, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#17: McManaman/McGugan: That By-Laws #26 to #29, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

**Adjournment**

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 1:30 p.m.

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Jim Burns  
Warden

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Linda Ross  
Solicitor/Clerk,  
General Manager, Corporate Services