

MINUTES

County of Lambton
Lambton County Council
Wednesday September 6, 2006 12:30 PM
Council Chambers
Chair: Jim Burns

Orders of the Day:

Silent Reflection
Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest
Rise and Report motions of the In-Camera
Session
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Session)
Monthly Staff Presentation Re: Activities and
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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.

Silent Reflection

Warden Burns asked that there be a moment of silent reflection in memory of Councillor Joseph Dedecker, Peter Szabo - Public Works Department and Sandra Nickels - Senior Services Department, who recently passed away.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: McGugan/Perry: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning litigation and a matter subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Carried.

Open Session

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

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session

#2: Napper/Murray: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

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

#3: Napper/Murray: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

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

The Lambton County Council (OPEN SESSION) and (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated July 5, 2006 were presented.

#4: Case/Bradley: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Monthly Staff Presentation Re: Activities and Issues

#5: Foubister/Kirkland: That we invite Mr. Kevin Churchill, Manager, Health Promotion and Program Support, within the Bar, to present an overview of the Community Health Services Department's operations.

Carried.

Correspondence

9-27-06 A copy of a letter from the County of Middlesex to the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated June 13, 2006, advising that since the change in the term of office for Municipal Councils from three to four years, many County Councils are now reviewing the term of office for Wardens. The County of Middlesex would like to have a variety of options available for their consideration in this regard. They are asking the Minister for his prompt attention to this matter.

#6: Kirkland/Bradley: That the County of Lambton support the position of the County of Middlesex and that the County correspond with the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing accordingly.

Carried.

9-1-06 A note from the Lambton 4-H Association, thanking the County of Lambton for the grant money received in the amount of \$1,850.00. The money will help with costs relating to programs, copying material and events.

9-4-06 A letter from the Town of Milton, dated June 28, 2006, requesting support of its resolution asking the Province of Ontario to review the adequacy of the existing aggregate fee structure of .04 cents per tonne received by local Municipalities from the Ministry of Natural Resources and consider adjusting the fee using the Statistics Canada Construction Price Statistics.

9-5-06 A letter from the Township of Dawn-Euphemia, dated June 21, 2006 advising of its resolution that the Township has consistently objected to the process and decision of Lambton County Council to fund a hospital of Bluewater Health with a formula that has the Municipality paying 2.6% of the County levy with its use of 0.6%. The Township of Dawn-Euphemia joins the Municipalities of Warwick and Lambton Shores in withholding future payments until further notice.

9-10-06 A letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated July 28, 2006, advising that Premier Dalton McGuinty and the Honourable Dr. Marie Bountrogianni hosted A Strong Ontario for a Strong Canada summit on strengthening Ontario's future and our country's fiscal arrangements.

9-26-06 A thank you note from Mrs. Carole Dedecker and family, for the beautiful floral tribute in memory of Mr. Joseph Dedecker, Mayor of the Township of St. Clair and former Warden of the County of Lambton (1986 and 1998).

#7: Foubister/Perry: That the above correspondence items be received and filed.

Carried.

Reports to Council

Memorandum dated July 27, 2006 Regarding Appointments to the St. Clair Parks Commission

#8: Jamieson/Ivey: That Council rescind motion #8 of the Striking Committee minutes dated December 7, 2005, appointing Jim Burns, Joseph Dedecker, Dick Kirkland and Bev MacDougall to sit on the St. Clair Parks Commission.

Carried.

Reports to Council (not requiring a motion)

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

- a) Land Division Committee Minutes dated August 22, 2006.
- b) General Manager's Updates - Minutes dated June 13, 2006.

- c) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton - Board of Directors Minutes dated June 8, 2006.
- d) Core Services Review - Summary of Approved Recommendations Report dated September 6, 2006.

#9: Bradley/Jamieson: That items a) to d) be received and filed.

Carried.

Committee Reports

Mr. J. Foubister presented the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated August 23, 2006.

#10: Foubister/Kirkland: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #10 and #12 to #26).

Carried.

Mr. G. Perry presented the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated August 23, 2006.

Re: Motion #4 - Part C, Item 2 - Memorandum dated August 10, 2006 Regarding the Oil Museum of Canada

#11: Perry/McManaman: That County staff also be directed to assist Petrolia Discovery, should they so request, in making application to seek the Ontario Heritage Trust Fund's support in the promotion and operation of the Petrolia Discovery site, thereby recognizing its heritage resources as being of Provincial significance.

Motion withdrawn.
Ruled out of order by the Warden.

#12: Bradley/Foubister: That the entire matter be tabled and referred back to the Committee.

Defeated.

#13: Bradley/Perry: That we delete motion #5 of the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated August 23, 2006.

Carried.

#14: McManaman/Bradley: That the Petrolia Discovery be included in the application.

Carried.

#15: Perry/Napper: That this day's minutes be adopted as amended (motions #1 to #24).

Carried.

Other Business

Councillor Bev MacDougall thanked the Curator, Robert Tremain, for his support regarding the time capsule discovered at her place of business.

Councillor Gord Perry spoke to the issue of the new Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing requirement regarding accounting. Recent correspondence has been received from the Ministry regarding this matter. The estimated cost is \$250,000.00 to the County to perform the accounting.

#16: Perry/Murray: That the County of Lambton send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Premier Dalton McGuinty, asking that the Province fully fund all the costs associated with complying and assessing the Tangible Capital Assets of the County of Lambton and the lower tier Municipalities of the County, so as to lessen the impact of full accrual accounting by another increase to the property taxpayer; and,

That Municipalities should not have to apply for COMRIF funding for an accounting change being forced on our Municipalities by the Ontario Government; and further,

That both local M.P.P.s and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.) be copied.

Carried.

Warden Jim Burns announced that the next meeting of County Council will be held on **Thursday, September 28, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Council Chambers.

Councillor Gord Perry announced that the North Lambton Rest Home Grand Opening will be held on Friday, October 27, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

Councillor William Bilton thanked staff and Council for their support during this period of bereavement over the loss of a friend and colleague, Councillor Joseph Dedecker. The public was also reminded of the importance of wearing a life jacket when on the water.

County Councillors were invited to attend the annual Council Steak Fry hosted by the Township of Dawn-Euphemia. The barbecue will be held this evening at 5:00 p.m. at 4591 Lambton Line (Rutherford).

Robert Wilks, Corporate Manager, Information Technology Services, displayed the Peter J. Marshall Innovation Award for the Southwestern Ontario Orthophotography Project (SWOOP) recently presented to the County of Lambton. This project combines digital aerial photographs to create a sophisticated map of Southwestern Ontario.

Notice of By-Laws

#17: Perry/Napper: That By-Laws #30 to #36 of 2006, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#18: Miller/Murray: That By-Laws #30 to #36 of 2006, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 1:40 p.m.

Jim Burns
Warden

Linda Ross
Solicitor/Clerk,
General Manager, Corporate Services