

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL
(OPEN SESSION)

November 1, 2006

Lambton County Council was in session in the Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 12:30 p.m. on the above date. Deputy Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present except Warden Jim Burns, M. Bradley, D. Kirkland and D. McGugan.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: Warden Burns had declared a pecuniary interest at the October 18, 2006 meeting of Corporate and Community Services Committee with respect to Part C, Item 2 regarding the Affordable Housing Program, because of the nature of his employment.

In-Camera

#1: Napper/MacDougall: That the Deputy Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual, a matter subject to solicitor-client privilege, as well as a matter concerning labour relations and employee negotiations.

Carried.

Open Session

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

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated November 1, 2006

#2: Jamieson/McManaman: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

Ms. L. Ross noted that the following resolutions were passed at the Closed Session meeting of November 1, 2006 as follows:

(A) Corporate & Community Services Committee – October 18, 2006

HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES

Memorandum dated September 29, 2006 Regarding the Tentative Agreement – Ontario Nurses Association Local 19

#28: Arnold/Burns: That the Committee recommend to County Council that County Council ratify the tentative agreement reached on September 29, 2006 with ONA Local 19.

Carried.

Memorandum dated October 2, 2006 Regarding the Canadian National Federation of Independent Unions – Pay Equity Update

#29: Arnold/Napper: That the Committee recommend to County Council that the County's Pay Equity obligation for CNFIU be ratified as described above by County Council.

Carried.

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

Presentations

- a) A recognition plaque was presented by Deputy Warden Steve Arnold and Mr. Ken Dick, General Manager, Social and Health Services to Bruce Power, in appreciation for their generous donation to the Community Health Services Department as part of their Community Sponsorship Program, which was used to help sponsor Car Seat Clinics in Lambton County.
- b) Recognition plaques were presented by Deputy Warden Steve Arnold and Ms. Cindy Thayer, General Manager, Community Services, to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 62, Branch 176 and Branch 216, in appreciation for their generous donations to Marshall Gowland Manor, North Lambton Rest Home and Lambton Meadowview Villa.
- c) A recognition plaque was presented by Deputy Warden Steve Arnold and Ms. Cindy Thayer, General Manager, Community Services, to the Sarah Bullick Estate, in recognition of Miss Bullick's generous donation of Bullick Blacksmith Shop Memorabilia to the Lambton Heritage Museum.
- d) A recognition plaque was presented by Deputy Warden Steve Arnold and Ms. Cindy Thayer, General Manager, Community Services, to Ontario Power Generation – Lambton Generating Station, in recognition for their generous donation to purchase new and educational children's titles about electricity, power generation and science experiments using energy for all Library Branches in Lambton County.

Delegations

#4: Case/McManaman: That we invite Frank and Isobel Potts within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding their concerns with the current health care system, specifically the announced closure of the Chiropractic Clinic at the Bluewater Health Norman Street Site.
Carried.

#5: Case/Foubister: That Lambton County Council strongly objects to and does not support the closure of the Chiropody Clinic at Bluewater Health Norman Street Site; and further,

That a copy of this motion be forwarded to Bluewater Health, the Ministry of Health and Long Term and to the local M.P.P.s.

Carried.

#6: Perry/Napper: That we invite Messrs. David Vigar and Phil Brown, Bluewater Health, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding the status of the hospital project and their financial position.

Carried.

Monthly Staff Presentation Re: Activities and Issues

#7: Perry/Bilton: That we invite Mr. Ian MacLeod, Manager, Emergency Medical Services, within the Bar, to present an overview of the Emergency Medical Services Department's operations.

Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (OPEN SESSION) and (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated September 28, 2006 were presented.

#8: Jamieson/Perry: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence

11-4-06 A copy of a letter from the City of Owen Sound to the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Stephen Harper, dated September 19, 2006, advising of its resolution to request the Federal Government to bring in legislation and regulations requiring the discharge of all ballast and bilge water and the flushing of these systems, plus the inspection of the same. The City of Owen Sound is also requesting that the Federal Government fund research to control the invasive species that are already devastating the Great Lakes Ecosystem.

11-5-06 A copy of a letter from the City of Owen Sound to the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Stephen Harper, dated September 19, 2006, advising of its resolution to request the Federal Government to expedite the study concerning Upper Lakes Water Levels, so that remediation actions can begin before five (5) years is complete, for the reason that in five (5) there may be further significant drops in lake levels to the point where some harbours may have to be closed to shipping and pleasure crafts. The City of Owen Sound is also requesting that funding be provided to expedite the study.

11-6-06 A letter from Mr. John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated September 20, 2006, regarding infrastructure renewal. Mr. Gerretsen advises that from Ontario's perspective, the priority is that the Federal Government address the fiscal imbalance in a way that is fair for all Canadians, including the thirty-nine (39) percent who live in Ontario. Ontario must be allocated its fair share of infrastructure funding if Ontario and Canada are to continue to compete and prosper in a global economy. Ontario also supports the move to make the Federal Gas Tax transfer to Municipalities permanent.

11-7-06 A thank you note from Mrs. Jo-Anne Szabo to the County of Lambton, for the lovely flowers sent in memory of Peter Szabo, who recently passed away.

11-8-06 A letter from the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated September 26, 2006, regarding the review of the term of office for Wardens. Minister Gerretsen advises with the next term of Municipal Councils moving to four years, he realizes that there is an interest in greater flexibility for determining term lengths. Bill 130 proposes a number of amendments to the Municipal Act, 2001 and has received First Reading. If Bill 130 is approved, the Minister anticipates that it could take effect on January 1, 2007, which would be after the beginning of the term of new Councils. The Municipal Act, 2001 does allow upper-tier Councils to appoint the same individual as Warden for two years in a row, giving Council additional flexibility in the length of term for the appointment of Warden.

11-13-06 A letter from the Bluewater Health Foundation, dated October 5, 2006, thanking the County for the first installment of the \$15 million pledge to the "State of the Heart" Campaign. As well, on December 16, 2005, the Provincial Government approved funding for the hospital building project. The Enabler Project, which is almost complete, has prepared the Norman Street Site for this major construction phase.

11-14-06 A letter from Mr. Jim Hankinson, President and CEO of Ontario Power Generation, dated September 29, 2006, enclosing OPG's semi-annual performance report "It's All About Performance". The report covers OPG's performance during the first half of 2006, provides updates on key generation projects and offers some observations for the remainder of the year.

11-15-06 A letter from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, dated October 16, 2006, advising that in June, 2006, the Federal Government announced it would continue the moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns. As well, the Federal Government has asked Canada Post to act like a commercial enterprise that generates commercial profits and dividends. CUPW is requesting support of its resolution to ask the Federal Government to change the financial and policy framework it uses to set targets for Canada Post and to instruct Canada Post to act like a public service, not a commercial enterprise, by using more of its profits on public postal services, including maintaining and expanding home mail delivery in rural and urban areas.

11-16-06 A letter from Mrs. Pat Davidson, M.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding, dated October 13, 2006, thanking the County for informing her of Council's motion supporting the amendments contained in Bill 111 to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997, to expand occupational disease and injuries of firefighters to include volunteer firefighters. Mrs. Davidson fully supports this amendment.

11-17-06 A letter from the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce, dated August 28, 2006, advising that they have reviewed the Lambton County Core Services Reports and are requesting additional information on the issues. Also attached is a response from Warden Jim Burns concerning this matter.

#9: Foubister/McManaman: That the above correspondence items be received and filed.
Carried.

Reports to Council (not requiring a motion)

The following item was presented for County Council's information:

a) General Manager's Updates - Minutes dated June 20, July 4, September 19 and 26 of 2006.

#10: Miller/Perry: That item a) be received and filed.
Carried.

Minutes

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

#11: Bilton/Miller: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #3).
Carried.

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

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

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

#13: Perry/Foubister: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #22).
Carried.

Other Business

Councillor Steve Miller informed County Council that on Saturday, November 4, 2006, there will be a dedication ceremony for the park named in honour of Joseph Dedecker. The ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Port Lambton. All are welcome to attend.

Councillor Cam Ivey spoke to County Council advising that this will be the last meeting he will be attending as Mayor of Lambton Shores. Mr. Ivey offered Council his observations concerning his time with County Council and provided suggestions for the newly elected Council to consider when conducting future business. He noted that he has enjoyed his years serving on County Council and will miss everyone.

Councillor Todd Case spoke to County Council regarding the change in the term of office for the Warden.

#14: Case/Foubister: That the County of Lambton institute a term of two (2) years for the Warden, Deputy Warden and Standing Committees.

Carried.

By-Laws

#15: Boushy/Bilton: That By-Laws #38 to #43 of 2006, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#16: Case/Foubister: That By-Laws #38 to #43 of 2006, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 3:15 p.m.

Steve Arnold
Deputy Warden

Linda Ross
Solicitor/Clerk
General Manager, Corporate Services