

# MINUTES

County of Lambton  
Meeting for the Committee "Infrastructure & Development/Social & Health  
Services Committee"

on  
Wednesday January 18, 2006 09:00 AM  
Committee Room #1  
Chair: Jim Foubister

**Orders of the Day:**

**SOCIAL SERVICES  
COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES  
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES SERVICES  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT/BUILDING  
SERVICES  
OTHER BUSINESS**

A meeting was held at the County Building at 9:00 a.m. on the above date.

Present: Chair J. Foubister, Warden Jim Burns. Members: Wm. Bilton, C. Jamieson, T. Case, J. Dedecker, D. Kirkland and B. MacDougall. Also Mr. K. Dick, General Manager, Social and Health Services; Dr. C. Greensmith, Acting Medical Officer of Health; Mr. J. Kutyba, General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services; Mr. D. Posliff, Manager, Planning and Development Services; Ms. L. Ross, General Manager, Corporate Services and Mr. R. G. Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer.  
Absent: M. Bradley.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#1: Jamieson/Burns: That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Part C, Item 1 a) to e) - Correspondence 2-3-06, 2-4-06, 2-28-06, 2-9-06 and 2-29-06

#2: Dedecker/MacDougall: That the above correspondence items be received and filed.

Carried.

Part C, Item 2 - Social Services Department - Out of Province Travel

#3: Jamieson/Burns: That the Committee approve two (2) Ontario Works staff members to attend the Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop, March 6 - 8, 2006, and Getting Ahead in a Just Getting By World, March 9, 2006 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at an estimated cost of \$5,000.00 (100% funded).

Carried.

Part C. Item 3 - Social Services Department - Indigent Funeral Rates (Refer to Part B. Item 1 d) - Correspondence 2-9-06)

#4: Dedecker/Kirkland: That the County of Lambton increase the rates paid for professional charges related to indigent funerals, effective January 1, 2006, such that the professional charges for an adult funeral amount to \$2,175.00; professional charges for a funeral for a child (casket length to 4' 6") amount to \$1,260.00; professional charges for a funeral for a child (casket length to 2' 6") amount to \$915.00; professional charges for a funeral for a stillborn amount to \$345.00; and, professional charges for a Type C funeral (graveside) amount to a maximum of \$1,890.00;

That the County of Lambton remove cremation urns as an item of discretionary assistance for an indigent funeral, effective January 1, 2006;

That the County of Lambton increase the clergy honorarium paid for indigent funerals, effective January 1, 2006 to \$80.00;

That the County of Lambton provide for the actual cost of a newspaper notice as an item of discretionary assistance for an indigent funeral, effective January 1, 2006, up to a maximum of \$50.00;

That the County of Lambton deny the request from the Lambton County Funeral Directors for an increase in the kilometre rate paid for transportation costs related to an indigent funeral;

That the County of Lambton deny the request from the Lambton County Funeral Directors for the addition of the cost of an organist as an item of discretionary assistance for an indigent funeral;

That the County of Lambton deny the request from the Lambton County Funeral Directors for the annual indexing of indigent funeral rates; and further,

That staff update the Lambton County Social Services Indigent Burial Charges rate chart with the new rates and approved items, effective January 1, 2006, and distribute to Funeral Homes located in Lambton County.

Carried.

Part C. Item 4 - Best Start - Year One Funding Grant (Refer to Part B. Item 1 e) - Correspondence 2-29-06)

#5: Jamieson/MacDougall: That County Council direct the year one Best Start allocation of \$11,560,000.00 be placed in a reserve fund;

That, consistent with County Council's September 7, 2005 authorization of the General Manager, Social and Health Services Division to enter into Agreements with school boards and child care agencies for construction of child care facilities, authorization be granted to the General Manager, Social and Health Services Division to make disbursements from the reserve fund, which are consistent with the approved Best Start Plan; and further,

That the necessary By-Law be prepared.

Carried.

Part C, Item 5 - Best Start Summary

#6: Bilton/MacDougall: That the Best Start Summary report dated January 18, 2006 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Part C, Item 6 - Best Start - Infrastructure Plan

#7: Burns/MacDougall: That the Best Start - Infrastructure Plan dated January 18, 2006 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Re: Rent Bank Program

#8: Burns/MacDougall: That the County support continuation of the Rent Bank Program.

Carried.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

**DELEGATION**

Re: Part C, Item 2 - Air Quality Assessment Related to the Traffic Congestion at the Bluewater Bridge

Dr. Christopher Greensmith, Acting Medical Officer of Health, was present to speak to the Committee regarding the findings and conclusions of a study undertaken by Ministry of Environment staff to determine the impact on local air quality of idling trucks backed up on the approach to the Bluewater Bridge.

\* #9: Dedecker/MacDougall: That the County of Lambton should continue to disseminate and promote the daily Air Quality Index to area Municipalities, agencies and the general population;

That information on the prevailing wind direction and the state of bridge traffic should be added to the Air Quality Index press release;

That the County of Lambton should support initiatives to reduce emissions from diesel vehicles; and further,

That the County of Lambton should support Highway 402 development initiatives that separate idling trucks from local residents by at least 50 metres.

Carried.

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#10: Jamieson/Dedecker: That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Part C, Item 1 a) and b) - Correspondence 2-2-06 and 2-27-06

#11: Jamieson/MacDougall: That correspondence 2-2-06 and 2-27-06 be received and filed.

Carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES SERVICES**

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#12: Bilton/Kirkland: That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Part C, Item 1 a) - Correspondence 2-5-06

#13: Jamieson/Burns: That the speed limit on Churchill Line (County Road #14) between Telfer and Brigden Road, remain at 90 kmph and that a response be forwarded to Mrs. S. Halliday, 2238 Churchill Line.

Carried.

Part C, Item 1 b) - Correspondence 2-18-06

#14: MacDougall/Jamieson: That correspondence 2-18-06 from the City of Kitchener with respect to Environmental Assessments for traffic calming measures be received and filed.

Carried.

Part C, Item 1 c) - Correspondence 2-19-06

#15: Jamieson/MacDougall: That correspondence 2-19-06 from The Nation Municipality with respect to Federal Gas Tax calculations (50% lane km. + 50% per capita) be received and filed.

Carried.

Part C, Item 1 d) - Correspondence 2-20-06

#16: MacDougall/Burns: That correspondence 2-20-06 be received and filed.

Carried.

Part C, Item 1 e) and f) - Correspondence 2-21-06 and 2-22-06

#17: Burns/Jamieson: That the County support the requests from the City of Mississauga and the City of Brampton regarding Bill 169, the *Transportation Statute Law Amendment Act, 2005*, impacting the safety of students and crossing guards, and that the matter be referred to local Municipalities for their perusal.

Carried.

#18: MacDougall/Kirkland: That staff request a meeting with the Minister of Transportation at the O.G.R.A./R.O.M.A. Conference, in order to express their support in the matter.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**#19:** MacDougall/Burns: That staff also arrange a meeting with the Minister of Transportation at the O.G.R.A./R.O.M.A. Conference, to discuss their concerns with the planned closure of the Oil Heritage Road exit at Highway 402 during the Oil Heritage District Sesqui-Centennial Celebrations in 2008.

Carried.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT/BUILDING SERVICES**

**Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report**

**#20:** Kirkland/Burns: That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

Carried.

**Part C, Item 2 - Emergency Management Coordinator Report**

**#21:** Jamieson/MacDougall: That the report and attached information from the County's Emergency Coordinator be received and filed.

Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Dave Posliff, Manager, Planning and Development Services, was present to discuss an opportunity to attend a Brownfields Knowledge Workshop: Building Capacity for Brownfields Development and Revitalization. The County and the City of Sarnia will co-host the workshop. The cost to the Municipalities will be minimal. The tentative date is March 23, 2006. It will be held at the University of Western Ontario Research Park - Sarnia Lambton Campus.

**#22:** Dedecker/MacDougall: That Council support the County of Lambton acting as co-host for the Brownfields Knowledge Workshop.

Carried.

**IN-CAMERA**

**#23:** Burns/Jamieson: That the Chair declare the Committee go in-camera to discuss a matter subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Carried.

(Item dealt with in the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated February 1, 2006.)

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**OPEN MEETING**

The Chair declared that the Committee go back into open meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

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Jim Foubister  
Chair

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Ronald G. Van Horne  
Secretary

- \* 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 – see Council February 1, 2006, mot. #18.

# AGENDA

County of Lambton  
Meeting for the Committee "Social Services - General Manager's Report"  
on  
Wednesday January 18, 2006 09:00 AM  
Committee Room #1  
Chair: Ken Dick

## Orders of the Day:

PART A - Follow-up from Previous Month(s)  
PART B - Monthly Activities  
PART C - Other Matters Requiring a Motion

### PART A - Follow-up from Previous Month(s)

1. Motion #9 of the Infrastructure & Development/Social & Health Services Committee meeting dated June 15, 2005: *"Davidson/Bilton: That the County of Lambton not proceed further with the consideration of Country Manor's request for a domiciliary care agreement, until such time as the Province of Ontario confirms that an expansion of this discretionary program is permissible and that sufficient annualized provincial funding is available."*

On November 4, 2005 Social Services Department staff received a memorandum from the Program Supervisor which advised that no additional funding was available. The Ministry Program Supervisor recommended that the County maintain current levels of service for the domiciliary hostel budget line and that no new agreements should be entered into, unless an existing operator closed and a new agreement would enable the County to maintain the existing level of service.

### PART B - Monthly Activities

#### 1. Accounts and Verification

Total accounts for the months of November & December, 2005	\$3,880,929.26
Total accounts for the months of November & December, 2004	\$3,805,200.97

A listing of accounts will be available at the meeting.

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| i) Are there any items significantly over budget?               | No  |
| ii) Are there any items significantly under budget?             | No  |
| iii) Were all items purchased in accordance with County Policy? | Yes |
| iv) Are there any items that were not in the budget?            | No  |

#### 2. Revenue and Verification

Revenues received during the months of November & December, 2005	\$6,753,448.00
Revenues received during the months of November & December, 2004	\$5,076,905.00

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| i) Were any receipts not included in the current year's budget? | Yes* |
| ii) Were any receipts significantly less than budgeted?         | No   |
| iii) Were any receipts significantly more than budgeted?        | No   |

(\*Provincial Homelessness Initiative fund surplus - Lambton County's allocation- \$2,407.00.)

3. Items of Committee Interest

Social Services Department

a) The Ontario Works Manager's report is attached.



SS.O'W.Monthly report.01.18.2006.pdf



stats.12.2005.pdf

b) The Social Planning and Program Support Manager's report is attached.



SPPS Homeless Report.01.18.2006.pdf

4. General Manager's Report

Recommendation

That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C - Other Matters Requiring a Motion**

1. Correspondence

a) 2-3-05 Correspondence from the Ministry of Community & Social Services regarding the small fiscal surplus in the Provincial Homelessness Initiative Fund.



Correspondence.2-3-05.Homelessness Fund.pdf

b) 2-4-06 Correspondence from the Ministry of Community & Social Services regarding the reimbursement of Addiction Services implementation planning costs.



Correspondence.2-4-06.Addiction Services Initiative.pdf

c) 2-28-06 Correspondence from the Ministry of Community & Social Services approving the updated 2005 Ontario Works Service plan.



correspondence.SS 2-28-06.Service Plan.2005.pdf

**Recommendation**

That correspondence 2-3-05, correspondence 2-4-06, and correspondence 2-28-06 be received and filed.

- d) 2-9-06 Correspondence from the Lambton County Funeral Directors requesting a rate increase for indigent funerals. (Please refer to the staff report in PART C - Item #3 regarding this matter.)



correspondence.2-9-06.Indigent Burials.pdf

- e) 2-29-06 Correspondence from the Ministry of Children & Youth Services regarding the one-time funding allocation associated with Best Start. (Please reference the staff report detailed in Part C - Item #4)



Correspondence.2-29-06.Best Start funding.pdf

## 2. Social Services Department - Out of Province Training

Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities is a three day train-the-trainer workshop being offered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on March 6-8, 2006. The attached report is provided for Committee's consideration.



SS.Out of Province Travel.memo.01.18.2006.pdf

### **Recommendation**

That Committee approves two Ontario Works staff members to attend Bridges Out of Poverty workshop, March 6-8, 2006 and Getting Ahead in a Just Getting by World, March 9, 2006 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at an estimated cost of \$5,000.00 (100% funded.)

## 3. Social Services Department - Indigent Funeral Rates

Correspondence (2-9-06) from the Lambton County Funeral Directors requesting a 15% across the board increase in indigent funeral rates to recover some of the cost increases since the last adjustment in 1993. The attached report and related surveys are provided for Committee's review and consideration.



SS.Ow.Indigent Funerals.01.18.2006.pdf



SS.Indigent Funeral. Expenses Comparisons.01 18 2006 KD.pdf



SS.Indigent Funeral. Professional Fees 01 18 2006 KD.pdf

**Recommendation**

That the County of Lambton increase the rates paid for professional charges related to indigent funerals effective January 1, 2006 such that the professional charges for an adult funeral amount to \$2,175.00; professional charges for a funeral for a child (casket length to 4'6") amount to \$1,260.00; professional charges for a funeral for a child (casket length to 2'6") amount to \$915.00, professional charges for a funeral for a stillborn amount to \$345.00 and professional charges for a Type C funeral (graveside) amount to a maximum of \$1,890.00; and further,

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That the County of Lambton increase the clergy honorarium paid for indigent funerals effective January 1, 2006 to \$80.00; and further,

That the County of Lambton provide for the actual cost of a newspaper notice as an item of discretionary assistance for an indigent funeral effective January 1, 2006, up to a maximum of \$50.00; and further,

That the County of Lambton deny the request from the Lambton County Funeral Directors for an increase in the kilometer rate paid for transportation costs related to an indigent funeral; and further,

That the County of Lambton deny the request from the Lambton County Funeral Directors for the addition of the cost of an organist as an item of discretionary assistance for an indigent funeral; and further,

That the County of Lambton deny the request from the Lambton County Funeral Directors for the annual indexing of indigent funeral rates; and further,

That Staff update the Lambton County Social Services Indigent Burial Charges rate chart with the new rates and approved items, effective January 1, 2006 and distribute to Funeral Homes located in Lambton County.

4. **Best Start - Year One Funding Grant**

On March 11, 2005, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services announced that Lambton County and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent had been selected as a Best Start demonstration community. The attached staff report regarding the unconditional grant associated with Best Start is provided for Committee's consideration.



Best Start Year One Grant.01.18.2006.pdf

**Recommendation**

That County Council direct the year-one Best Start allocation of \$11,560,000.00 be placed in a reserve fund, and further;

That, consistent with County Council's September 7, 2005 authorization of the General Manager, Social & Health Services Division to enter into Agreements with school boards and child care agencies for construction of child care facilities, authorization be granted to the General Manager, Social & Health Services Division to make disbursements from the reserve fund, which are consistent with the approved Best Start Plan, and further;

That the necessary By-Law be prepared.

5. Best Start Summary

Despite repeated requests by Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to establish clear accountability and decision making authority, the Province established Best Start Planning Networks charged with the planning and implementation of the *Best Start Vision*, based on a consensus decision making model. The attached staff report provides a Best Start summary.



Best Start.Summary.01 18 2006 KD.01.6.2006..pdf

**Recommendation**

That the Best Start Summary report dated January 18, 2006 be accepted as presented.

6. Best Start - Infrastructure Plan

The Best Start - Infrastructure Plan was developed in response to the direction provided by County Council at its regular meeting of September 7, 2005. The attached report outlines the needs required to support the implementation and ongoing management of the Best Start Vision.



Best Start.HR infrastructure 01 18 2006 KD.01.6.2006.pdf

**Recommendation**

That the Best Start - Infrastructure Plan dated January 18, 2006 be accepted as presented.

# AGENDA

County of Lambton  
Meeting for the Committee "Community Health Services - General Manager's Report"  
on  
Wednesday January 18, 2006 09:00 AM  
Committee Room #1  
Chair: Ken Dick

## Orders of the Day:

PART A - Follow-up from Previous Month(s)  
PART B - Monthly Activities  
PART C - Other Matters Requiring a Motion

### PART A - Follow-up from Previous Month(s) -

1. No matters to report.

### PART B - Monthly Activities

#### 1. Accounts and Verification

Total accounts for the months of November & December, 2005	\$ 244,101.87
Total accounts for the months of November & December, 2004	\$3,805,200.97

A listing of accounts will be available at the meeting.

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| i) Are there any items significantly over budget?              | No  |
| ii) Are there any items significantly under budget?            | No  |
| iii) Were all items produced in accordance with County Policy? | Yes |
| iv) Are there any items that were not in the budget?           | No  |

#### 2. Revenue and Verification

Revenues received during the months of November & December, 2005	\$519,585.00
Revenues received during the months of November & December, 2004	\$607,609.00

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| i) Were any receipts not included in the current year's budget? | No |
| ii) Were any receipts significantly less than budgeted?         | No |
| iii) Were any receipts significantly more than budgeted?        | No |

#### 3. Items of Committee Interest

- a) The Environmental Health & Prevention Services Manager's report is attached.



4. General Manager's Report

Recommendation

That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C - Other Matters Requiring a Motion**

1. Correspondence

- a) 2-2-06 Correspondence from Minister George Smitherman regarding the Community Health Services Department's 2005 funding allocation of \$3,288,735.00 for mandatory public health programs and services.



Correspondence.2-2-06.Funding.pdf

- b) 2-27-06 Correspondence from the Ministry of Environment regarding the introduction of the Clean Water Act, 2005 in the Ontario Legislature.



Correspondence. 2-27-06.Clean Water Act.pdf

**Recommendation**

That correspondence 2-2-06 and correspondence 2-27-06 be noted and filed.

2. Air Quality Assessment

The Air Quality Assessment related to Traffic Congestion at the Blue Water Bridge has been reviewed by Dr. C. Greensmith, (A) Medical Officer of Health. The report represents the findings and conclusions of a study undertaken by Ministry of Environment staff to determine the impact on local air quality of idling trucks backed up on the approach to the Blue Water Bridge. The attached report highlights the findings associated with the report.



Air Quality Report.Dr. Greensmith's Review.Jan 10. 2006.pdf

Recommendation

The County of Lambton should continue to disseminate and promote the daily Air Quality Index to area municipalities, agencies, and the general population; and further,

Information on the prevailing wind direction and the state of bridge traffic should be added to the Air Quality Index press release; and further,

The County of Lambton should support initiatives to reduce emissions from diesel vehicles; and further,

The County of Lambton should support Highway 402 development initiatives that separate idling trucks from local residents by at least 50 metres.

# AGENDA

County of Lambton  
Meeting for the Committee "Public Works/Facilities Services - General Manager's  
Report"  
on  
Wednesday January 18, 2006 09:00 AM  
Committee Room #1  
Chair: Jim Kutya

## Orders of the Day:

PART A - Follow-up from Previous Month(s)  
PART B - Monthly Activities  
PART C - Other Matters Requiring a Motion

### PART A - Follow-up from Previous Month(s)

1. None at this time.

### PART B - Monthly Activities

1. Accounts and Verification

Totals for the months of November & December 2005:

Roads	\$ 2,343,900.61
Waste Management	\$ 353,063.26
Facilities Services	\$ 31,412.79

A listing of accounts will be available at the meeting.

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| i) Are there any items significantly over budget?               | No  |
| ii) Are there any items significantly under budget?             | No  |
| iii) Were all items purchased in accordance with County Policy? | Yes |
| iv) Are there any items that were not in the budget?            | No  |

Totals for the months of November & December 2004:

Roads	\$ 2,408,161.69
Waste Management	\$ 387,781.18
Facilities Services	\$ 31,393.87

2. Revenue and Verification

Revenues received during the months of November & December 2005:

Roads	\$ 1,539,940.00
Waste Management	\$ 449,999.00
Facilities Services	\$ 98,372.00

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| i) Were any receipts not included in the current year's budget? | No |
| ii) Were any receipts significantly less than budgeted?         | No |
| iii) Were any receipts significantly more than budgeted?        | No |

Revenues received during the months of November & December 2004:

Roads	\$ 1,444,964.00
Waste Management	\$ 403,078.00
Facilities Services	\$ 89,654.00

### 3. Items of Committee Interest

#### a) Adopt a Road

Roadside clean-up on the following road was completed in October:  
Watford Rotary - County Road 79 (Nauvoo Road) from the south limits of Watford to LaSalle Line.

Roadside clean-up on the following road was completed in November:  
Ladyluck Riders - County Road 26 (Mandaumin Road) from County Road 22 (London Line) to County Road 7 (Lakeshore Road).

#### b) Ontario Good Roads Association Annual Conference

OGRA/ROMA Combined Conference is being held at the Royal York in Toronto February 19 - 22, 2006. Those wishing a room and/or to be registered please notify Jim Kutyba (x361) or Jan Lembke (x344) no later than January 31, 2006.

#### c) Warwick Landfill

Attached is a copy of the submission sent to the Ministry of the Environment, from Stephen D'Agostino of Thomson Rogers Barristers and Solicitors for the County of Lambton, regarding the County's position on the expansion of the Warwick Landfill. An acknowledgement of our submission has been received by the Ministry (letter attached at end of submission).



Warwick Landfill Expansion Submission.pdf

### 4. General Manager's Report

#### **Recommendation**

That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C - Other Matters Requiring a Motion**1. Correspondence

- a) 2-5-06 Letter received November 18, 2005 from Susan Halliday requesting that the speed limit on Churchill Line, between Telfer and Brigden Sideroads, be lowered to 70 km/hour as this is a residential area.

One of the most important functions of arterial roads is to move traffic between communities. Churchill Line (County Road #14) is posted at 90 kmph for a majority of its length. The residential environment is, for the most part, rural. The section in question consists of strip development and there has been 6 or so in-fill homes built over the last 10 years. I do not feel that the density of residences is such that a reduced speed limit is warranted. Walking or bicycling on a County road must be exercised with additional care given their designation as an arterial road. A lower posted speed will not result in a lower observed speed. The geometry of the road is adequate for the 90 kmph posting so vehicles will drive at a higher speed. We have tried posting lower speeds in other areas of the County (i.e. Mandaumin Road, London Line) and find that they are ignored by a great majority of drivers.



P\W 2-5-06.pdf

**Recommendation**

That the speed limit on Churchill Line (C.R. #14) between Telfer and Brigden Road remain at 90 kmph and that a response be forwarded to Mrs. S. Halliday, 2238 Churchill Line.

- b) 2-18-06 Letter dated December 13, 2005 from the Office of the Clerk, City of Kitchener, regarding their resolution that the Province be requested to remove the requirement for environmental assessments for the implementation of traffic calming measures.

Traffic calming measures have not been utilized on the County Road System. The issue tends to be utilized mainly by urban municipalities to reduce speeds, or discourage traffic in residential areas where the road system attracts additional volumes of "cut-through" traffic. It would be appropriate for traffic calming measures to be subject to Class Environmental Assessments, where the requirements are less onerous than those flowing from the Environmental Assessment Act but that is not what the City of Kitchener is asking support for.



P\W 2-18-06.pdf

**Recommendation**

That Correspondence 2-18-06 from the City of Kitchener with respect to Environmental assessments for traffic calming measures be received and filed.

- c) 2-19-06 E-mail dated December 20, 2005 from The Nation Municipality (Casselman, ON) requesting Council's endorsement that the Federal Government be petitioned to review the existing method of distributing the gas tax and establish a fair and equitable formula for the distribution of the gas tax rebate. The Nation is proposing that municipal funding be as follows: 50% based on the number of lane kilometers of highways per municipality plus 50% calculated on a per capita basis per municipality.

There are always going to be ways of calculating the Federal Gas Tax that would provide a given municipality with additional funds. For the most part, municipalities, in Ontario anyways, are happy that they are seeing some funds flow to address the infrastructure deficit created by years of no Federal and Provincial funding. I would suggest that the letter be received and filed.



PW 2-19-06.pdf

### **Recommendation**

That Correspondence 2-19-06 from The Nation Municipality with respect to Federal Gas Tax calculations (50% lane km.+50% per capita) be received and filed.

- d) 2-20-06 Fax dated December 22, 2005 from the City of Kitchener to other members of the South Western Ontario Trash Coalition with excerpts on waste management matters from the November 25, 2005 meeting of the GTAH (Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton) Mayors and Regional Chairs Group.

A majority of points made in the minutes have been supported or proposed by the South Western Trash Coalition over the past few years.



PW 2-20-06.pdf

### **Recommendation**

That Correspondence 2-20-06 be received and filed.

- e) 2-21-06 Letter dated December 15, 2005 from the City of Mississauga, regarding Bill 169 (Transportation Statute Law Amendment Act), specifically with respect to an amendment that impacts the safety of students and crossing guards when crossing the roadway. The amendment would allow traffic to proceed once the crossing guard and other persons have cleared the half of the roadway in which the vehicle is travelling.

The existing requirement is that all traffic stop until the crossing guard and other persons have cleared the roadway and the crossing stop sign has been removed. The letters from Mississauga and Brampton are requesting this not be amended. I believe that the City of Sarnia and St. Clair Township have crossing guards and it may be appropriate to allow them to respond individually if they so desire.



PW 2-21-06.pdf

- f) 2-22-06 Letter dated November 29, 2005 from the City of Brampton, also regarding Bill 169.



PW 2-22-06.pdf

**Recommendation**

That Correspondence 2-21-06 and 2-22-06 with respect to amendments of the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bill 169 (Transportation Statute Law Amendment Act) impacting the safety of students and crossing guards be referred to local municipalities for the perusal.

# AGENDA

County of Lambton  
Meeting for the Committee "Planning & Development/Building Services - General  
Manager's Report"  
on  
Wednesday January 18, 2006 09:00 AM  
Committee Room #1  
Chair: Jim Kutymba

## Orders of the Day:

PART A - Follow-up from Previous Month(s)  
PART B - Monthly Activities  
PART C - Other Matters Requiring a Motion

### PART A - Follow-up from Previous Month(s)

1. Motion # 12, November 16, 2005 re the County-Wide Proposal for Septic Assessments on Planning Applications. A report will be available at the February meeting of Committee.

### PART B - Monthly Activities

#### 1. Accounts and Verification

Totals for the months of November & December 2005:

Planning & Development	\$ 3,811.40
Emergency Services	\$ 11,134.78
Building Services	\$ 14,302.91

A listing of accounts will be available at the meeting.

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|---|-----|
| i) Are there any items significantly over budget?               | No  |
| ii) Are there any items significantly under budget?             | No  |
| iii) Were all items purchased in accordance with County Policy? | Yes |
| iv) Are there any items that were not in the budget?            | No  |

Totals for the months of November & December 2004:

Planning & Development	\$ 5,362.67
Emergency Services	\$ 22,718.94
Building Services	\$ 21,795.12

#### 2. Revenue and Verification

Revenues received during the months of November & December 2005:

Planning & Development	\$ 165,671.00
Emergency Services	\$ 38,333.00
Building Services	\$ 148,202.00

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| i) Were any receipts not included in the current year's budget? | No |
| ii) Were any receipts significantly less than budgeted?         | No |
| iii) Were any receipts significantly more than budgeted?        | No |

Revenues received during the months of November & December 2004:

Planning & Development	\$ 140,682.00
Emergency Services	\$ 48,818.00
Building Services	\$ 146,577.00

3. Items of Committee Interest

a) Work in Progress

Township of Enniskillen Comprehensive Zoning By-law

Staff have met with Enniskillen on two occasions to discuss changes to the present Draft. Work has now begun on some of the mapping. There will be a meeting with Council early in the new year.

Town of Petrolia Zoning By-law

There has been some preliminary discussion with Petrolia regarding a housekeeping by-law. This by-law would update their present zoning by-law.

Village of Point Edward Official Plan

We are meeting with Council in January to discuss the progress of the Official Plan in light of other ongoing planning activities in the Village.

Village of Point Edward Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review

Background work, including a review of the zone provisions, continues on this project.

Point Edward Brownfields Community Improvement Plan

Council has asked that we prepare a Brownfields Community Improvement Plan for the Village, which would be similar to the one completed earlier in 2005 by the City of Sarnia. The Point Edward plan would set out a program of possible financial and other incentives that could be offered to property owners, in hopes of stimulating the redevelopment of brownfield sites. This would be the first such plan prepared by our department, and work is in progress on a draft of the plan for review by Council early in 2006. The plan will require the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs because of the inclusion of the financial incentive program component.

Village of Oil Springs Official Plan

Oil Springs Council approved their new Official Plan on November 8, 2005 by By-law 410 of 2005. The Plan has been submitted to the County for approval and is currently under review. Once the plan receives final approval, Village Council will start on the new zoning by-law.

### County of Lambton Nutrient Management By-law Update

Provincial regulations were altered significantly this past fall. All sizes of livestock operations greater than 5 NU (nutrient units) must now have a Nutrient Management Strategy approved by the Province in order to get a building permit. A Nutrient Management Plan is only required in higher risk situations (e.g. farms spreading biosolids, farms over a certain size). While a Nutrient Management Plan deals with spreading practices on individual fields, a Nutrient Management Strategy requires a farmer to predict how much manure he will have to deal with and show that he has sufficient storage and means to dispose of the manure (manure brokers or land base).

The existing County Nutrient Management By-law, for the most part, mimics Provincial regulations but some of the terminology is out of sync. An initial draft of a new County By-law is almost complete. Its main purpose would be to ensure that our Building Inspectors receive the information required to ensure compliance with the Provincial regulations and MDS requirements as well as allowing the department to collect information that is useful for rural planning and economic development purposes. The County By-law could, if so desired, require Nutrient Management Plans from farmers who are now required to undertake Nutrient Management Strategies by the Provincial regulations. There is a question as to whether the County can require this higher standard.

### Minimum Distance Separation (MDS)

Proposed changes to MDS (to be known as MDS II) are posted on the Environmental Registry website and open for comment until January 26. MDS II, which applies to building permits for barns and manure storage facilities, has basically the same format, but the input factors have changed. The proposed changes to various factors affect different sizes and types of operations differently but we have produced some graphs to help quantify the effects. For some operations, the required MDS could increase by as much as 47% (Holstein Milking Cows, 50% expansion) or decrease by as much as 45% (Grain-fed Veal, 0% expansion) compared to the distance that the old calculation would produce. Manure storage facilities are defined in more detail than previously and certain types are placed in more appropriate categories of odour potential than the previously, more broadly defined, range of manure storage facilities.

MDS I, which applies to the establishment of non-farm uses, is now directly related to the MDS II calculation. MDS I distances to a barn are generally increasing to be comparable to the MDS II that would apply for the barn if built new whereas before it was comparable to the lesser MDS II that would apply for the barn if making a very small expansion. The 'potential nutrient unit' consideration that looks at available land base is being increased to allow 7.5 NU per hectare land base, up to 450NU - i.e. the distance from a barn housing one horse on a 150 acre parcel would be the setback required for 450 medium framed horses.

There is considerable elaboration on the implementation guidelines, which generally coincides with how we have already been applying MDS. New guidelines include means for calculating distances for manure storage facilities on properties without livestock barns or with capacity to store more manure on site than produced by the livestock on site. Minor variances to MDS I (establishing non-farm uses) are not to be granted, except possibly to allow construction on an existing lot of record. Our by-laws generally allow replacement of non-complying houses at the same setback, but the new guidelines only mention allowing this where the house is destroyed by a 'catastrophe'.

A more detailed report on the impacts to particular livestock types and operation sizes will be forthcoming.

Township of Warwick Official Plan - 5 Year Review

Staff prepared and presented an initial list of issues to be addressed as part of the review as well as a work plan by which to narrow the issues, collect public input, draft amendments and hold public meetings. The work plan is necessarily aggressive, in order to complete any amendments prior to this year's elections. We are waiting on Council's instructions to take the next step in the work plan.

b) Carolinian Canada Project

We have attached materials from the Carolinian Canada Coalition requesting our participation in a demonstration project to prepare a natural heritage information sheet for the County. We have agreed to participate as, in our opinion, it addresses high priority items in our strategic plan such as promoting environmental sustainability and fostering partnerships with agencies outside the County structure. It will also result in us having access to a greater range of natural heritage resources to assist us in fulfilling our obligations as planners and as a municipal plan review and official plan approval authority. Carolinian Canada has not asked for any financial contribution for this project, but it would require some commitment of staff time. Other participating organizations include provincial ministries and the conservation authorities.



Carolinian Canada.pdf

c) Planning Act and Ontario Municipal Board Reform

We have attached notices regarding this provincial initiative for your information. Unfortunately, there has been, and apparently will continue to be, very little opportunity for formal consultation and comment on this proposed legislation. While organizations like AMO and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute have indicated that they will be reviewing the legislation through various committees and submitting comments to the Ministry, we and other members of the County Planning Director's organization have been advised by the Ministry that the process is largely complete, and any consultation now is more for information and training purposes than for commenting from municipalities. The County Planners, as a group, have expressed their concern to the Ministry about this process. We will keep the Committee advised as to the progress of this legislation.



OMB Reform Nov 05.pdf

d) Official Plan Amendment ApprovalsOfficial Plan Amendment # 15 to the Official Plan of the City of Sarnia

This Official Plan Amendment was adopted by the Council of the City of Sarnia on November 7, 2005, by By-law 119 of 2005 and was received by the County of Lambton on November 25, 2005 with the approval dated November 30, 2005. The appeal period expired December 20, 2005.

The purpose of this amendment is to add a new subsection to the Community Development Policies Section of the Official Plan to address the conversion of multi-unit rental housing to condominium ownership.

The proposed amendment to the Official Plan is consistent with the recommendations of the County of Lambton Housing Strategy which recommends that the City “adopt measures to discourage demolition and conversion of affordable rental housing consistent with any new Provincial Policy on this matter”.

This amendment shall apply to the entire City of Sarnia.

Official Plan Amendment # 16 to the Official Plan of the City of Sarnia

This Official Plan Amendment was adopted by the Council of the City of Sarnia on December 12, 2005, by By-law 132 of 2005 and was received by the County of Lambton on December 20, 2005 with the approval dated January 5, 2006. The appeal period will expire January 25, 2006.

The lands affected by this amendment are described as part of Lot 17, Concession 6, City of Sarnia, County of Lambton municipally known as 1370 L’Heritage Drive. The purpose of the amendment is to add a range of residential uses for seniors including an apartment dwelling, a multiple attached dwelling and a retirement home, to the list of permitted uses in the Commercial Centre designation as it applies to the property noted above.

A concurrent Zoning By-law Amendment added a range of residential uses for seniors including an apartment dwelling, a multiple attached dwelling, a retirement home, a nursing home and a home for the aged or rest home to the list of permitted uses and to establish an appropriate parking requirement for these uses as it applies to the subject lands.

e) 2005 Planning Statistics

Committee of Adjustment Comments – 235  
Zoning By-law Amendments – 36  
Official Plan Amendments – 6  
Land Division Applications – 13  
Land Division Development Fees – 11  
Woodlot Applications – 2  
Letters of Compliance (Zoning Confirmations) – 130  
Plan of Subdivision Applications – 4  
Plan of Subdivision Extension – 4  
Part Lot Control – 1  
Final Approval – 1  
Official Plan Amendment Approvals – 13

f) Report on “The Loss of Farmland Through Retirement Lot Severances: A Final Word?”

More than a year ago a Planner, Robert Dykstra working with Wayne Caldwell from the University of Guelph/County of Huron spent time in our office gathering research information on retirement lot severances. Since then, a large report (180 pages) has been written on the topic. A recent edition of the Ontario Planning Journal contained a condensed summary of the report.

Mr. Dykstra is now a planner with the County of Bruce. He is a graduate of the Rural Planning Program at the University of Guelph. Wayne Caldwell and Stew Hilts are professors in the Rural Planning and Land Resource Science respectively and co-direct the Farmland Preservation Research Project at the University of Guelph.



Loss of Farmland.pdf

4. General Manager's Report

**Recommendation**

That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

**PART C - Other Matters Requiring a Motion**

1. Correspondence

None at this time.

2. Emergency Management Coordinator Report

Attached is a report dated January 5, 2006 from Mark Wetering, Emergency Management Coordinator.



Emergency Mgmt Coordinator Report Jan 2006.pdf



CEMC Meeting - Nov 29 - Report.pdf



Emergency Mgmt Coordinator SLIDE letter of intent.pdf



Emergency Mgmt Coordinator Joint Exercise Report.pdf

**Recommendation**

That the report and attached information from the County's Emergency Management Coordinator be received and filed.