

MINUTES

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Corporate and Community Services Committee"
on
Wednesday April 19, 2006 01:00 PM
Committee Room #1
Chair: Gordon Perry

Orders of the Day:

LIBRARIES
MUSEUMS
GALLERY LAMBTON
HOUSING SERVICES
SENIOR SERVICES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
HUMAN RESOURCES
FINANCE

A meeting was held at the County Building at 1:00 p.m. on the above date.

Present: Chair G. Perry, Warden Jim Burns. Members: B. McManaman, D. Boushy, C. Ivey, L. Napper, J. Murray, D. McGugan and S. Arnold. Ms. S. Murray and Mr. W. Petryschuk attended for Libraries, Museums and Gallery Lambton matters. Also Ms. C. Thayer, General Manager, Community Services; Ms. L. Ross, General Manager, Corporate Services and Mr. R. G. Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer.
Absent: C. Clark.

LIBRARIES

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#1: Ivey/Arnold: 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 5-16-06

#2: Ivey/McGugan: That the grant be placed in a reserve fund and that staff bring back a plan on how the funding should be spent.

Carried.

Part C, Item 2 - Donations

#3: Boushy/McManaman: That the donations be gratefully accepted and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's Recognition Policy.

Carried.

MUSEUMS

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#4: Ivey/Napper: 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 5-28-06

#5: J. Murray/S. Murray: That the County send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Culture, local M.P.P.s and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, supporting the Township of South Stormont's resolution to urge the Province of Ontario to approve the Private Member's Bill to preserve the gravesites of former Premiers of Ontario.

Carried.

Part 2 - Collection Management Report

#6: S. Murray/McGugan: That the Curator's Collection Management Report be accepted as presented, in accordance with County policy.

Carried.

Part C, Item 3 - Lambton Room Donations

#7: Petryschuk/Napper: That the donations be gratefully accepted and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's Recognition Policy.

Carried.

GALLERY LAMBTON

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#8: Arnold/Petryschuk: That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Part C, Item 2 - Gift Shop Float

#9: Arnold/Burns: That the float for the Gift Shop at Gallery Lambton be increased to \$100.00.

Carried.

HOUSING SERVICES

Part A, Item 1 - 375A Kathleen Avenue, Sarnia

#10: Ivey/McManaman: That 375A Kathleen Avenue, Sarnia, be returned to the rent-geared-to-income inventory.

Carried.

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#11: Arnold/Napper: 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), b) and c) - Correspondence 5-32-06, 5-33-06 and 5-34-06

#12: Arnold/Burns: That the above correspondence items be received and filed.

Carried.

Part C, Item 2 - Affordable Housing Program - Housing Delivery Plan dated April 6, 2006

#13: Arnold/J. Murray: That the Housing Delivery Plan, Appendix A - Housing Allowance Program be approved as presented, including the Housing Take-Up Plan.

Carried.

SENIOR SERVICES

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#14: Arnold/Ivey: That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Part C, Item 2 - Memorandum dated April 7, 2006 Regarding Designated Smoking Rooms in Long-Term Care Homes

#15: Arnold/McManaman: That the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care be notified that the County of Lambton will not be maintaining a controlled smoking room at its Long-Term Care Homes; and further,

That staff from the Homes meet with Community Health Services staff to investigate the provision of Stop Smoking Programs at the Homes in order to assist residents in the transition.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

June Committee Meeting

#16: Boushy/McManaman: That the June meeting of the Committee be held at the North Lambton Rest Home at the regular time.

Carried.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager' Report

#17: Ivey/McManaman: 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 5-20-06

#18: McManaman/Burns: That correspondence 5-20-06 be received and filed.

Carried.

Part C, Item 1 b) and c) - Correspondence 5-19-06 and 5-31-06

#19: Arnold/Ivey: That the unexpected funding announced in correspondence 5-19-06 and 5-31-06 (estimated at \$295,000.00), be placed in an EMS Reserve.

Carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Part B, Item 3 b) ii) - Items of Committee Interest - Ontario Tobacco Strategy

#20: Ivey/McManaman: That Part B, Item 3 b) ii) regarding the Ontario Tobacco Strategy, be removed from the agenda and that staff not perform any further work on the mapping.

Carried.

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#21: J. Murray/Burns: That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as amended.

Carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#22: Ivey/Arnold: That the General Manager's Report as set out in Part A and Part B be accepted as presented.

Carried.

IN-CAMERA

#23: Arnold/J. Murray: That the Chair declare the Committee go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning labour relations.

Carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES -

Memorandum dated April 7, 2006 Regarding the Tentative Settlement CUPE 2557

#24: Arnold/J. Murray: That the Committee recommend to County Council that Council ratify the tentative agreement reached on April 6, 2006 with the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 2557.
Carried.

OPEN MEETING

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

FINANCE (including Provincial Offences Administration)

Part A, Item 1 - Ontario Ombudsman's Report on MPAC

#25: J. Murray/Arnold: That, since the limited scope of the Ombudsman's report means that many areas of concern regarding the manner in which MPAC conducts its business remain unaddressed, the Committee recommend to Council that the attached letter outlining these concerns, be sent to Mr. André Marin under the Warden's signature.
Carried.

#26: Ivey/Arnold: That staff prepare a draft letter for consideration of the Committee at its next regular meeting, addressed to both the Minister of Finance and Municipal Affairs and Housing, concerning the fundamental issues which need to be addressed in reforming the property tax system, items such as the appropriateness of the current property tax structure as a means of paying for Municipal services, et cetera.
Carried.

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#27: Arnold/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) - Correspondence 5-21-06

#28: Ivey/Arnold: That correspondence 5-21-06 be received and filed.
Carried.

Part C, Item 1 b) - Correspondence 5-22-06

#29: Arnold/J. Murray: That correspondence 5-22-06 be received and filed.
Carried.

Part C, Item 1 c) - Correspondence 5-23-06

#30: Arnold/McGugan: That we endorse the resolution from the City of Kawartha Lakes, to request the Government of Ontario to take the necessary action to place Source Water Protection with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Carried.

Part C, Item 1 d) - Correspondence 5-24-06

#31: Arnold/Napper: That correspondence 5-24-06 be received and filed.

Carried.

Part C, Item 1 e) - Correspondence 5-25-06

#32: Arnold/Ivey: That \$500.00 be given to the Lambton Federation of Agriculture, to help produce a map of farm gate businesses in Lambton County.

Carried.

Part C, Item 2 - Memorandum dated April 6, 2006 Regarding the 2006 Property Tax Policy

Re: Item 1 - Restatement of Transition Ratios

#33: McManaman/Burns: That Council not exercise the option to request that the Minister of Revenue restate the County's Transition Ratios for the 2006 taxation year.

Carried.

Re: Item 2 - Reduction of the Multi-Residential Class Ratios

#34: McManaman/Ivey: That Council maintain the ratio of the Multi-Residential Property Tax Class at its current level of 2.60173 for the 2006 taxation year.

Carried.

Re: Item 3 - Hard Capping

*#35: McManaman/McGugan: That Council reduce the ratio of the Broad Industrial Tax Class to 2.63 while maintaining the Residual Industrial Sub-Class ratio at 2.053636 for the 2006 taxation year.

Carried.

Re: Item 4 - New Construction

#36: McManaman/Napper: That Council increase the percentage of CVA tax payable on properties subject to "New Construction" rules to 80% for the 2006 taxation year.

Carried.

* See page 7.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 3:15 p.m.

Gordon Perry
Chair

Ronald G. Van Horne
Secretary

- * A separate vote was requested by Councillor Steve Arnold on motion #35 of the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated April 19, 2006, and the motion "Carried" – see Council May 3, 2006, page 5.