

MINUTES

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Corporate and Community Services Committee"
on
Wednesday May 17, 2006 01:00 PM
Committee Room #1
Chair: Gordon Perry

Orders of the Day:

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

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. C. Clarke, Ms. S. Murray and Mr. W. Petryschuk attended for Libraries, Museums and Gallery Lambton matters. Also Ms. C. Thayer, General Manager, Community Services; Ms. A. James, Manager, Libraries, Museums and Cultural Services; Ms. L. Dudley, Manager, Housing Services; Mr. K. Herrington, Manager, Senior Services; Mr. I. MacLeod, Manager, Emergency Medical Services; Ms. L. Ross, General Manager, Corporate Services; Mr. R. Wilks, Manager, Information Technology Services; Mr. C. Doyle, Manager, Human Resources Services; Mr. J. Innes, Manager, Financial Services/Treasurer and Mr. R. G. Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer.
Absent: None.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

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

Carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#2: 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 - Memorandum dated May 3, 2006 Regarding CUPE 2557 Pay Equity Maintenance Plan

#3: Arnold/McManaman: That the County's Pay Equity obligation for CUPE 2557 be ratified by County Council.

Carried.

FINANCE (including Provincial Offences Administration)

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#4: 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 - Correspondence 6-13-06

#5: J. Murray/Ivey: That correspondence 6-13-06 be received and filed.

Carried.

Part C, Item 2 - Tax Free Allowance Portion for Councillors' Remuneration

#6: Arnold/McManaman: That the County continue its system of deeming 1/3 of the remuneration paid to its Councillors as being a tax free allowance, pursuant to s.s. 255(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried.

HOUSING SERVICES

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

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

Carried.

SENIOR SERVICES

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

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

Carried.

Part C, Item 2 - Donations

#9: Arnold/Napper: That we gratefully accept the donations and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's Recognition Policy.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Gord Perry spoke to the issue of smoking rooms in the Homes for the Aged. A discussion ensued.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#10: 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 6-9-06

#11: Arnold/Burns: That the County of Lambton send a letter of support to the County of Frontenac regarding Resolution No. 147-06 for the exemption of Paramedics from part VII of the ESA 2000.

Carried.

LIBRARIES

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

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

Carried.

MUSEUMS

Part B, Item 4 - General Manager's Report

#13: Ivey/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 - Collection Management

#14: J. Murray/Napper: That we gratefully accept the donations 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

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

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Core Services Report - Phase II b) - Community Services Division

Ms. Cindy Thayer, General Manager, Community Services, presented the Core Services Report - Phase II b) for the Community Services Division.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#16: McManaman/S. Murray: That all the methods of increasing revenue be further investigated, as well as a review of the hours of operation and the programs and services for the museums and gallery and that both of these issues be dealt with in conjunction with the development of a Cultural Strategic Plan.
Carried.

HOUSING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#17: Arnold/J. Murray: That staff be directed to pursue Option 4.
Carried.

SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- * #18: J. Murray/Boushy: That, since Option 2 offers the best potential for savings and efficiencies, it is recommended:
- (a) That a long-term staffing plan that examines the differences in quality of care and reviews the staffing allocations among the three (3) Homes, be prepared. The plan should consider the possibility of reallocating staff in order to ensure equitable staffing levels and workloads in the three (3) Homes, without compromising resident care or safety. The plan should also address ways to ensure the Unions' input is received as well as provide an opportunity for public consultation; and,
 - (b) That all items under Option 3 continue to be reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure the service is provided in the most efficient manner possible; and further,
 - (c) That staff look at the potential savings of closing one of the three (3) Homes.
- Carried.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#19: Arnold/McManaman: That all items under Option 3 continue to be reviewed and revised on an ongoing basis to ensure that the service is operated in the most efficient manner possible. A review of the deployment strategy should be undertaken within the next four (4) years in order to verify that our resources are appropriately allocated. That time period would enable five (5) years worth of data to be reviewed, thus providing a comprehensive picture of the service.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the County Building.

Time: 3:25 p.m.

Gordon Perry
Chair

Ronald G. Van Horne
Secretary

- * Councillor Steve Arnold requested that motion #18 of the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated May 17, 2006 be divided into three (3) separate items and requested a recorded vote on the third item regarding the potential cost savings of closing one of the three Homes. Item (a) carried; Item (b) carried; Item (c) was defeated – see Council June 7, 2006 motions #16 and #17 and the Recorded Vote.