

AGENDA

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Information Technology - General Manager's Report"
on
Wednesday May 17, 2006 01:00 PM
Committee Room #1
Chair: Linda Ross

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.

PART B Monthly Activities

1. Accounts and Verification

Total for the month of April 2006	\$25,829.13
Total for the month of April 2005	\$27,539.00

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

Revenue received during the month of April 2006	\$0
Revenue received during the month of April 2005	\$0

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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) Wide Area Network (WAN) Project Update

In late April Maxess began site construction in the Wallaceburg area and is planning to be in Chatham the first of May. Fiber placement has started in Wallaceburg as well. MaXess is continuing to put pressure on Hydro One with regards to permits and have received a number of them recently which will help towards their May production schedule.

Configuration and installation planning has begun at the County and will continue into the Summer months.

b) Gallery and Museum System Update

Staff have been working with the museums and gallery to get them online with the new Library system. A tentative date of May 8 has been set to go live internally for the Gallery. This means that staff will have access to the data for testing but the public won't. The plan is to have it accessible to everyone this Summer.

The Museums should be live internally in June with the goal of having their data available for the public before the end of the Summer as well.

By putting the museums and gallery into the new library system the public will be able to take advantage of the many features found in the new library software when searching all of the County's cultural media and find and view all of the artifacts via the internet. The software also provides a location to store the inventories of the museums and the gallery in electronic form.

c) Coronation Park Day Nursery Phone System Replacement

The new phone system for Coronation Park Day Nursery went live Friday April 28th, 2006 with no issues. CPDN staff are very please with the new system. This system has also been linked to the new CHSD phone system for redundancy.

4. General Manager's Report

Recommendation

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

PART C Other Matters Requiring a Motion

1. None.

AGENDA

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Human Resources - General Manager's Report"
on
Wednesday May 17, 2006 01:00 PM
Committee Room #1
Chair: Linda Ross

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 at this time.

PART B - Monthly Activities

1. Accounts and Verification

Total for the month of April 2006	\$1,524.97
Total for the month of April 2005	N/A

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

Revenue received during the month of April 2006	\$700.00
Revenue received during the month of April 2005	N/A

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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) Labour Relations

The County continues to negotiate with Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1.ON (Emergency Medical Services).

As required by the Ambulance Act the union and employer have agreed upon an Essential Services Agreement. This is required if the parties are unable to reach an agreement.

The County has received notice from the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) to begin bargaining on behalf of Registered Nurses at Community Health. It is anticipated that bargaining will not take place until late Summer. Further updates will be supplied once we commence bargaining.

b) Occupational Health and Safety

The Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator is currently reviewing the County's compliance with the new Confined Space Regulations due to come into effect on September 30, 2006. All current procedures are being revised as required and this will include employee training where appropriate.

c) Training and Development

Training and Development activities for the past month focused on computer training with emphasis on Word and Excel. Also, staff received training on how to communicate and write clearly through a Clear Writing workshop as well as a workshop on Effective Presentations. Numerous employees from Municipalities within the County participated in the Clear Writing Workshop and computer training.

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training was delivered to deal more effectively with some of our clients.

4. General Manager's Report

Recommendation

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

PART C - Other Matters Requiring a Motion

1. Pay Equity Update

As previously reported to Council the County has undertaken a process to review our pay equity obligations. This is to ensure we are maintaining our obligations under the Pay Equity Act.

The County and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 2557 which represents all workers (excluding Registered Nurses) at Lambton Meadowview Villa (LMV) and North Lambton Rest Home (NLRH) have completed the pay equity process for this unionized group.

Please see the attached document for the details.



CUPE 2557 Pay Equity.pdf

Recommendation

That the County's Pay Equity obligation for CUPE 2557 be ratified by County Council as described above.

AGENDA

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Finance - General Manager's Report"
on
Wednesday May 17, 2006 01:00 PM
Committee Room #1
Chair: Linda Ross

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. Property Assessment Appeals

Staff were asked at the time Council declined to continue its policy of proactively appealing significant and unexplained reductions in assessment for a report on the past effectiveness of doing so. Attached is a memo from Greg Powell, President of MTE, addressing this question.



G Powell Letter.pdf

PART B - Monthly Activities

1. Accounts and Verification

Listings of the accounts for the current month will be available at the meeting.

Finance

Total for the month of April 2006:	\$1,663,788.13
Total for the month of April 2005:	\$5,753,429.46

POA

Total for the month of April 2006:	\$11,036.91
Total for the month of April 2005:	\$8,247.90

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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 significantly not in the Budget? | No |

2. Revenue and Verification

Finance

Revenues received in the month of April 2006:	\$2,518,463.00
Revenues received in the month of April 2005:	\$25,094.00

POA

Revenues received in the month of March 2006:	\$220,343.00
Revenues received in the month of March 2005:	\$177,648.00

- 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 Interest

a) Provincial Offences Administration (P.O.A.)

i) Monthly Statistical Report

Attached is the Statistical Report to the end of March 2006. The number of charges laid this year continues to be above the pace in 2005. This is a result of various safety blitzes throughout the county, the most recent of which was the annual spring seat belt campaign from April 15 – April 23.



POA Stats 05-17-06.pdf

ii) Fine Payments

The following significant fine was imposed as a result of a recent trial; \$43,855.00 (\$35,000.00 plus \$8,855.00 victim fine surcharge) for 3 counts of transporting dangerous goods in a vehicle on a highway not in compliance with prescribed safety requirements under the Dangerous Goods Transportation Act. The trial was heard in absentia and the defendant was given 6 months to pay.

iii) Trial Requests

Despite the recent need to replace the County's long time Trial Coordinator, staff were able to schedule the 200 trial requested outstanding at the beginning of the month. Judicial shortages have yet to have a significant impact in Lambton because the Justices of the Peace hearing matters here are also required to sit in Sarnia criminal courts. In centres with sufficient volume to warrant "dedicated" Justices to hear POA matters, court closures continue to occur regularly.

iv) Dog Owner's Liability Act Trial

A recent trial for failing to comply with the requirements for sterilization, leashing and muzzling while in public under the Dog Owner's Liability Act, otherwise known as the Province's "pit bull" legislation, was heard in our court and resulted in much attention from both local and Toronto media. The Justice of the Peace hearing the matter was not satisfied that the dog involved fit the definition of a pit bull as defined in the Act and therefore dismissed these charges. This may have been the first trial in Ontario for an offence under this Act and there is speculation that this decision will be appealed.

b) Financei) Loss of Provincial Support for Farm Land

Attached is a copy of a Report prepared for the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus quantifying the impact on municipalities of the elimination of the Farm Tax Rebate program beginning in 1998.

An additional schedule detailing the impact on Lambton County is also enclosed. During 2005, the period referenced in the report to Western Wardens, the impact of the elimination of this program and the introduction of the "reduced" tax class for farms and managed forests on the County of Lambton was the loss of \$6,464,588.00 in property tax revenue. The loss during the period 1998 – 2005 was \$40,511,659.00, an amount far exceeding any grants received under the Community Reinvestment Fund or other such programs.



Farm Land Report.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 Motion1. Correspondence

Twp Algonquin CVA Resolution.pdf

6-4-06 Copy of a Resolution from the Township of South Algonquin requesting changes to the Current Value Assessment System (CVA) of assessing property.

Discussion

This Resolution does not make it clear as to what the impact of the proposed change would be on municipalities. A 5% cap on assessment increases would have the impact of shifting relative tax liability of individual properties and between property classes. It would also ultimately result in distorting property valuations for tax purposes to the extent that led the then Provincial government to introduce CVA in 1998.

On the other hand, if the proposal is to cap the amount of taxes that can be assessed against residential properties, then the impact would be to restrict the amount of funding that municipalities can generate annually from property taxes.

While either prospect may have merits, staff believe that the lack of clarity in this Resolution make it inappropriate for Council to support as written.

Recommendation

That correspondence be received and filed.

2. Tax free Allowance Portion of Councillors' Remuneration

The Municipal Act, 2001 requires that once a term any municipal council that elected to continue having 1/3 of its remuneration deemed to a non-taxable allowance revisit that decision.

Recommendation

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.

AGENDA

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Libraries - General Manager's Report"
on
Wednesday May 17, 2006 01:00 PM
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Chair: Cindy Thayer

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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 month of April 2006:	\$ 57,832.45
Totals for the month of April 2005:	\$ 95,592.32

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 month April 2006:	\$ 1,964.00
Revenues received during the month April 2005:	\$ 3,712.00

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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) Partnerships

An initial meeting has taken place between the Western Research Park Manager and the Manager of Libraries, Museums & Cultural Services to look at possible partnerships and economic savings. Acquiring print material for the Research Park was discussed. An opportunity to order material at discounted costs and process it for the Park, eventually making that material available to residents of the County through our new automated system is our first step. Furthermore, as a result of this meeting, the County's spring supervisors meeting will be held at the Research Park.

Devine Street, Johnston Memorial and Hanna Memorial School have invited the Children's Services Librarian to attend their individual family literacy nights. She will discuss reading strategies with parents and read stories to children.

Through the creativity of two County of Lambton departments, Story Hour and Story Time Magic programs in County libraries now come sprinkled with a safety message. The Community Health Services Department's Early Childhood Development Injury Prevention Project and the Libraries, Museums & Cultural Services Department's Public Services Department have developed two kits that offer children and their parents messages about injury prevention and home safety.

b) Special Programs

The library will be participating in additional programs and activities for the Need to Read Festival included in last month's report. Library staff are leading two drama workshops at Victoria Playhouse for students with a focus on children's poetry. Free Comic Book Day is back again this year, in partnership with Future Pastimes. All libraries will receive free comic books to give to children and teens to help promote the love of reading.

Lawrence Michail from the Compassionate Dragon Healing Clinic in London will give some background information about Feng Shui at the Sarnia Public Library on June 24. He will help those in attendance with questions they have about plans for gardens, homes, relationships, money, health and other issues relating to Feng Shui.

c) Calendars

Adult and Children's programs for May are attached.



Adult Programs May 2006.pdf Children's Programs May 2006.pdf

d) Statistics

First quarter statistics are attached.



Libraries Circulation 1st quarter 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

None at this time.

AGENDA

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Museums - General Manager's Report"
on
Wednesday May 17, 2006 01:00 PM
Committee Room #1
Chair: Cindy Thayer

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 month of April 2006:	\$ 21,358.26
Totals for the month of April 2005:	\$ 15,888.55

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 month April 2006:	\$ 1,427.00
Revenues received during the month April 2005:	\$ 2,425.00

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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) Career Focus Project Update

Work completed under this grant included scanning of 1,300 historical postcard images from across Lambton County. This collection is of tremendous interest to Lambton residents because the public can research historical views of their town centre, public buildings or the street on which they live. Also completed were test scans for 80 MacIntyre negatives from the Forest Standard. Upcoming museum records to be transferred to the Vubis database include Mueller Brass images 1912-1980 and Prestolite archival images.

At the Lambton Room 1,042 family history images were also scanned and a survey is being developed for teachers regarding Children's WebOpac for the Vubis system.

b) Lambton Heritage Museum

Medieval Adventure 2006

Installation of this 4000 sq. ft. gallery exhibition is progressing well. The deadline for opening to school bookings will be May 10th. Response to promotional mail outs has been strong and the expectation is that over 100 days will be devoted to school tours in 2006.

Capital Upgrade to Picnic Shelter

A concrete pad was installed, at no cost to the County, by volunteer members of the Lake Smith Conservationists, in return for use of the Museum for their Annual Game Dinner.

Lambton Visual History Project

The editing of the visual history project proceeds on schedule, with music and view titles being added. The final product is approaching its finished form and the public will be invited to make final edit comments at the June 11 unveiling. By this method, any errors of dates or historical inaccuracy will be caught before the 'glass master' is locked up. At the recent unveiling at Chatham-Kent for example, 26 details or errors emerged, that had to be corrected.

The public will be able to place orders for the DVD at the launch event and the finished product will be made available through the museum gift shops of Heritage Sarnia-Lambton by June 25th.

Cogeco-TV has agreed to donate and schedule three broadcasts of the entire DVD story beginning with an airing on the evening of Canada Day. This schedule will provide high public visibility and is expected to generate considerable orders to purchase the DVD by the public, while allowing us to share our community's historical pride with residents across the region.

c) Oil Museum of Canada

Eight new picnic tables were installed for use by the public to extend the length of their visit and add to the experience. Three public exhibit cases were also relocated, to streamline the storyline and make clearer sense of the evolution of the early oil industry.

d) Lambton Room

On May 2nd and 3rd, the Lambton Room mounted an off-site promotional display at the Point Edward Seniors' Fair. Seniors were able to peruse binders with unidentified photographs from the Lambton Room collection and help identify the people and events recorded. There were approximately 700 photos available to look through.

e) The Lambton Room was featured on CKCO Television's 6:00pm News on April 26th. The story focused on the importance of having seniors identify photographs from the collection and how photographs are important to the history of the area. CHOK Radio also interviewed the Lambton Room Historian regarding the display.

- f) The Sarnia Observer featured articles about recent donations to the Lambton Heritage Museum. One donation of the Mueller Co. Ltd., foundry records and another of a model of the ferry "Sarnia", which enabled public river crossings from 1870.

g) Statistics

Museums' statistics for January through to April 2006 are attached.



Museum stats Jan-Apr 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

None at this time.

2. Collection Management

a) Lambton Heritage Museum

Items Recommended for Acceptance

- 3 stoneware crocks, from Marla Saunders, Sarnia.
- HAMONIC scale model boat, built by Jack Martin, Sarnia.
- 1935 shoreline survey of Bosanquet Twp., from UWO Dept. of Geography
- John Goodison calendar printing order sheet, from Scott Goodison, Brampton.

Items for Deaccession

- W976.1020 pair of leather boots with chewed holes in the front.

Items for Refusal

- Meccano set, incomplete; 1950 train set, M. Verkley, Thedford.

b) Lambton Room Donations

- "The Brodie Family History" by Donald Brodie, from the author.
- A collection of miscellaneous newspapers from Arnold Watson.
- "The Williamson Family Genealogy" by Robert Allan Hammond, from the author.
- Adanac Women's Institute Record Books from Gail Moore.

- Watford Fire Insurance Map 1910, revised 1916, on CD, from the Warwick Township Historical Committee.
- 7 tapes of WI Centennial speakers at annual convention and tape of speech for installation of Women's Institute plaque at the Blue Water Bridge from Mary Janes.
- A collection of City Directories from Jean Campbell.
- A two volume scrapbook documenting the history of Petrolia from Helen Lewis Dew.
- \$22.48 from Barbara Shanburn, White Cloud, MI
- \$22.48 from Julai Russler, Sherman, Texas
- \$20 from Wayne Colton, Brampton, ON

Recommendation

That we gratefully accept these donations and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's recognition policy.

AGENDA

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Gallery Lambton - General Manager's Report"
on
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Chair: Cindy Thayer

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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 month of April 2006:	\$ 18,482.92
Totals for the month of April 2005:	\$ 7,631.56

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 month April 2006:	\$ 60.00
Revenues received during the month April 2005:	\$ 0.00

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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) Bus Trips

A bus trip to Waterloo County & Area Quilt Festival, St. Jacobs and Waterloo, is being organized for Saturday, May 27, 2006. This is the largest quilt festival in Canada. This trip will also include a visit to the village of St. Jacobs and dinner at the Elm Hurst Inn. This event is almost sold out at 45 registrants.

A bus trip is currently being organized to see the exhibition, *Edwin Holgate: Master of the Human Figure*, on Saturday June 24, 2006. This exhibition, being held at The McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg, Ontario, includes Holgate's masterpiece, *The Lumberjack, 1924*, currently on loan from Gallery Lambton. Holgate joined the Group of Seven in the last few years of the group's existence. Of these artists, Holgate is considered the best painter of the human figure.

b) Current Exhibitions

The Annual Secondary School Art Exhibition, May 13 to June 3, 2006. Each year the secondary schools of Lambton County are invited to participate in this long-time annual favourite. Art teachers select the best of their students' work from the 2005-06 academic year. The Students' Award Presentation is on Thursday, May 18th at 7pm.

c) Upcoming Exhibition

Main Gallery

Landscape: From the Ground Up, June 10 to August 26, 2006. This is a partnership with the Thames Art Gallery, Chatham, in which selections from both permanent art collections will be shown. Last summer, this exhibition of Canadian art was hosted by the Thames Art Gallery. Gallery Lambton's collection will be represented by our large canvases by A.Y. Jackson, Lawren Harris, J.W. Beatty and Lawrie Warrener, along with other famous pictures by Emily Carr and David Milne. In addition to the historical selections there will be several contemporary installation pieces that continue the theme of landscape.

Sadie Knowles Gallery

Photography and Photo-based work: selections from the permanent art collection, June 10 to August 26, 2006.

d) Gift Shop Exhibition

Annemike Edelman: Sacred Symbols Along the Path, June 8 to July 8, 2006.

e) Programmes

Summer Art Classes for Children

Instructors are students from previous years that have all pursued art teaching as a career. Each will teach 6 classes in all kinds of fun activities for the summer.

Gallery Lambton and the Lawrence House Centre for the Arts are co-sponsoring a multi-media lecture by artist Leisa Rich, entitled *Brave New World* on May 17, 2006. Rich, a former Sarnia resident currently living in Texas, is a fibre sculpture who will be featured in an upcoming PBS special, "In Context".

f) On Friday, April 28, 2006, "A New Waterfront Gallery – Accessible Art for All to Appreciate" funding drive was announced to the press and public. This project, headed by John Furlan, will attempt to raise \$12 million dollars for a 23,000 sq. ft. new Gallery Lambton facility in a new location. A copy of the press release is attached.



Gallery Lambton News Release April 28.pdf

- g) With assistance from the County's Revenue Development Officer, Gallery Lambton has recently partnered with Coronation Park Day Care to apply for The RBC After School Program grant. The Day Care is looking to the Gallery to provide art education, gallery tours and other grant related programs.
- h) Minutes of the Gallery Lambton Advisory Committee dated March 8, 2006 are attached.



GLAC Minutes March 8 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

None at this time.

AGENDA

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Housing Services - General Manager's Report"
on
Wednesday May 17, 2006 01:00 PM
Committee Room #1
Chair: Cindy Thayer

Orders of the Day:

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

PART A - Follow-up to Previous Month(s)

1. None at this time.

PART B - Monthly Activities

1. Accounts and Verification

Totals for the month of April 2006:	\$ 377,349.19
Totals for the month of April 2005:	\$ 715,090.53

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 month April 2006	\$ 274,908.77
Revenues received during the month April 2005:	\$ 230,480.72

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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) Statistics

Statistics for the first quarter of 2006 are contained in the attached file.



HOUSING STATS-1st quarter 2006.pdf

b) Annual Tour

The annual Housing Services Department tour will take place on June 23, 2006. The bus will leave from the parking lot at 150 Queen Street, Sarnia at 9:00 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. All Councillors are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Cindy Thayer. The agenda is attached.



Housing Tour Agenda.pdf

c) Affordable Rental and Supportive Housing (Capital)i) Administration Fees

Administration fees are provided to Service Managers to offset the costs of delivering the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) and monitoring the projects through the 20-year affordability payment period. The Ministry has reviewed the administration funding model for the capital programs and revised the model to address the concerns raised by AMO. The original \$50,000 administration fee for the Capital Programs has been increased to \$105,128.00 for delivery of both the Rental and Supportive component and the Home Ownership component.

ii) Group of Six

Six local service managers including the County of Bruce, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, the County of Grey, the County of Huron, the County of Lambton and the City of Stratford, have entered into a contract with Tim Welch Consulting to provide assistance in developing the Affordable Housing Programs in each municipality.

The consultant will perform the following tasks:

- prepare a capital facilities by-law.
- prepare a housing delivery plan (identifying affordable rents/income levels etc.) for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), including any necessary follow up discussions with MMAH.
- write, organize and evaluate proposal calls for capital funding under the AHP. This would include designing an appropriate evaluation scoring system and presenting it at one public meeting in each of the six Service Manager areas.
- design the affordable ownership component of the AHP including providing an education/outreach information session to potential purchasers.
- work with potential housing proponents to explain to them how to participate in the AHP.
- undertake the necessary administrative agreements with the Province and other levels of government, when necessary, to facilitate the creation of affordable housing up to and including the conditional letter of commitment from the MMAH and the signing of the administration agreement between the Province and the Service Manager and the administrative agreement between the proponent and the MMAH.
- follow up and explain with proponents the stages of the process once they have been recommended for AHP funding.

The price for this work will be \$7,000 for each Service Manager, the cost of which will be funded from the above administration fee.

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.

AGENDA

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Emergency Medical Services - General Manager's Report"
on
Wednesday May 17, 2006 01:00 PM
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Chair: Cindy Thayer

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

1. None at this time.

PART B - Monthly Activities

1. Accounts and Verification

Totals for the month of April 2006: \$ 50,836.93
Totals for the month of April 2005: \$ 21,563.87
A listing of accounts will be available at the meeting.

- 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 month April 2006: \$ 0.00
Revenues received during the month April 2005: \$ 0.00

- 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 funding not included in budget, \$295,000 to be placed in a reserve as per Motion #19, April 19, 2006.

3. Items of Committee Interest

- a) Tiered Medical Mutual Aid agreements are in place with the following fire departments: Camlachie, Forest, Northville, Petrolia, St. Clair, Thedford, Wyoming and Watford. Four other departments, Sarnia, Point Edward, Alvinston and Dawn-Euphemia, are reviewing the agreement and are awaiting authorization signatures from their respective councils to participate.

The response criteria for activation of the agreement include the following medical emergencies:

- 1) Vital Signs Absent (no pulse)
- 2) Unconscious / unresponsive (poor airway control)
- 3) Emergency patient extrications
- 4) MVC's (motor vehicle collisions) where an EMS response has been dispatched
- 5) ** Chest Pain responses have been added to the Sarnia Fire and Rescue Service since they are a 24/7 staffed department.

The OPALS (Ontario Prehospital Advanced Life Support) program studied the effects of Tiered Medical Mutual Aid over a 10 year period. Several emergency medical conditions were studied and after 10 years of data gathering, the only medical emergencies that showed a benefit from first responder therapy were VSA and unconscious or unresponsive patients.

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) 6-9-06 Letter dated April 20, 2006 from the County of Frontenac addressed to all Municipalities of Ontario regarding support for resolution No. 147-06 for the exemption of Paramedics from part VII of the ESA 2000.



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Recommendation

That the County of Lambton send a letter of support.