

AGENDA

County of Lambton
Meeting for the Committee "Lambton County Council"
on
Wednesday February 1, 2006 12:30 PM
Council Chambers
Chair: Jim Burns

Orders of the Day:

Silent Reflection
Roll Call
IN-CAMERA SESSION - 12:30 PM
OPEN SESSION
Regular Meeting called to order at 12:45 pm
(tentative)
Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest
Rise and Report motions of the In-Camera
Session
Delegations
Minutes of Council (Open Session) and (Closed
Session)
Correspondence
Reports to Council (not requiring a motion)
Committee Reports
Items Tabled from Previous Meetings
Notice of Motion
Other Business
Notice of By-Laws
Adjournment
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- B. OPEN SESSION
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 3. Rise and Report motions of the In-Camera Session

4. Delegations -

a) Grant Requests

- i) 1:15 p.m. Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership.
- ii) 1:30 p.m. Huron House Boys' Home (information will be available at the Council meeting).

5. Minutes of Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) - **Pages 1 - 8**

- a) Reading and Adoption of the Minutes of Council (Open Session) dated November 30, 2005 and the Inaugural Session of Council dated December 7, 2005.
- b) Reading and Adoption of the Minutes of Council (Closed Session) dated November 30, 2005.

6. Correspondence - **Pages 12 - 38**

- a) 2-7-06 A memorandum from the City of Kingston, dated November 23, 2005, requesting support of its resolution to urge the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to vote against Bill 123 - Transparency in Public Matters Act, if the reference to "Municipal Councils" is not deleted in the Bill as reported by the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills.
- b) 2-8-06 A letter from FarmGate5, dated December 2, 2005, requesting endorsement of its resolution to support the preservation of supply management for Canada's dairy, poultry and egg farmers, processors, consumers and other Canadians who depend on a vibrant farm economy.
- c) 2-12-06 A Member Communication Alert from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.), dated December 7, 2005, regarding Bill 123 - Transparency in Public Matters Act, recommended for Third Reading. A.M.O. supports the principles of open, transparent and accountable Municipal Governments, but does not support the Bill. The content of the legislation counters A.M.O.'s work under the Municipal Act review and its work to establish a mature provincial/municipal relationship. A.M.O. believes that these important matters should be discussed in the context of the current Municipal Act review and considered by the Legislature when it debates a new Municipal Act. A.M.O. sought to have Municipal organizations exempted from this legislation if it proceeds.
- d) 2-13-06 A letter from the Sarnia Imperials Senior Men's Football, dated December 8, 2005, inviting the County of Lambton to become an official sponsor of the Sarnia Imperials Football Club.
- e) 2-14-06 A news article from The Barrie Examiner, dated Wednesday, December 14, 2005, titled "Gas-tax deal not one-time thing". The article states that Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance, said that a Federal Government will permanently entrench the "new deal" it struck with Canadian Municipalities. Ottawa agreed earlier this year to share \$5 billion in federal gas tax revenue with cash-strapped Municipalities over the next five (5) years to fund badly needed repairs and upgrades to roads, sewers, transit and other infrastructure projects.
- f) 2-15-06 A letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated December 14, 2005, informing that the Provincial Government has passed the Respect for Municipalities Act, 2005, and removed a significant barrier to providing Municipalities the authority to consider using a

broader range of fiscal tools. The government also introduced the Stronger City of Toronto for a Stronger Ontario Act, 2005. If the Act passes, it would grant the City of broad powers within its jurisdiction and greater flexibility and autonomy to develop solutions to local problems.

- g) 2-23-06 An Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.) Fact Sheet, dated December 2005, advising that leading academics, financial industry economists, public policy research institutes, municipal governments and property tax payers agree that Ontario's unique situation of requiring Municipalities to subsidize provincial programs and provincial services, is not good public policy and it is not economically sustainable. A.M.O.'s \$3 billion gap campaign is based on a straightforward accounting of the net subsidy provided by Municipalities each year to pay for provincial health, social services and income redistribution programs.
- h) 2-24-06 A letter from the Honourable John Tory, M.P.P., Leader of the Official Opposition, dated December 12, 2005, concerning Bill 37 - The Disrespect for Taxpayers Act, and advising that he strongly believes that the three (3) levels of government need to sit down and decide who will do what and how it will be paid for. Mr. Tory supports a stronger role for Municipalities in Ontario.
- i) 2-34-06 A letter from the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat, dated January, 2006, advising that the deadline for submitting a nomination for The Order of Ontario, has been extended to February 28, 2006. The Order of Ontario was established in 1986 to honour those people who have rendered service of the greatest distinction and of singular excellence in any field of endeavour benefiting society here and elsewhere.
- j) 2-35-06 A memorandum from Mr. Don McGugan, Mayor of the Township of Brooke-Alvinston, dated January 23, 2006, regarding the many interruptions of service supplied by Hydro One which have inconvenienced local ratepayers and damaged small businesses using small motors and compressors. Mr. McGugan is asking County Council to direct staff to prepare a letter requesting Hydro One for an explanation of the problem.

Recommendation

That the above correspondence items be received and filed.

7. Reports to Council (not requiring a motion) - Pages 39 - 51

- a) Land Division Committee Minutes dated January 10, 2006.
- b) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated November 1 and 29, December 6 and 14, 2005.

8. Committee Reports - Pages 52 - 209

- a) Woodlot Committee Minutes dated January 10, 2006.
- b) Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee Minutes dated January 18, 2006.
- c) Corporate and Community Services Committee Minutes dated January 18, 2006.

9. Items Tabled from Previous Meetings: If any.

10. Notice of Motion: If any.

11. Other Business

12. Notice of By-Laws -

- a) #3 of 2006 A By-Law to Appoint Members to the Corporate and Community Services Committee.
- b) #4 of 2006 A By-Law to Appoint Members to the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee.
- c) #5 of 2006 A By-Law to Appoint Members to the Emergency Services Committee.
- d) #6 of 2006 A By-Law to Appoint Members to a Land Division Committee, and to Committees of Adjustment for Various Municipalities.
- e) #7 of 2006 A By-Law to Appoint Members to the St. Clair Parks Commission.
- f) #8 of 2006 A By-Law to Appoint Members to the Various Boards and Commissions.
- g) #9 of 2006 A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 16 of 2005 being "A By-Law to Appoint a Chief Building Official and Inspectors for the County of Lambton".
- h) #10 of 2006 A By-Law to authorize certain capital works of The Corporation of The County of Lambton (the "Municipality"); to authorize the submission of an application to the Ontario Strategic Infrastructure Financing Authority ("OSIFA") for financing such capital works; to authorize temporary borrowing from OSIFA to meet expenditures in connection with such works; and to authorize long term borrowing from OSIFA for such works through the issue of debentures. (Attachments will be available on the centre table on Council day.)
- i) #11 of 2006 A By-Law to Authorize Bank Borrowing for Current Operations to a maximum of \$10,000,000.00.
- j) #12 of 2006 A By-Law to Authorize a General Banking Resolution for the Corporation.
- k) #13 of 2006 A By-Law of The Corporation of the County of Lambton to confirm the resolutions and motions of Lambton County Council which were adopted up to and including February 1, 2006.

13. First and Second Reading of By-Laws #3 to #13 of 2006 -

14. Third and Final Reading of By-Laws #3 to #13 of 2006 -

15. Adjournment

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