

**MINUTES**  
**LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(OPEN SESSION)**

**February 7, 2007**

Lambton County Council was in session in the Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 12:30 p.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present except J. Foubister and S. Arnold.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

Warden Burns welcomed Enrichment Program students from Kinnwood, Aberarder, Grand Bend and Errol Village Schools, who were present to learn about municipal government.

In-Camera

#1: Perry/Napper: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss matters concerning labour relations and employee negotiations.

Carried.

Open Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into open session.

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated February 7, 2007

#2: McGugan/Gilliland: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

Ms. L. Ross noted that the following resolution was passed at the Closed Session meeting of February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007:

**(A) Corporate & Community Services Committee – January 17, 2007**

**HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES**

**Memorandum dated January 8, 2007 Regarding the Tentative Agreement – Lambton County Employees' Association**

**#36: Perry/Burns: That the Committee recommend to County Council that Council ratify the tentative agreement reached on January 5, 2007 with the Lambton County Employees' Association.**

**Carried.**

#3: McGugan/Gilliland: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

## Delegations

### 2007 Grant Requests

#4: Jamieson/MacDougall: That we invite Mr. Ken Akers, Executive Director, Huron House Boys' Home, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding its grant request.

Carried.

#5: Jamieson/MacDougall: That the grant request from Huron House Boys' Home be referred to the 2007 Budget process.

Carried.

#6: Case/Bradley: That we invite Messrs. George Mallay, General Manager, and Les McDermott, Chair of the Board, Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding the Strategic Plan for SLEP, as well as the organization's grant request.

Carried.

#7: Gillis/Bilton: That the grant request from the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership be referred to the 2007 Budget process.

Carried.

#8: Bilton/Perry: That we invite Mr. Michael Lawley, Executive Director, Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding its grant request.

Carried.

#9: Gillis/Gilliland: That the grant request from Tourism Sarnia-Lambton be referred to the 2007 Budget process.

Carried.

### Monthly Staff Presentation Re: Activities and Issues

#10: Jamieson/McCharles: That we invite Mr. Doug Ball, Manager, Social Planning and Program Support, within the Bar, to present an overview of the Social Planning and Program Support Department's operations.

Carried.

### Minutes of Council – Inaugural Session

The minutes of the Inaugural Session of Council dated December 13, 2007 were presented.

#11: Kirkland/Jamieson: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.

### Correspondence

2-1-07 A copy of a letter from the Municipality of Meaford to the City of Owen Sound, dated November 16, 2006, advising of its resolution to request the Federal Government to expedite the study concerning the Upper Lakes declining water levels, so that remediation actions can begin before five (5) years is complete, for the reason that in five (5) years there may be further significant drops in lake levels to the point where some harbours may have to be closed to shipping and pleasure crafts. They are also requesting that funding be provided to expedite the study.

2-2-07 A copy of a letter from the Municipality of Meaford to the City of Owen Sound, dated November 16, 2006, advising of its resolution concerning the exotic species that have invaded the Great Lakes. The Municipality of Meaford is requesting the Federal Government to bring in legislation and regulations requiring the discharge of all ballast and bilge water and the flushing of these systems plus the inspection of the same. They are also requesting that the Federal Government fund research to control the invasive species.

#12: McGugan/Kirkland: That we support the resolution from the Municipality of Meaford concerning the Upper Lakes declining water levels (Resolution #023-377-2006) as well as the resolution regarding the invasion of exotic species in the Great Lakes (Resolution #023-376-2006).

Carried.

2-3-07 A letter from Caroline Di Cocco, M.P.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding, dated November 16, 2006, thanking Warden Jim Burns for meeting with her to discuss the County's presentation to Minister Papatello. Mrs. Di Cocco will continue to keep the issues of our petrochemical industry, its innovative capacity and transmission grid on the minds of her colleagues.

2-4-07 A letter from Bluewater Health, dated November 23, 2006, replying to County Council's motion regarding the restructuring of the Chiropody Program at Bluewater Health. Bluewater Health will continue to provide the chiropody services for their inpatients at all three sites (CEE, Mitton and Norman). The decision to change the delivery of the outpatient service was based on the service being already available in the community by a number of providers; directing their limited resources to provide acute care services for inpatients; delivering the program consistently across all three sites; and, achieving a balanced position mandated by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

2-5-07 A letter from the Township of Madawaska Valley, dated November 21, 2006, advising of its resolution that since the ongoing cuts to medical admissions has created a doctor shortage in Ontario, they are requesting the Government of Ontario to take immediate action, both administratively and fiscally, to resolve the medical care practitioner shortage in Ontario.

2-6-07 A letter from the Town of Markham, dated November 28, 2006, endorsing the City of Vaughan's resolution to request the Federal Government to re-invest in effective environmental programs. The Town of Markham has great concern over the cancellation of a vast range of programs supporting environmental protection.

2-7-07 A thank you note from the Needham family, for the lovely flowers sent in memory of Thomas Needham, Warden in 1975.

#13: Bradley/Perry: That the above correspondence items be received and filed.  
Carried.

#### Reports to Council

#### Memorandum dated January 29, 2007 Regarding the Appointment to the Board of Children's Aid

#14: Case/Boushy: That we appoint Don McGugan to sit on the Board of Children's Aid.  
Carried.

#### Memorandum dated January 29, 2007 Regarding Municipal Strategic Planning

#15: MacDougall/Gillis: That the County adopt as a general practice, a strategic planning exercise during the first year of a new term of office for Council, subject to approval of funding for the same, by that Council in its first year.  
Carried.

#### Reports to Council (not requiring a motion)

The following items were presented to Council for its information:

- a) Land Division Committee Minutes dated January 9, 2007;
- b) General Managers' Updates – Minutes dated November 21 and 27, 2006; and,
- c) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Manager's Report for November 2006 and an update on Tourism Performance from the Ministry of Tourism.

Minutes

Mr. Wm. Bilton presented the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated January 17, 2007.

#16: Bilton/Boushy: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #20).

Carried.

Mr. D. McGugan presented the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated January 17, 2007.

#17: McGugan/MacDougall: That this day's minutes, with the inclusion of Closed Session motion #36, be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #36).

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Representative on the Board of Bluewater Health

- \* #18: Boushy/Gillis: That Lambton County Council express interest in having a Council elected representative on the Board of Bluewater Health and that this motion be forwarded to the Board of Bluewater Health for its consideration.

A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Steve Arnold, was requested by Councillor Mike Bradley on motion #18 of this day's minutes.

**S. Arnold .....Absent**  
**Wm. Bilton ..... Yes (1)**  
**D. Boushy ..... Yes (3)**  
**M. Bradley ..... Yes (3)**  
**J. Burns..... Yes (1)**  
**T. Case ..... Yes (2)**  
**J. Foubister .....Absent**  
**P. Gilliland..... Yes (2)**  
**A. Gillis..... Yes (3)**  
**C. Jamieson .....No (2)**  
**D. Kirkland ..... Yes (1)**  
**B. MacDougall .Yes (3)**  
**J. McCharles .... Yes (2)**

\*, \*\* See page 7.

**D. McGugan .....Yes (1)**  
**G. Minielly .....No (3)**  
**L. Napper.....No (3)**  
**G. Perry .....No (1)**

**Yeas - 22; Nays - 9.**

Motion carried.

#### Funding Requests from Outside Organizations

#19: Bilton/Minielly: That all requests for funding outside of the budgeting process from outside organizations be referred to the Corporate and Community Services Committee for a report by staff and that the report be brought back to a future meeting of Council for its consideration, and that the Rules of Procedure be amended accordingly.

Carried.

Councillor Gord Perry spoke to County Council concerning the future of Tourism Sarnia-Lambton.

#20: Perry/MacDougall: That staff be directed to investigate and report back to County Council on an organizational model for Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, to position this organization to achieve growth and expansion to assist our local economy.

Defeated.

Councillor Dick Kirkland invited County Councillors to come to their Open House this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall in the Village of Point Edward, to see the draft proposals for the Waterfront.

Councillor Bev MacDougall requested that Mr. Doug Ball, Manager, Social Planning and Program Support, return to the next Council meeting set for March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, to continue his presentation regarding the department's activities.

Councillor Carolyn Jamieson spoke to County Council regarding various topics discussed at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.) Board of Directors meeting, held on Friday, January 26, 2007 in Toronto.

#### By-Laws

#21: Perry/Napper: That By-Laws #3 to #10 of 2007, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#22: Minielly/McGugan: That By-Laws #3 to #10 of 2007, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 2:50 p.m.

---

Jim Burns  
Warden

---

Linda Ross  
Solicitor/Clerk  
General Manager, Corporate Services

- \* Reconsider motion #18 of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated February 7, 2007 regarding Council expressing an interest in having a Council elected representative on the board of Bluewater Health – see Council March 7, 2007, mot. #5 & Recorded Vote.
- \*\* Amend motion #18 of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated February 7, 2007, so as to request that two (2) elected representatives be appointed, one (1) from the City of Sarnia and one (1) from the rural areas outside of Sarnia, to the Board – see Council March 7, 2007, mot. #6.