

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

March 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.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: Case/Arnold: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning labour relations and employee negotiations, as well as a matter subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Carried.

Open Session

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

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

#2: Foubister/Jamieson: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

Mr. Van Horne noted that the following resolution was passed at the Closed Session meeting of March 7th, 2007:

(A) Corporate & Community Services Committee – February 21, 2007

HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES

In-Camera Memorandum dated January 23, 2007 Regarding the Non-Union Pay Equity Maintenance Plan

#3: Case/Gillis: That the Committee recommend to County Council that the Pay Equity Plan dated January 23, 2007 for the Non-Union Group be ratified as described herein by County Council.

Carried.

#3: Foubister/Jamieson: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

Delegations

#4: Bradley/Perry: That the delegations be invited within the Bar to speak to County Council.

Carried.

Mr. Mike Hanki, Community Health Care Alliance, spoke to County Council regarding health care issues and the impact of health care service delivery changes on the citizens of Sarnia-Lambton.

#5: Bradley/MacDougall: That motion #18 of the Lambton County Council (OPEN SESSION) minutes dated February 7, 2007 regarding Lambton County Council expressing an interest in having a Council elected representative on the Board of Bluewater Health, be reconsidered.

A recorded vote, starting with Councillor John McCharles, was requested by Councillor Gord Perry on motion #5 of this day's minutes.

S. ArnoldNo (3)
Wm. Bilton Yes (1)
D. Boushy Yes (3)
M. Bradley Yes (3)
J. Burns..... Yes (1)
T. Case Yes (2)
J. Foubister Yes (3)
P. Gilliland.....No (2)
A. Gillis.....No (3)
C. JamiesonNo (2)
D. Kirkland Yes (1)
B. MacDougall . Yes (3)
J. McCharles Yes (2)
D. McGugan Yes (1)
G. Minielly Yes (3)
L. Napper..... Yes (3)
G. PerryNo (1)

Yeas - 26; Nays - 11.

Motion carried.

#6: Bradley/Kirkland: That motion #18 of the Lambton County Council (OPEN SESSION) minutes dated February 7, 2007 be amended 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.

Carried.

Ms. Mary Alderson, Community Economic Development Officer, Sarnia-Lambton Business Development Corporation, spoke to County Council regarding their 2007 grant request for a new project that will use entertainment to enhance economic development.

Mr. Bruce Hein, Southwest Economic Assembly, spoke to County Council regarding their newly proposed Regional Economic Development Organization.

Messrs. Andrew Falby and Patrick Forget, spoke to County Council regarding the importance of accountability in government.

Monthly Staff Presentation Re: Activities and Issues

Mr. Doug Ball, Manager, Social Planning and Program Support, was unable to present his overview of the Social Planning and Program Support Department's operations, and will be invited to continue his presentation at a future Council meeting.

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The Lambton County Council (OPEN SESSION) and (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated February 7, 2007 were presented.

#7: Kirkland/McGugan: That this day's minutes be adopted as amended.

Carried.

Reports to Council

Memorandum dated March 5, 2007 Regarding the Immigration.ca Portal Program – Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration

#8: Foubister/Gillis: The Warden and Clerk sign an agreement with the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration on behalf of the County of Lambton to develop an immigration portal for the Sarnia-Lambton community over the next 18 months and that further reports regarding the same be brought back to Committee and Council for their information.

Carried.

Reports to Council (not requiring a motion)

The following items were presented to Council for its information:

- a) Land Division Committee Minutes dated February 13, 2007;
- b) General Managers' Updates – Minutes dated December 12, 2006 and January 16, 2007; and,
- c) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton – Minutes of the Board of Directors dated January 11, 2007 and the Manager's Report for January 2007.

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Mr. Wm. Bilton presented the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated February 21, 2007.

#9: Bilton/Foubister: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #18 and #20 to #23).

Carried.

Warden Jim Burns presented the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Standing Committees dated February 21, 2007.

#10: MacDougall/Perry: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motion #1).

Carried.

Mr. D. McGugan presented the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated February 21, 2007.

#11: McGugan/Napper: That this day's minutes, with the inclusion of Closed Session motion #3, be adopted as presented (motions #1, #3 and #5 to #25).

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Recognition of Volunteer Hours

#12: MacDougall/Arnold: That the six (6) Library branches with greater than 100 volunteer hours for 2006, be thanked and acknowledged publicly by Council and that a formal Volunteer Recognition Program be created based on a report to be produced by staff.

Carried.

Councillor Don McGugan spoke to County Council regarding the timing of the in-camera portion of the agenda and queried whether that portion of the meeting could be moved. Mr. McGugan is to work with staff regarding any proposed changes.

Councillor McGugan also spoke regarding how innovative change is taking place within the bio/agricultural sector. Crayons made with soya oil were distributed. He also spoke regarding trans fat free soya oil and biodegradable water bottles made of corn products.

Members of Council were invited to the 35th Annual Alvinston Maple Syrup Festival, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18, 2007 at the Brooke Alvinston Inwood Community Centre Complex in Alvinston. The festival is sponsored by the Alvinston Firemen's Association.

Councillor Gord Perry informed Council that on March 6, 2007, Minister of Culture, Caroline Di Cocco, announced that the Provincial Government has provided funding in the amount of \$225,000.00 to the Oil Museum Canada. The funding will be used to complete improvements to the Oil Museum in time for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the world's first commercial oil well.

Councillor Steve Arnold spoke to County Council regarding volunteers in our facilities. Perhaps the schools could be contacted for volunteering by their students. Councillor Arnold further encouraged the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture to work with the County to help fund the establishment of a new permanent Gallery for its collection.

Councillor Bev MacDougall announced that she and Walter Petryschuk have met with the Minister of Culture and received encouragement and advice regarding the creation of a new Gallery.

By-Laws

#13: Jamieson/Kirkland: That By-Laws #11 to #13 of 2007, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#14: McCharles/McGugan: That By-Laws #11 to #13 of 2007, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Jim Burns
Warden

Ronald G. Van Horne
Chief Administrative Officer