

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

July 4, 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.

Delegations

#1: MacDougall/Jamieson: That we invite Ms. Patricia Kendall and Mr. George Hayes within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding their objection to the building of sixteen (16) affordable housing units at 700 Cathcart Boulevard in Sarnia.

Carried.

Warden Burns reminded the speakers that they had a total of ten (10) minutes as a group to speak to the matter.

#2: Gillis/Foubister: That the project for Jubilee Gardens be deferred until staff are able to research the issue further and bring back a report to answer the questions raised.

Motion ruled out of order by the Warden.

In-Camera

#3: Foubister/MacDougall: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter subject to solicitor-client privilege and a matter 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 July 4, 2007

#4: Perry/Foubister: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

The Solicitor/Clerk noted that the following resolution was passed at the Closed Session meeting of July 4th, 2007:

(A) Corporate and Community Services Committee – June 20, 2007

HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES

Memorandum dated June 4, 2007 Regarding the Tentative Agreement – CEP 65 (Sarnia Library and Gallery Lambton)

#19: Jamieson/Boushy: That the Committee recommend to County Council that County Council ratify the tentative agreement reached on June 1, 2007 with the Communications Energy and Paperworkers Union, Local 65, representing County employees at Sarnia Library and Gallery Lambton.

Carried.

#5: Perry/Foubister: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

Monthly Staff Presentations re: Activities and Issues

#6: Foubister/Gillis: That we invite Mr. George Mallay, General Manager, Economic Development, Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership, within the Bar, to present an overview of the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership's operations.

Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated June 6, 2007 were presented.

#7: Napper/Perry: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Reports to Council

Memorandum dated June 26, 2007 Regarding the Business Education Tax Rate Reduction (see By-Law No. 27 of 2007)

#8: McGugan/Perry: That we amend the motion to add “and, That the Warden and Corporate Manager, Financial Services/Treasurer, along with the County’s two (2) M.P.P.s, be directed to meet with the appropriate officials in the Ministry of Finance to discuss the issues.”, so that the motion reads as follows:

“That Council authorize and direct the Warden to write the Minister of Finance and ask him to reconsider his Ministry’s decision to restrict its matching relief in the Business Education Tax for properties in the broad commercial property class to the upper tier only instead of basing it on the combined savings granted by both levels of government in the County of Lambton; and,

That the Warden and the Corporate Manager, Financial Services/ Treasurer, along with the County’s two (2) M.P.P.s, be directed to meet with the appropriate officials in the Ministry of Finance to discuss the issues.”

Carried.

Reports to Council (not requiring a motion)

The following items were presented to County Council for its information:

- (a) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated May 15, 2007; and,
- (b) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton - Minutes of the Board of Directors dated April 12, 2007 and the Manager’s Report for April 2007.

Minutes

Mr. Wm. Bilton presented the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated June 20, 2007.

Re: Motion #8 - Part C, Item 2 - Health Study (Agreement)

#9: Arnold/Bradley: That motion #8 be amended so that it be passed conditional upon the support of the Health Study Committee.

Carried.

#10: Bilton/Foubister: That this day’s minutes be adopted as amended (motions #1 to #20).

Carried.

Mr. D. McGugan presented the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated June 20, 2007.

Re: Motion #10 - Home Ownership Program

#11: MacDougall/Gillis: That we amend in the Housing Services General Manager's Report under Part C, Item 2 - Home Ownership Program, the dollar amount of "\$183,000" to "\$133,000".

Defeated.

#12: McGugan/Napper: That this day's minutes, with the inclusion of Closed Session motion #19, be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #17 and #19).

Carried.

Mr. J. McCharles presented the Audit Committee minutes dated June 20, 2007.

#13: McCharles/Gillis: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 and #2).

Carried.

Notice of Motion

#14: Minielly/Jamieson: That the interest charges otherwise payable on the hospital levy be waived.

A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Gord Perry, was requested by Councillor Mike Bradley on motion #14 of this day's minutes.

S. ArnoldNo (3)
Wm. BiltonYes (1)
D. BoushyNo (3)
M. BradleyNo (3)
J. Burns.....Yes (1)
T. CaseYes (2)
J. FoubisterNo (3)
P. Gilliland.....No (2)
A. Gillis.....No (3)
C. JamiesonYes (2)
D. KirklandNo (1)
B. MacDougall .No (3)
J. McCharlesNo (2)
D. McGuganYes (1)
G. MiniellyYes (3)
L. Napper.....Yes (3)
G. PerryNo (1)

Yeas - 13; Nays - 24.

Motion defeated.

OTHER BUSINESS

Re: Development of Sixteen (16) Affordable Housing Units - Jubilee Gardens, 700 Cathcart Boulevard, Sarnia

#15: Gillis/Perry: That a report be prepared by staff to address items such as road access, easement rights, status of parkland and parking rights, for the consideration of the Corporate and Community Services Committee.

Defeated.

Councillor Don McGugan spoke to County Council regarding the Lambton County Pork Producers Annual Charity Barbecue, to be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at the Alvinston Arena Complex from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

The Lambton Cattlemen's Annual Beef Barbecue will be held on Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at the Alvinston Arena, commencing at 5:30 p.m.

Councillor Carolyn Jamieson provided County Council with an update regarding the review of the Tourism Sarnia-Lambton issue.

Councillor Bev MacDougall requested that a box be placed in the Council Chambers for confidential information.

Councillor Gord Perry distributed a post card regarding events planned for the Oil History and Heritage Days, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15, 2007. There will be a Classic Car Show at the Oil Museum of Canada, horse and wagon rides, craft demonstrations, blacksmith demonstration, drive-in theatre, beef dinner and fireworks. All are invited to attend.

Councillor Steve Arnold requested that a report be prepared by staff on battery recycling options, to deal with associated environmental issues.

Councillor Arnold also spoke about the Source Water Protection Committee. They are looking for a Chair. He inquired as to whether anyone had expressed interest in the same. Nominations are to be provided to the Nominations Committee at the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority.

#16: Arnold/Case: That Darrell Randell, Councillor of the Township of St. Clair, be nominated as Chair of the Source Water Protection Committee.

Carried.

By-Laws

#17: Bilton/Arnold: That By-Laws #27 to #31 of 2007, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#18: Bradley/Boushy: That By-Laws #27 to #31 of 2007, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Jim Burns
Warden

Linda Ross
Solicitor/Clerk
General Manager, Corporate Services