

**MINUTES**  
**LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**September 5, 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 B. MacDougall.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: McGugan/Perry: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss 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 September 5, 2007

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

Carried.

The Solicitor/Clerk noted that there were no resolutions to report from the Closed Session meeting.

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

Carried.

Monthly Staff Presentations re: Activities and Issues

#4: Kirkland/Napper: That we invite Ms. Lola Dudley, Manager, Housing Services, within the Bar, to present an overview of the Housing Services Department's operations.

Carried.

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The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated July 4, 2007 were presented.

#5: Foubister/McCharles: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.

### Correspondence

9-9-07 A letter from The Corporation of the Township of Tyendinaga, dated August 14, 2007, regarding municipal void in land claim negotiations and requesting support of its resolution that negotiations be stayed until the Township of Tyendinaga is granted a place at the negotiating table, as the property being discussed is partly within the municipal boundaries. The Township is also requesting that the Government of Ontario come to the negotiating table and begin to take an active role in protecting the municipal interest and that municipal interests in these matters be given concrete legal standing within the Government of Canada's land claim framework.

#6: Minielly/Gillis: That County Council support the resolution from the Township of Tyendinaga concerning land claim negotiations as presented.

Carried.

### Reports to Council

Memorandum dated August 28, 2007 Regarding Carson's Camp Limited v. MPAC and the Town of South Bruce Peninsula

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#7: Jamieson/McGugan: That Council confirm its support of Municipal Tax Equity's participation on behalf of the County with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation and the Town of South Bruce Peninsula in the appeal of *Carson's Camp Limited v. MPAC and The Corporation of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula*, subject to a maximum billing to the County of Lambton of \$5,000.00.

Carried.

### Memorandum dated August 28, 2007 Regarding Committee Restructuring

#8: Foubister/Minielly: That the County move to a Committee of the Whole system (or two (2) regular Council meetings) on a trial basis for twelve (12) months commencing in January 2008, subject to a report from the Sub-Committee referred to below, regarding the structure and operation of the same.

Carried.

#9: Arnold/Foubister: That a Sub-Committee of the Warden, Deputy Warden, and two (2) past Committee Chairs bring a further report back to Council in 2007 regarding how the Committee of the Whole versus two (2) regular Council meetings would work. The report is to also examine streamlining the agenda, the number of meetings, et cetera. Input regarding the same should be sought from all Councillors.

Carried.

Reports to Council (not requiring a motion)

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

- (a) Land Division Committee Minutes dated July 10, 2007;
- (b) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated June 19 and July 3, 2007; and,
- (c) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton - Minutes of the Board of Directors dated May 10 and June 26, 2007 and the Manager's Report for May and June 2007.

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Mr. J. Foubister presented the Woodlot Committee minutes dated July 10, 2007.

#10: Foubister/Gillis: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #4).  
Carried.

Mr. Wm. Bilton presented the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated August 15, 2007.

#11: Bilton/Foubister: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #7 and #9 to #13).  
Carried.

Mr. D. McGugan presented the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated August 15, 2007.

#12: McGugan/Boushy: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented (motions #1 to #15).  
Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Re: Land Claim Negotiations

#13: Minielly/Bradley: That the Government of Ontario come to the negotiating table and begin to take an active role in protecting the municipal interest in land claims by the First Nations and be given concrete legal standing within the Government of Canada's land claim framework.

Carried.

Bluewater Health Project

#14: Bradley/Gillis: That the Province of Ontario release immediately the final figures for the capital costs of the new hospital project for Bluewater Health.

Carried.

Councillor Carolyn Jamieson spoke to Council regarding Ontario's \$3 billion Provincial - Municipal Fiscal Gap. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.) distributed information listing services that taxpayers are paying for that should be paid by the government.

By-Laws

#15: Foubister/Case: That By-Laws #32 to #34 of 2007, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#16: Gilliland/Gillis: That By-Laws #32 to #34 of 2007, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 1:35 p.m.

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Jim Burns  
Warden

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Linda Ross  
Solicitor/Clerk  
General Manager, Corporate Services