

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

November 28, 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: Councillor Mike Bradley declared a pecuniary interest in the matter of the Homeless Shelter (Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated November 21, 2007), noting that his parents resided in the vicinity of the proposed facility.

Annual Meeting of The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order.

The Annual Meeting of The County of Lambton Community Development Corporation was held in the Council Chambers at 12:30 p.m. on the above date.

#1: MacDougall/McCharles: That we invite Mr. Joel Adams, University of Western Ontario Research Park, Sarnia-Lambton Campus, within the Bar, to present the County of Lambton Community Development Corporation's Financial Statements for the Year Ended November 30, 2006.

Carried.

#2: Gilliland/Jamieson: That the County of Lambton Community Development Corporation's Financial Statements for the Year Ended November 30, 2006, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Memorandum dated November 22, 2007 Regarding By-Law Amendments - Community Development Corporation

#3: Case/Bradley: That a resolution be adopted to amend the By-Laws of the Board so as to reflect the provision of the draft By-Law attached hereto.

Carried.

A PowerPoint presentation was made by Joel Adams regarding activities of the Community Development Corporation.

Adjournment

The Chair of the Board declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Regular Session

The Warden declared that County Council go back into Regular Session.

Delegations

#4: MacDougall/Perry: That we invite Mr. Garry McDonald, President of the Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding a study the Chamber has completed of the impacts that major infrastructure work (road, bridge and sewer) has on business and citizens.

Carried.

In-Camera

#5: Kirkland/Napper: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss 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 November 28, 2007

#6: Jamieson/Napper: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

The County Clerk noted that the following resolution was passed at the Closed Session meeting of November 28th, 2007:

(A) Corporate and Community Services Committee – November 21, 2007

HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES

Memorandum dated November 21, 2007 Regarding the Tentative Agreement - Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 2926

#25: Burns/Perry: That the Committee recommend to County Council that Council ratify the tentative agreement reached on November 7, 2007 with CUPE 2926.

Carried.

#7: Jamieson/Napper: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

Monthly Staff Presentations re: Activities and Issues

#8: McGugan/Jamieson: That we invite Mr. Andrew Taylor, Manager, Environmental Health and Prevention Services, within the Bar, to present an overview of the Environmental Health and Prevention Services Department's operations.

Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated November 7, 2007 were presented.

#9: Foubister/Minielly: That this day's minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence

11-16-07 A copy of a letter from the Village of Newbury to Maria Van Bommel, M.P.P., Lambton-Kent-Middlesex Riding, dated November 7, 2007, thanking her for her response to their Council's letter regarding the Underserviced Designation for its area. The Village of Newbury's concern is the Rural and Northern designation which was not mentioned in Ms. Van Bommel's response and are also asking what the status of this designation is at the Four Counties Health Services site.

#10: McGugan/Gillis: That County Council support the Village of Newbury's concern with respect to the Rural and Northern designation and what the status of this designation is at the Four Counties Health Services site.

Carried.

11-17-07 A Member Communication from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, dated November 16, 2007, advising that AMO President Doug Reycraft attended the meeting of the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO), to provide an update on AMO's activities, including the pressing need for permanent, sustainable federal infrastructure investment.

#11: Bradley/McCharles: That correspondence 11-17-07 be received and filed.

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 November 13, 2007; and,
- (b) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated October 2, 16 and November 6, 2007.

Minutes

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

Re: Motion #12 - Emergency Shelter Standards

#12: Arnold/Gillis: That page 6 of the Social Services Department Emergency Shelter Standards Report, dated November, 2007, be changed to read “**shall**” rather than “**should**” in the fourth paragraph of the report.

Carried.

Re: Motion #18 - Council Restructuring Report dated November 7, 2007

#13: Arnold/MacDougall: That the first sentence in Item (a) be amended so that Council meets twice per month rather than every three weeks, so that half of the Divisions report to the first Council meeting and the balance of the Divisions report to the subsequent Council meeting.

A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Jim Foubister, was requested by Councillor Dick Kirkland on motion #13 of this day’s minutes.

S. ArnoldYes (3)
Wm. BiltonYes (1)
D. BoushyNo (3)
M. BradleyNo (3)
J. BurnsNo (1)
T. CaseNo (2)
J. FoubisterNo (3)
P. Gilliland.....Yes (2)
A. Gillis.....Yes (3)
C. JamiesonNo (2)
D. KirklandYes (1)
B. MacDougall .Yes (3)
J. McCharlesYes (2)
D. McGuganYes (1)
G. MiniellyYes (3)
L. Napper.....Yes (3)
G. PerryNo (1)

Yeas - 22; Nays - 15.

Motion carried.

#14: Arnold/MacDougall: That the second sentence in Item (a) be maintained in the report as follows:

“During the Christmas Season and midsummer, they will be held on an ‘as needed’ basis.”

Carried.

#15: Bilton/Foubister: That this day's minutes be adopted as amended (motions #1 to #18).
Carried.

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

Re: Motion #21 - Memorandum dated November 9, 2007 Regarding the Closed Meeting Investigator

#16: Bradley/Foubister: That motion #21 of the Corporate and Community Services Committee minutes dated November 21, 2007, be deleted.

A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Jim Foubister, was requested by Councillor Steve Arnold on motion #16 of this day's minutes.

S. ArnoldNo (3)
Wm. BiltonYes (1)
D. BoushyYes (3)
M. BradleyYes (3)
J. Burns.....No (1)
T. CaseYes (2)
J. FoubisterYes (3)
P. Gilliland.....No (2)
A. Gillis.....Yes (3)
C. JamiesonYes (2)
D. KirklandNo (1)
B. MacDougall .Yes (3)
J. McCharlesNo (2)
D. McGuganNo (1)
G. MiniellyYes (3)
L. Napper.....Yes (3)
G. PerryYes (1)

Yeas - 27; Nays - 10.

Motion carried.

#17: Bradley/Foubister: That we appoint the Ombudsman to act for the Corporation as Closed Meeting Investigator.

Carried.

#18: McGugan/Perry: That this day's minutes be adopted as amended (motions #1 to #25).
Carried.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Mike Bradley presented a Notice of Motion to be considered at the January 16th, 2008 County Council Session:

“That, given significant budgetary pressures at the lower tier Municipalities within the County of Lambton, and given the commitment of the Province of Ontario to upload various Social Services program costs, that as a gesture of the County’s commitment to pass these costs savings to the lower tier, that grants be provided based on proportionate levy assessments, equaling the amount received from the Province of Ontario in 2008.”

OTHER BUSINESS

Memorandum dated November 7, 2007 Regarding Council Motions of September 5, 2007 (Council Restructuring)

This matter was dealt with previously under the Infrastructure and Development/Social and Health Services Committee minutes dated November 21, 2007.

Memorandum dated November 20, 2007 Regarding the Strategic Plan

#19: Jamieson/MacDougall: That County Council continue to endorse the existing Strategic Plan; and further,

That the following matters be added to the plan for support over the balance of this term of office:

- a) Green Initiatives;
- b) Succession Planning;
- c) Governance Structure Renewal;
- d) First Nations Relations.

Carried.

Councillor Gord Perry thanked County Councillors and staff who assisted in providing auction items for the Adult Day Program Fundraising Gala Auction held in October. As well, an invitation to a New Year’s Day Levée, to be held on January 1st, 2008 at the Oil Springs Youth Centre, was distributed to Councillors.

Warden Jim Burns spoke to County Council on the Community Health Study meeting recently held and noted great progress has been made regarding the same. Warden Burns reported that the group has determined a governance structure and expects to hold a meeting in January.

#20: Bradley/Kirkland: That Warden Jim Burns be nominated to sit as a member of the Board on behalf of the County.

Carried.

Warden Burns updated Council on the work of the Nominations Committee for the Board of Bluewater Health.

By-Laws

#21: Boushy/Case: That By-Laws #43, #44 and #46, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#22: Arnold/Bilton: That By-Laws #43, #44 and #46, 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

Linda Ross
County Clerk
General Manager, Corporate Services