

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

February 20, 2008

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 M. Bradley.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

Delegations

2008 Grant Requests

#1: Foubister/Napper: That we invite Mr. Ken Acres, Executive Director, Huron House Boys' Home, Mr. George Mallay, General Manager, Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership and Mr. Michael Lawley, Executive Director, Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding grant requests.

Carried.

In-Camera

#2: Perry/McGugan: 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 February 20, 2008

#3: Napper/Case: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

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

#4: Napper/Case: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated February 6, 2008 were presented.

#5: Bilton/Gillis: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated February 6, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence

2-26-08 A letter from Mayor David Miller, City of Toronto, dated February 12, 2008, encouraging Municipalities to join Toronto and take part in Earth Hour - a global World Wildlife Fund lights-out event to raise awareness and support for action on climate change. Earth Hour will take place on March 29, 2008, 8 - 9 pm.

#6: Boushy/Gillis: That the County of Lambton support the City of Toronto in taking part in Earth Hour - a global World Wildlife Fund lights-out event, to raise awareness and support for action on climate change.

Carried.

2-14-08 A resolution from the City of Ottawa, dated January 24, 2008, to petition the Provincial Government for the authority to create a hotel room tax, such that some of the municipal costs created by the tourism and hotel industries can be recouped.

#7: Minielly/Kirkland: That the County of Lambton support the resolution of the City of Ottawa to petition the Provincial Government for the authority to create a hotel room tax, such that some of the municipal costs created by the tourism and hotel industries can be recouped.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

2-15-08 A memorandum from the City of Kingston, dated January 23, 2008, advising of its resolution concerning BUY-ANET Malaria Prevention Group. The BUY-A-NET Malaria Prevention Group is a Kingston based registered charitable Canadian citizen-driven volunteer initiative, that believes that we can prevent malaria and alleviate the pain and suffering inflicted upon people in Africa through the procurement and distribution of long lasting insecticide treated bed nets and anti-malaria medicines free-of-charge, one village at a time. The City of Kingston is urging all Municipalities in Ontario to adopt a village by considering a contribution to prevent the incidence of malaria in Africa.

2-16-08 A resolution from the Township of Russell, dated January 21, 2008, requesting support to petition the Provincial Government to consider amending the formula used to calculate a Municipality's debt capacity by excluding debts for public utilities in order to allow a Municipality to increase the financing of capital projects such as roads, bridges and other municipal infrastructures which are reimbursed through property taxes.

2-17-08 A letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated January 24, 2008, informing that the County of Lambton's business case regarding allocation redistribution among components of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program (AHP) has been approved in the amount of \$194,594.00 for an additional twenty-five (25) units.

2-18-08 A resolution from the City of Waterloo, dated January 14, 2008, requesting support of a Waterloo Region CBC radio station which recognizes the Region as one of the fastest growing areas, with its own cultural, economic and educational identity, which as an under services area, should have increased access to local public broadcasting services providing distinct coverage of local and regional news, culture and public affairs. The City of Waterloo is also requesting to call on the Federal Government and Heritage Minister to include sustainable funding to ensure this service can be provided for the Region of Waterloo and other regional radio stations.

2-20-08 A resolution from the Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey, dated February 1, 2008, requesting endorsement of its resolution to petition the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to ban the ownership of handguns.

2-21-08 A Member Communication Alert from the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), dated February 5, 2008, updating AMO members on the following issues: IESO Municipal Readiness Survey; Update on the Standard Development Process under the AODA; AMO Response to CCME Draft Canada-wide Strategy on Municipal Wastewater Effluent; Proposed AMO Climate Change Task Force; Waste Electronics and Electrical Equipment Plan; and, Federal Gas Tax Communications.

2-22-08 A resolution from the Township of Greater Madawaska, dated January 24, 2008, requesting support to ask the Province to establish a system whereby revenue from stumpage fees paid to the Province by the logging companies be used to compensate Municipalities for damages sustained to municipal roads as a result of the logging companies use of municipal roads. The Township is also requesting that the Province establish the same system for compensating Municipalities per tonne of logs in the same manner as currently occurs with aggregate extraction in Municipalities.

2-25-08 A memorandum from the Ministry of Community and Social Services dated January 17, 2008, providing information regarding additional one-time 100% Ontario Works Cost of Administration funding that is being provided to the County's CMSM, in the amount of \$14,943.00. The Ministry is making these funds available to cover social assistance restructuring implementation costs, including training and communications costs, as incurred in the January - March 2008 period.

#8: Foubister/McCharles: That correspondence 2-15-08, 2-16-08, 2-17-08, 2-18-08, 2-20-08, 2-21-08, 2-22-08 and 2-25-08 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding the 2008 Budget and Ontario Works Caseload Projections

#9: Arnold/Gillis: That the Information Report dated February 20, 2008 regarding the 2008 Budget and Ontario Works Caseload Projections, be approved as amended, by changing the last paragraph under **Conclusion** to read as follows:

“With all of the changes occurring in 2008, staff feels that the current budget practices should be reviewed and reported back to Council regarding necessary changes.”

Carried.

#10: Kirkland/McCharles: That the following information reports be received and filed:

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

- a) Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Library Loan Periods;
- b) Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Gallery Lambton Exhibitions and Programs;
- c) Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding 2007 Year End Stats for Libraries, Museums and Cultural Services;
- d) Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding MOHLTC Annual Compliance Review - LMV;
- e) Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Senior Services Statistics;
- f) Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Housing Services Year End Stats;
- g) Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Year End Stats - EMS;

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

- a) Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Community Health Study - Update;
- b) Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Extreme Heat and Cold Weather Protocol - Update;
- c) Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Ontario Public Health Standards Review - Update;

- d) Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Smoke-Free Ontario Display Ban effective May 31, 2008;
- e) Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Best Start - Marketing & Communications Strategy;
- f) See motion #9 above;
- g) Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Water Filter Fund; and,
- h) Information Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Ontario Works Caseload Trends & Economic Indicators.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Library Donations

#11: Jamieson/Perry: That the donations be gratefully accepted and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's Recognition Policy.

Carried.

Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding the Museums' Collection Management

#12: Napper/Minielly: That the Curator's Collection Management Report be accepted as presented and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's Recognition Policy.

Carried.

#13: Arnold/Case: That staff create a metric regarding the cost per book to circulate, the cost per visitor for Museums and the cost per visitor for Gallery Lambton.

Carried.

Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Correspondence 2-24-08 - Additional Funding for RPN Positions

#14: Gillis/Jamieson: That the additional funding be used to increase the number of RPN hours at each Home and that the appropriate Amending Agreements be signed.

Carried.

Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Correspondence 2-19-08 - Transportation of Canadian Patients to U.S. Destinations

#15: MacDougall/Gilliland: That the resolution adopted by Essex County Council, regarding unimpeded access to the U.S.A. for ambulances involved in medical emergency transports, be supported.

Carried.

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Emergency Shelter - Funding Request

#16: Boushy/Jamieson: That The Inn of The Good Shepherd's request for a one-time grant of \$650,000 be referred to the 2008 budget deliberations and that any grant provided The Inn of The Good Shepherd be financed through short term borrowing in 2008, pending further examination of financing alternatives.

Carried.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding an Access Agreement - Ontario Realty Corporation/Hydro One

#17: Foubister/MacDougall: That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the renewal of the access agreement and all other necessary documents; and further,

That the appropriate By-Law be presented to Council for its consideration.

Carried.

Report dated February 20, 2008 Regarding Correspondence 2-23-08 - Posted Speed on County Road #79 (Nauvoo Road)

#18: Jamieson/Minielly: That the posted speed on County Road #79 (Nauvoo Road) be reduced from 90 km/hr to 80 km/hr from a point 70 metres north of Jariott Street north to a point 265 metres south of County Road #22 (Egremont Road); and further,

That the appropriate By-Law be presented to Council for its consideration.

Carried.

Minutes

Ms. B. MacDougall presented the Striking Committee minutes dated February 6, 2008.

#19: MacDougall/Arnold: That the Striking Committee minutes dated February 6, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2008 BUDGET

Mr. John Innes, Corporate Manager, Financial Services/Treasurer, presented the Draft 2008 Budget to County Council.

#20: MacDougall/Perry: That staff prepare a report regarding the criteria to be used for awarding grants by the County in the future.

Carried.

Councillor Gord Perry invited County Councillors to the Oil Springs Heritage Committee Open House on Saturday, February 23, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Oil Museum of Canada. Mrs. Patricia Davidson, M.P., Sarnia-Lambton Riding, will be present to announce a grant by the Federal Government at 2:00 p.m.

By-Laws

#21: Jamieson/Kirkland: That By-Laws #8 to #10 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#22: MacDougall/McCharles: That By-Laws #8 to #10 of 2008, 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
County Clerk
General Manager, Corporate Services