

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

March 5, 2008

Lambton County Council was in session in the Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 9:00 a.m. on the above date. Deputy Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present except Warden Jim Burns and J. McCharles.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

2008 Budget

Lambton County Council went into the 2008 Budget Session. Mr. John Innes, Corporate Manager, Financial Services/Treasurer, presented a brief overview of the draft 2008 Budget. Council reviewed the budgets for Infrastructure and Development/ Social and Health Services, Corporate Services and Community Services Divisions and made a resolution on an exception basis, as recorded on the attached minutes dated Wednesday, March 5, 2008, number 1.

Adjournment

The Deputy Warden declared that the meeting adjourn until 12:30 p.m.

Reconvene

County Council reconvened into open session at 12:30 p.m. All members present except Warden Jim Burns, J. McCharles and M. Bradley.

Delegations

#1: MacDougall/Perry: That we invite the following delegations within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding their request for grants:

- a) Ms. Sue McLean, CEO of the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Alliance;
- b) Mr. Robert Murray, Campaign Chair, St. Joseph's Hospice;
- c) Ms. Mary Ellen Warren, Executive Director, Sarnia-Lambton Rebound; and,
- d) Mr. David McPhail, Chair of the Board, Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce.

Carried.

All grant presentations were noted by the Deputy Warden as being part of the 2008 Budget process.

In-Camera

#2: Foubister/Bilton: That the Deputy Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning labour relations and employee negotiations as well as two (2) matters concerning litigation or potential litigation.

Carried.

Open Session

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

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated March 5, 2008

#3: MacDougall/Foubister: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

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

#4: MacDougall/Foubister: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated February 20, 2008 were presented.

#5: Perry/MacDougall: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated February 20, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

3-1-08 An article from the Daily Commercial News, dated January 25, 2008 titled "U.S. transportation planners take roundabout route". The article states that following a U.S. trend, state transportation planners are actively turning right-angle intersections into roundabouts, put down by many but proven in a national study to be safer than some intersections with stop signs or traffic signals.

3-2-08 A memorandum from the Drinking Water Source Protection Committee, dated January 24, 2008, reminding Municipalities that the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee will be commencing work on the Terms of Reference for drinking water source protection activities under the Clean Water Act, 2006. The meeting on the Clean Water Act and Terms of Reference has been scheduled for Thursday, March 6 in the Auditorium of the Huron County Health Unit complex at 9:00 a.m.

3-3-08 A resolution from the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, dated February 5, 2008, requesting support to ask the Province of Ontario to assume ownership of all municipal drinking water systems within the Province and the operation of all municipal drinking water systems, subject to its regulations and oversight.

3-4-08 A copy of a letter from the Ministry of Transportation to Ms. Mary Janes, Secretary, Warwick Landfill Public Liaison Committee, dated February 11, 2008, concerning Exit 44 on Highway 402, near Watford and the truck traffic from the Warwick Landfill Site. Minister Jim Bradley notes that after construction of the new ramp, as well as the improvements planned by Waste Management Services, the Ministry is confident that the interchange will provide the best overall performance in terms of safety and operations for all drivers using the interchange.

3-5-08 A copy of a letter from The Regional Municipality of Halton to Premier Dalton McGuinty, dated February 7, 2008, advising of its resolution to write to the Federal Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to encourage the Federal Government to set up a regular process of providing information to, and receiving input from, Municipalities regarding issues dealing with refugees and immigration and to urge the Government of Ontario to advocate full cost recovery from the Federal Government for Municipalities for any and all costs incurred as a result of refugee claims and newcomers to Canada.

3-6-08 A Member Communication from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, dated February 19, 2008, advising that Liberal leader Stéphane Dion pledges new funding for Municipalities to eliminate Canada's infrastructure deficit. Mr. Dion said that a Liberal Government would set aside a \$3 billion Contingency Fund every year that, if not needed for deficit purposes or unpredictable events, would be applied to the debt. Any additional surplus would be used to invest in such infrastructure needs as public transit, water systems, roads and bridges, and cultural and recreational facilities.

3-8-08 A letter from Warden John Oosterhof, Chair of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC), dated February 21, 2008, providing an update in regard to the letter and attachments dated January 4, 2008 from Warden Jim Burns which outlines the impact of the transition from the farm tax rebate program in 1998. The farm tax rebate transition is a very important issue that has negatively impacted the agricultural Municipalities of Ontario by more than \$200 million a year. AMO has consistently brought this issue to the forefront of their discussion with the Province.

#6: Minielly/Napper: That correspondence 3-1-08, 3-2-08, 3-3-08, 3-4-08, 3-5-08, 3-6-08 and 3-8-08 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated March 5, 2008 Regarding Correspondence 3-7-08 - Flashing Stop at County Road #4 (Petrolia Line) and Brigden Road

#7: Case/Kirkland: That staff report further regarding the cost of installing a flashing stop at the intersection of County Road #4 (Petrolia Line) and Brigden Road.

Carried.

#8: Boushy/Gilliland: That the following information reports be received and filed:

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

- a) Information Report dated March 5, 2008 Regarding GIS Update;
- b) Information Report dated March 5, 2008 Regarding New Electronic By-Law System;
- c) Information Report dated March 5, 2008 Regarding Training and Development Update;
- d) Information Report dated March 5, 2008 Regarding Health and Safety Update;
- e) Information Report dated March 5, 2008 Regarding an Update on Purchasing Activities and Challenges;
- f) Information Report dated March 5, 2008 Regarding Department Activities (Legal Services);

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

- a) See motion #7 above;
- b) Information Report dated March 5, 2008 Regarding Enbridge Gas, Easement Agreement Allocation of Funds Payable;
- c) Information Report dated March 5, 2008 Regarding Emergency Management Monthly Report; and,
- d) Information Report dated March 5, 2008 Regarding Proposed Changes to Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

The following items were presented for County Council's information:

- a) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated February 5 and 12, 2008; and,
- b) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Board of Directors Minutes dated November 8, 2007 and the Manager's Report dated October 2007.

Reports Requiring a Motion

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated March 5, 2008 Regarding the Private Pipeline By-Law

#9: Minielly/Gillis: That Council enact "A By-Law to Set Down Requirements under which Pipelines, Related Plant, and Appurtenances may be Constructed, Reconstructed or Altered Under, Along or Across Lambton County Road Allowances" including a Schedule of Fees; and further,

That By-law 929 of 1971 be repealed.

Carried.

Report dated March 5, 2008 Regarding a County Lands Management Agreement with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA)

#10: MacDougall/Foubister: That staff continue to develop a Master Agreement for the management of various County lands with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority;

That staff from both organizations develop Schedules to the Master Agreement that address individual land holdings recognizing the needs for each may be substantially different;

That staff work with SCRCA and local authorities to improve signage, review access points, and increase enforcement with an initial focus on the County Heritage Forest;

That the Land Management Reserve be utilized to fund the annual approved budget for the management plans for the various land holdings;

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the Master Agreement; and further,

That an authorizing By-Law be presented to County Council for its consideration.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Bev MacDougall requested that staff have draft parameters prepared for the consideration of grants at the next budget meeting set for Wednesday, March 19, 2008.

By-Laws

#11: McGugan/Minielly: That By-Laws #11 to #14 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#12: Napper/Perry: That By-Laws #11 to #14 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Deputy Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 2:25 p.m.

Carolyn Jamieson
Deputy Warden

Linda Ross
County Clerk
General Manager, Corporate Services