

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

**March 19, 2008**

Lambton County Council was in session in the Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 9:00 a.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 concerning the grant request by The Inn of the Good Shepherd, as Councillor Bradley's family owns property adjacent to the site. He accordingly vacated his seat while the matter was discussed.

Delegation

#1: MacDougall/McGugan: That we invite Mr. Murray Pink, Emerald Ash Borer Project Manager, The Canadian Food Inspection Agency, within the Bar, to speak to County Council to give an update on the Emerald Ash Borer.

Carried.

**2008 Budget**

Lambton County Council went into the 2008 Budget Session. Council reviewed the budgets for the Social and Health Services Division, Grants, General Government and C.A.O., made resolutions on an exception basis, as recorded on the attached minutes dated Wednesday, March 19, 2008, numbers 1 - 26.

Adjournment

The Warden declared that the meeting adjourn at 12:30 p.m., and reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

Reconvene

County Council reconvened into open session at 1:00 p.m. All members present except M. Bradley.

In-Camera

#2: Perry/Foubister: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning litigation or potential litigation (updating Council on the status of one (1) litigation matter).

Carried.

Open Session

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

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated March 19, 2008

#3: Kirkland/McCharles: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

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

#4: Kirkland/McCharles: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated March 5, 2008 were presented.

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

Carried.

Correspondence

3-10-08 A resolution from the Town of Milton, dated February 26, 2008, regarding the rehabilitation of pits and quarries. The Town of Milton is recommending the following to the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources with the goal of improving the status of rehabilitation in the Town of Milton and across the Province: (a) a review of the role of security deposits for pit/quarry rehabilitation; (b) re-instatement of those security deposits; and (c) a review of the role of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (OSSGA) and The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC) in regards to rehabilitation and security deposits toward determining if this role has been in the public good and has been effective for promoting rehabilitation.

#6: Napper/Gillis: That the County of Lambton support the resolution from the Town of Milton to recommend to the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources to review the role of the security deposits for pit/quarry rehabilitation, to re-instate those security deposits and to review the role of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (OSSGA) and The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC) in regards to rehabilitation and security deposits toward determining if this role has been in the public good and has been effective for promoting rehabilitation.

Carried.

### Correspondence to Receive and File

3-9-08 A letter from the City of Woodstock, dated February 19, 2008, requesting support of its resolution to ask the Province of Ontario to eliminate tax capping and replace it with an equitable system based on current value assessment.

3-11-08 A resolution from the Regional Municipality of Niagara, dated December 20, 2007, requesting endorsement of its resolution that despite the Federal Government's efforts to improve the representation of growing Provinces in the House of Commons, the proposed formula is unfair to Ontario. The Regional Municipality of Niagara is asking the Federal Government to amend Bill C-22 to provide Ontarians with their fair share of seats in the House of Commons while maintaining the constitutionally protected seat guarantees of smaller Provinces.

3-12-08 A Member Advisory from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), dated February 26, 2008, advising that the 2008 Budget delivers good news for cities and communities. The decision by the Government to make the gas tax transfer permanent is a major milestone in the history of Federal-Municipal infrastructure funding. The gas tax fund was set to expire in 2013-2014. Now, Municipalities have a much greater assurance that as they plan, finance, build and maintain infrastructure projects, the gas tax fund will provide stable funding.

#7: Perry/McCharles: That correspondence 3-9-08, 3-11-08 and 3-12-08 be receive and filed.

Carried.

### Information Reports

#8: Jamieson/Gillis: That the following information reports be received and filed:

#### **SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION**

- a) Information Report dated March 19, 2008 Regarding Minister Matthews Visit;
- b) Information Report dated March 29, 2008 Regarding Child Care Program for Aboriginal Children;
- c) Information Report dated March 29, 2008 Regarding Percentage of Children on Assistance;
- d) Information Report dated March 29, 2008 Regarding Consolidated Verification Process;

- e) Information Report dated March 29, 2008 Regarding Homelessness - Year-End 2007 Statistical Report;
  - f) Information Report dated March 29, 2008 Regarding Community Service - Caring Staff - Correspondence 3-14-08;
  - g) Information Report dated March 29, 2008 Regarding Father Involvement Initiative - Update; and,
  - h) Information Report dated March 29, 2008 Regarding Health Promotion.
- Carried.

#9: Perry/Gilliland: That the following information reports be received and filed:

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION**

- a) Information Report dated March 29, 2008 Regarding Museum Exhibitions and Programs;
- b) Information Report dated March 29, 2008 Regarding Correspondence 3-13-08 Day Programs; and,
- c) Information Report dated March 29, 2008 Regarding 2007 Ambulance Call Stats - Grand Bend and Thedford.

#10: Foubister/Napper: That the following information report be received and filed:

**CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION**

- a) Information Report dated March 29, 2008 Regarding an FOI Request.
- Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

**SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION**

Report dated March 19, 2008 Regarding World Tuberculosis Day - Funding Announcement - Correspondence 3-15-08

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#11: Gillis/Jamieson: That the Community Health Services Department be permitted to utilize up to \$1,500.00 of one-time 100% Provincial funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to defray costs associated with World Tuberculosis Day activities.

Carried.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION**

Report dated March 19, 2008 Regarding Library Donations

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

Carried.

Report dated March 19, 2008 Regarding the Museums' Collection Management Report

#13: Jamieson/Bilton: 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.

Report dated March 19, 2008 Regarding Gallery Donations

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

Carried.

Report dated March 19, 2008 Regarding the Cultural Advisory Committee

#15: Arnold/Perry: That a County of Lambton Cultural Advisory Committee be established in accordance with the attached Terms of Reference.

Carried.

Report dated March 19, 2008 Regarding EMS First Nations Funding

#16: Minielly/Napper: That \$32,493.00 be paid to Chatham-Kent for EMS services to the First Nations community on Walpole Island and that these funds be taken from the EMS Operating Reserve.

Carried.

**C.A.O.**

Report dated March 19, 2008 Regarding the Criteria for Awarding Grants

This report was dealt with during the 2008 Budget deliberations. See the Budget Minutes dated Wednesday, March 19, 2008, motions 8 and 9.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Dick Kirkland spoke to County Council regarding a resolution from the Village of Point Edward concerning the ability of local charities and non-profit organizations to raise funds through bingo events. The resolution is asking that the Ontario Government take immediate steps to increase the funding for the Trillium Foundation from \$100,000,000.00 to \$150,000,000.00.

**#17:** Kirkland/Case: **WHEREAS** many local charities and non-profit organizations have found that their ability to raise funds through bingo events and lotteries have been seriously affected;

**AND WHEREAS** the charities and non-profit organizations provide valuable services to the residents of their communities;

**AND WHEREAS** it is important to replace the lost revenue;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Ontario Government take immediate steps to increase the funding for the Trillium Foundation from One Hundred Million (\$100,000,000.00) Dollars to One Hundred and Fifty Million (\$150,000,000.00) Dollars;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the eligibility for the organizations would be operating funds and capital funds that are provided at this time;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a letter requesting support for this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for distribution to its member Municipalities;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy be sent to the two local MPPs.

Carried.

Councillor Gord Perry invited County Councillors and the public to attend a play titled "Perils At Petrolia, Foiled by Oil, Dastardly Doings at the Derrick", as part of the 2008 Celebrate festivities. The play is being staged by the Petrolia Community Theatre and performed at Victoria Hall in Petrolia March 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.

## **By-Laws**

**#18:** Bilton/Arnold: That By-Laws #15 to #17 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

**#19:** Boushy/Case: That By-Laws #15 to #17 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 12:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Time: 1:30 p.m.

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Jim Burns  
Warden

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Linda Ross  
County Clerk  
General Manager, Corporate Services