

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

April 16, 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 A. Gillis.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

Delegations

#1: McGugan/Napper: That we invite Mr. Joel Adams, University of Western Ontario Research Park, Sarnia-Lambton Campus, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding the recent grants received from senior levels of government and the proposed development of the Research Park property.

Carried.

#2: McCharles/Jamieson: That we invite Mr. Jim Foubister, Chair of the Child Poverty Task Force and Mr. Doug Ball, Manager, Social Planning and Program Support, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding a community based model for the County of Lambton to adopt a strategy to reduce the number of children living in poverty in the community and presenting the Task Force's findings and recommendations.

Carried.

- * **#3:** Foubister/Perry: That County Council receive the Child Poverty Task Force's report, adopt in principle the Circles™ Model of poverty reduction as the strategy to reduce the number of children living in poverty in the County of Lambton and direct staff to prepare a report by summer of this year with a recommendation regarding the implementation of the model along with a funding strategy.

Tabled.

#4: Arnold/MacDougall: That the matter be tabled pending further information from the Child Poverty Task Force.

Carried.

#5: MacDougall/Perry: That we invite Ms. Pamela Bodkin, Community Investment and Finance Director, United Way of Sarnia-Lambton, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding the Sarnia-Lambton Drug Strategy - Approach to Alcohol and Other Drugs in Our Community.

Carried.

It was the desire of Council to bring forward the staff report dated April 16, 2008 regarding the United Way of Sarnia-Lambton Drug Strategy for discussion.

- * Lift from the table motion #3 of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated April 16, 2008 regarding the Child Poverty Task Force's report concerning the Circles™ Model of poverty reduction - see Council May 21, 2008, mot. #8 - See Recorded Vote - Carried unanimously.

#6: MacDougall/McGugan: That Council endorse the Sarnia-Lambton Drug Strategy, dated September 2007.

Carried.

In-Camera

#7: Kirkland/Gilliland: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss matters concerning litigation or pending litigation (updating Council on the status of two (2) litigation matters).

Carried.

Open Session

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

Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated April 16, 2008

#8: Napper/Bilton: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that there were no resolutions to report from the Closed Session meeting.

#9: Napper/Bilton: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated March 19, 2008 were presented.

#10: Minielly/Perry: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated March 19, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

4-1-08 A resolution from The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville, dated March 12, 2008, advising that the Town has been selected as one of the top five (5) communities vying for the coveted crown of Kraft Hockeyville 2008. The Town of Kingsville is requesting that all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario support the Town's endeavours to become Kraft Hockeyville 2008.

4-2-08 A letter from the City of Port Colborne, dated March 27, 2008, requesting support of its resolution concerning provincial funding to offset municipal costs relating to the compliance with O.Reg. 429/07 under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. The City is asking to call upon the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to petition for and work with the Province of Ontario on the development and provision of a proper and fair provincial funding mechanism to assist Municipalities and other provincially funded sector organizations in complying with the provisions of O.Reg 429/07 so that the financial burden imposed by the Regulation is fairly shared by all the residents of Ontario.

4-5-08 Highlights of the Open Board Meeting of the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network dated March 25, 2008.

#11: Bradley/Kirkland: That correspondence 4-1-08, 4-2-08 and 4-5-08 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#12: Napper/Jamieson: That the following information reports be received and filed:

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

- a) Information Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding Library, Museums and Gallery Costs;
- b) Information Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding North Lambton Lodge Compliance Visit;
- c) Information Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding Day Programs (Senior Services).

Carried.

#13: McCharles/Perry: That the following information reports be received and filed:

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

- a) Information Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding Student Nutrition - Lambton Breakfast Snack Network;
- b) Information Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding Healthy Babies Health Children/Child Health;

- c) Information Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding 211 Taxonomy Project;
- d) Information Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding National Child Benefit - 2007 Statistical Report;
- e) Information Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding FOCUS Employment Workshop; and,
- f) Information Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding the Queen's Lodge Fire and Relocation of Residents.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

#14: Foubister/McGugan: That the following information reports be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding the County of Lambton - 2007 Absenteeism Report;
- b) Information Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding the Statement of Council Remuneration and Related Expenses; and,
- c) Information Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding Accessibility Standards for Customer Service.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

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

- a) Land Division Committee Minutes dated March 11, 2008; and,
- b) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated March 4 and 11, 2008.

Reports Requiring a Motion

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding the Museums Collection Management Report

#15: Perry/Jamieson: 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 April 16, 2008 Regarding Gallery Donations

#16: McCharles/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 April 16, 2008 Regarding the Gallery Art Acquisition

#17: MacDougall/McGugan: That Sarah Anne Johnson's *Nadine*, 2007 be purchased using reserve funds.

Carried.

Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding the Eligibility Criteria - Homeownership Program

#18: Bilton/Jamieson: That the attached Eligibility Criteria - Home Ownership Program, Index No. 1.024 be approved; and further,

That the Warden correspond with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting funding to administer the additional twenty-five (25) Homeownership units.

Carried.

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding the Ontario Child Benefit - Back to School and Winter Clothing Allowances - Correspondence 4-3-08

#19: MacDougall/Perry: That County Council request that the Province of Ontario issue the Back to School and Winter Clothing Allowances during 2008; and further,

That these allowances be paid 100% by the Province of Ontario.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding the 2008 Tax Policy Recommendations

#20: Minielly/Jamieson: That there be no change in property class ratios for the 2008 taxation year;

That the discount rate for New Construction be eliminated;

That the existing discounts for land under development but continuing to be used for agricultural purposes be maintained; and further,

That the available capping options/tools continue to be employed to accelerate progress towards full CVA tax for property in the multi-residential, commercial and industrial classes.

Carried.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated April 16, 2008 Regarding the Provincial Announcement - Road and Bridge Investment

#21: McCharles/MacDougall: That an authorizing By-Law containing the following points be approved by County Council:

- That the \$3,032,820.00 allocated to the County by the Province will be used for municipal road and bridge capital investment needs;
- That a final summary report detailing expenditures, use of provincial funding and outcomes achieved shall be submitted to the Ministry and the Ministry may request an independent audit of the project;
- Any funds intended for the project that are not used in accordance with rehabilitation of municipal road and bridge capital investment needs or the terms outlined above, will be returned to the Ministry; and,
- That the By-Law be forwarded to the Provincial Finance Department by April 30, 2008.

Carried.

Committee Minutes

Ms. B. MacDougall presented the Woodlot Committee minutes dated March 11, 2008.

#22: MacDougall/Minielly: That the Woodlot Committee minutes dated March 11, 2008 be adopted as presented (motion #1).

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Mike Bradley spoke to County Council regarding the education tax.

#23: Bradley/Case: That Councillor Bradley's correspondence be forwarded to the Municipal Tax Equity Consultants (MTE) for a brief response regarding the positive and negative impacts of Mayor Bradley's proposal.

Carried.

Councillor Mike Bradley also spoke regarding 700 Cathcart Boulevard - Right-of-Way entry adjacent to the street. Councillor Bradley requested a public report regarding the legal issues around the right-of-way.

By-Laws

#24: Case/Foubister: That By-Laws #18 to #24 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#25: MacDougall/Kirkland: That By-Laws #18 to #24 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Jim Burns
Warden

Ronald G. Van Horne
Chief Administrative Officer