

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

**September 17, 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.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

Delegations

#1: Foubister/Perry: That Gayle Montgomery, Supervisor, Special Services (Ontario Works), along with Georgina Morales and Michelle Wright (Program Graduates), be invited within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding the implementation of the Circles™ Model of poverty reduction.

Carried.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated September 3, 2008 were presented.

#2: McCharles/Napper: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated September 3, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence

9-15-08 A resolution from the City of Orillia, dated August 15, 2008, requesting the Government of Ontario not to shut down their four coal generation plants, and continue to benefit financially from which they own and can cost control. The City is also asking the government to limit to the absolute minimum natural gas generation in the electrical fuel mix, due to the almost monopolistic pricing of natural gas.

#3: Napper/McGugan: That we support the resolution from the City of Orillia, to request the Government of Ontario not to shut down their four coal generation plants, and to limit to the absolute minimum natural gas generation in the electrical fuel mix, due to the almost monopolistic pricing of natural gas.

Carried.

9-11-08 A letter from the Town of Innisfil, dated August 18, 2008, advising that the Ontario Energy Board has ordered Innisfil Hydro to undergo a process to analyze revenue to cost ratios for each customer class.

The town is asking for consideration of its resolution to request the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.), as an intervener at the Ontario Energy Board, to ask that the distribution charge be reviewed/reduced, that the Chair of the Ontario Energy Board be requested to review and amend streetlight distribution rates to reflect a more accurate cost allocation and that the Ontario Energy Board fulfill its mandate being "We will endeavour to consider the interests of all stakeholders in performing our duties in the public interest", by ensuring that the above matters be addressed.

**#4:** Minielly/Jamieson: That we support the resolution from the Town of Innisfil, to request the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.), as an intervener at the Ontario Energy Board, to ask that the distribution charge be reviewed/reduced, that the Chair of the Ontario Energy Board be requested to review and amend streetlight distribution rates to reflect a more accurate cost allocation and that the Ontario Energy Board fulfill its mandate being "We will endeavour to consider the interests of all stakeholders in performing our duties in the public interest", by ensuring that the above matters be addressed.

Carried.

#### Correspondence to Receive and File

**9-12-08** A Member Communication from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.), dated August 11, 2008, advising that the government has approved Regulation 267/08 permitting the establishment of new local land ambulance response time standards. The new standards provide for enhanced municipal flexibility and equity. They are also patient outcome focused. The standards establish the responsibilities of upper tier municipalities, designated delivery agents and ambulance communication centres to define, set and meet response time plans. These plans will be filed annually with the Ministry of Health and will be publicly available. The new municipal plans will be developed by October 2010 and will take effect the following year.

**9-14-08** A resolution from the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley, dated August 18, 2008, requesting that the Minister of Finance amend the Assessment Act to exempt municipally owned property that is located in neighbouring municipalities from all municipal and education taxes.

**9-16-08** A letter from the Fish and Wildlife Branch of the Ministry of Natural Resources, dated September 2, 2008, advising that the Ministry made a commitment in 2005 to work with other Ministries, partners and Municipalities to help resolve issues, including crop damage, resulting from wildlife. One of the elements of that commitment was to permit Sunday gun hunting in those Municipalities where Sunday gun hunting was requested in their area.

The amendments to the regulations under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act dealing with Sunday hunting have just been completed. To date, 167 Municipalities have requested Sunday hunting (147 Municipalities and 20 geographic Townships). The Federal Government has also made adjustments to the hunting seasons under the Migratory Bird Convention Act, so that hunting of migratory birds (geese, ducks et cetera), will more closely follow other hunting in Municipal areas. This means that where Sunday hunting is permitted under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, hunting of migratory birds will also be permitted within the open seasons for these birds.

#5: Bradley/MacDougall: That correspondence 9-12-08, 9-14-08 and 9-16-08 be received and filed.

Carried.

### Information Reports

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

#6: Kirkland/Minielly: That following information reports for the Social and Health Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding the Reproductive Health Program Update;
- b) Information Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding "Where's the Shade?" Community Forum;
- c) Information Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding the Emergency Shelter Update;
- d) Information Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding the 2008 Municipal Cost Savings Forecast - Correspondence 9-17-08; and,
- e) Information Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding "WOMEN ON THE MOVE NOW" Workshop.

Carried.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION**

In-Camera Information Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding 1000 London Road

#7: Bradley/Arnold: That the in-camera information report dated September 17, 2008 regarding 1000 London Road, be moved to Open Session for discussion at the meeting of County Council set for October 15, 2008.

Carried.

**#8:** Gillis/Foubister: That the following information reports for the Community Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding Elevators at Capel Manor;
- b) Information Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding Listeria and Maple Leaf Product Recall;
- c) Information Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding Boilers at Lambton Meadowview Villa (LMV); and,
- d) Information Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding Flooring at North Lambton Lodge (NLL).

Carried.

#### Items Not Requiring Motion

The following item was presented to County Council for its information:

- a) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated August 12, 2008.

#### Reports Requiring a Motion

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

#### Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding the Circles™ Implementation Plan

**#9:** Foubister/Gillis: That the Circles™ Implementation Plan be approved and staff be authorized to begin implementation of the plan; and further,

That staff be authorized to increase the F.T.E. complement by two (2) positions in 2009; and finally,

That the implementation of the program be incorporated into the 2009 Budget within the Ontario Works area and be financed utilizing savings from the uploading of the Ontario Disability Support Program.

Carried.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION**

### Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding Library Donations

#10: Minielly/Kirkland: That these donations be gratefully accepted and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's recognition policy.

Carried.

### Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding the Museums Collection Management Report

#11: McGugan/Jamieson: That the Curator's Collection Management report be accepted and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's recognition policy.

Carried.

### Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding Correspondence 9-10-08 Social Housing Capital Repairs

#12: MacDougall/Boushy: That the Social Housing Capital Repair Report be approved as presented.

Carried.

### Report dated September 17, 2008 Regarding Correspondence 9-13-08 Personal Support Worker Funding

#13: MacDougall/Gillis: That each Home accept the funding and increase their PSW hours of care equivalent to the announced funding increase.

Carried.

## Committee Minutes

Ms. C. Jamieson presented the Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Committee minutes dated September 3, 2008.

#14: Jamieson/Gillis: That the Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Committee minutes dated September 3, 2008 be accepted as presented.

Tabled.

#15: Bradley/Boushy: That we table the position paper from Tourism Sarnia-Lambton titled "Response to the Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Committee Letter of June 17, 2008" and the Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Committee minutes of September 3, 2008, to allow Tourism Sarnia-Lambton and the Chamber of Commerce to meet with representatives from the hotel industry, and then bring back a further report to Council regarding a Destination Marketing Fund within forty-five (45) days; and further,

That the contract with Tourism Sarnia-Lambton be extended into 2009 until such time as Council has resolved the issue.

Carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Carolyn Jamieson reminded County Councillors to fill out the survey concerning the current system of governance and to return them as soon as possible.

Councillor Gord Minielly advised that there will be an OPP Committee meeting after Council today.

### **By-Laws**

#16: McGugan/Minielly: That By-Law #46 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#17: Perry/Napper: That By-Law #46 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

### **Adjournment**

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 1:50 p.m.

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Jim Burns  
Warden

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Ronald G. Van Horne  
Chief Administrative Officer