

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

November 19, 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 S. Arnold.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

Delegations

#1: Perry/Napper: That we invite Ms. Brenda Petro, Municipal Relations Representative, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding the assessment notices to be mailed November 17, 2008.

Carried.

#2: Boushy/Gillis: That we invite Mr. Garry McDonald, President of the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce, within the Bar, to speak to County Council concerning the future of Tourism Sarnia-Lambton.

Carried.

#3: Minielly/ : That the existing contract be extended to 2010, and that any change in the funding levels be addressed through the budget process in 2009.

Motion lost.

No seconder.

#4: McGugan/Kirkland: That we invite Mr. John Dickson, Interim General Manager, Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding his findings concerning the feasibility of a Destination Marketing Fee in the Sarnia-Lambton area, as requested by Council September 17, 2008, motion #15.

Carried.

Items Tabled from Previous Meeting(s)

#5: McCharles/Perry: That we lift from the table motion #2 of the Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Committee minutes dated September 3, 2008 regarding given Tourism Sarnia-Lambton a two (2) year contract from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2011, with an annual funding of \$600,000.00 with a review being done in the summer of 2010.

Carried.

Re: Motion #2 of the Tourism Sarnia Lambton Committee minutes dated September 3, 2008 as follows:

“#2: Gillis/McCharles: That Tourism Sarnia-Lambton be given a two (2) year contract from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2011, with an annual funding of \$600,000.00, with a review being done in the summer of 2010.

Carried.”

A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Todd Case, was requested by Councillor Peter Gilliland, on motion #2 of the Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Committee minutes dated September 3, 2008.

**S. Arnold Absent
Wm. Bilton No (1)
D. Boushy No (3)
M. Bradley No (3)
J. Burns Yes (1)
T. Case No (2)
J. Foubister No (3)
P. Gilliland No (2)
A. Gillis Yes (3)
C. Jamieson Yes (2)
D. Kirkland Yes (1)
B. MacDougall No (3)
J. McCharles Yes (2)
D. McGugan Yes (1)
G. Minielly No (3)
L. Napper No (3)
G. Perry Yes (1)**

Yeas - 11; Nays - 23.

Motion defeated.

#7: Boushy/Bradley: That Tourism Sarnia-Lambton be granted a 4% increase for a period of three (3) years starting March 2009.

Defeated.

#8: Gillis/McCharles: That Tourism Sarnia-Lambton be given a two (2) year contract from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2011, with annual funding to be referred to the budget each year, and with a renewal being done in the summer of 2010.

Carried.

Recess

The Warden declared that Council recess for ten minutes.

Reconvene

County Council reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

In-Camera

#9: McGugan/McCharles: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning litigation or potential litigation (updating Council on one (1) matter), as well as a matter concerning the acquisition/disposition of land by the Municipality.

Carried.

Open Session

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

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

#10: Napper/Foubister: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

The County Clerk noted that there was one (1) resolution to report from the Closed Session meeting of November 5, 2008 as follows:

Report dated November 5, 2008 Regarding the Senior Administration Review

#3: Arnold/Gillis: That the report dated November 5, 2008 regarding the Senior Administration Review be approved as presented.

Carried.

#11: Napper/Foubister: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

Minutes

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

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

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

11-8-08 A resolution from the Town of East Gwillimbury, dated September 22, 2008, requesting support of its resolution to ask that the Provincial and Federal Governments provide more funding that is both predictable and sustainable to Municipalities to support our aging municipal roads and bridges.

11-9-08 A letter from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, dated October 2008, regarding Ontario's volunteer recognition programs for the year 2009. The Ontario Government recognizes volunteers from all sectors through the following programs:

- a) Volunteer Services Awards (VSA) - in recognition of continuous years of service with a community organization (nomination closing date of January 24, 2009);
- b) June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award (JCOAA) - awarded for superlative volunteer work undertaken by individuals, groups or businesses (nomination closing date of January 15, 2009); and,
- c) Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers (OMYV) - presented to outstanding young volunteers between the ages of 15 and 24 (nomination closing date of January 10, 2009).

Nomination forms and additional information on each program are available on the Ministry website www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards.

11-10-08 A letter from the Ministries of Finance, Revenue, Municipal Affairs and Housing and Energy and Infrastructure, dated November 10, 2008, advising that under the Investing in Ontario Act, 2008, every Municipality in Ontario is entitled to receive a capital grant in 2008 based on the Province's final results for 2007-08 in the Public Accounts. The County of Lambton will be receiving \$3,304,378.00 on November 12, 2008. The County has the discretion to spend the grant to address capital priorities. The government will be requesting report-backs on the County's planned use of the funds.

#13: Jamieson/Minielly: That correspondence 11-8-08, 11-9-08 and 11-10-08 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

#14: Napper/Foubister: That the following information reports from the Social and Health Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding Incident Rates of Chlamydia;
- b) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding the Universal Influenza Immunization Program;
- c) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding Tuberculosis;
- d) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding Small Drinking Water Systems and Transfer of Legislative Responsibility to Public Health - Update;
- e) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding Social Assistance Rate Increase; and,
- f) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding Purchase of Service Review - Update.

Carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

#15: Bilton/Kirkland: That the following information reports from the Community Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding Lambton Room Fees;
- b) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding Libraries, Museums and Cultural Services 3rd Quarter Statistics;
- c) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding Kitchen Food Steamer Replacement at Lambton Meadowview Villa;
- d) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding Flooring at North Lambton Lodge;

- e) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding North Lambton Lodge Short Stay Bed;
- f) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding Senior Services 3rd Quarter Statistics;
- g) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding Housing Services 3rd Quarter Statistics;
- h) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding New Land Ambulance Response Time Standards; and,
- i) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding Emergency Medical Services' 3rd Quarter Statistics.

Carried.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

#16: McCharles/Gillis: That the following information report from the Infrastructure and Development Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding the Public Works Capital Activity Report.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

C.A.O.

Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding the Old Marshall Gowland Manor Property - Redevelopment Options

#17: Bradley/Minielly: That the report dated November 19, 2008 regarding the old Marshall Gowland Manor Property - Redevelopment Options, be referred to the budget for 2009.

Carried.

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated November, 19, 2008 Regarding Infection Prevention and Control Capacity Enhancements

#18: McGugan/Gillis: That the Community Health Services Department be permitted to utilize the 100% funding from the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care to recruit an additional 1.0 FTE to support the Infection Control Program.

Carried.

Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding the Vaccine Supplier Rebate

#19: Minielly/Kirkland: That the one-time rebate of \$38,719.72 from a Community Health Services Department vaccine supplier be placed in a reserve account; and further,

That staff over a four-year period draw upon the funds in the amount of \$9,679.93 annually to support professional development and training programs; and finally,

That on a go-forward basis any future rebates from the vendor be applied to the purchase price of the vaccines.

Carried.

Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding the Ontario Works - Discretionary Benefit Rates

#20: Foubister/Perry: That County Council increase the rates paid for professional charges related to indigent funerals effective April 1, 2009 such that the professional charges for an adult funeral amount to a maximum of \$2,518 and the professional charges for a funeral for a still born amount to a maximum of \$397;

That County Council increase the clergy honorarium paid for indigent funerals effective April 1, 2009 to \$100.00;

That County Council approve an increase in discretionary benefit amounts paid effective April 1, 2009 to \$1,000.00 for full dentures, \$500 for upper, lower or partial dentures, and \$100 towards a denture repair or reline; and further,

That County Council provide staff with the authority to increase professional charges for indigent funerals and rates for dentures, hearing aids, and vision care in the future on a percentage basis consistent with the social assistance rate increase announced by the Province, and that such increase is to take place on January 1st of the following calendar year.

Carried.

Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding Healthy Babies Healthy Children - Program Review

#21: Jamieson/Gillis: That the Manager, Children's Services Department review the supervisory structure of the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program and report back to Council in January 2009.

Carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding Library Donations

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

Carried.

Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding the Library High Demand Loan Period

#23: Bradley/Perry: That high demand books be circulated for a two week period.

Carried.

Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding the Museums Collection Management Report

#24: 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 November 19, 2008 Regarding the Gallery Lambton Donations

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

Carried.

Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding the Affordable Housing Program - Rental and Supportive

#26: Foubister/Bilton: That an additional \$24,000.00 be recommended for one 12 unit project for Mr. Bratanek; and further,

That the 8 unit project for 1744514 Ontario Ltd. be approved for funding in the amount of \$480,000.00.

Carried.

#27: McGugan/Gillis: That staff work with the other two (2) proponents and split the amount of funding noted in the report.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Report dated November 19, 2008 Regarding the 2008 - 3rd Quarter Budget to Actual Variance Analysis

#28: MacDougall/Jamieson: That the 2008 3rd Quarter Variance Report be accepted as presented; and further,

That no additional remedial actions be taken at this time and that any deficit at December 31, 2008 be funded from the County's Opportunities and Contingencies Reserve.

Carried.

COUNTY WARDEN

Memorandum dated November 19, 2008 Regarding the Agenda Order - "In-Camera"

- * **#29:** Gillis/Perry: That we amend section 12.1 of the Procedural Manual to remove 6 – In-Camera;

That we pass a motion at the end of each meeting that Council will be going In-Camera at the start of the following meeting and generally having that meeting start at 12:30 p.m. on the date of the meeting; and further,

That the public session of each meeting begin at 12:45 p.m. and change the start time of the In-Camera portion of the meeting if the Warden of the day feels that more than fifteen (15) minutes will be needed to discuss the day's business. Special notice would be given to Council members if the start time were going to change from the normal 12:30 p.m.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Mike Bradley spoke to Council regarding his previous request to the Premier of Ontario to freeze assessments across the Province. Councillor Bradley indicated that he had not received a response from the Premier. He also pointed out that the Province of British Columbia decided recently to freeze assessments based on economic conditions. Councillor Bradley is asking County Council to make a similar request.

#30: Bradley/Kirkland: That the assessment rates continue to be frozen across the Province.

Carried.

- * That the Rules of Procedure be amended to reflect that the starting time for the In-Camera Session commence at 1:00 p.m. and the Open Session commence at 1:15 p.m. – see Council December 3, 2008, mot. #10.

Councillor Anne Marie Gillis spoke to County Council regarding her unhappiness with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's system.

#31: Gillis/Kirkland: That Council support St. Clair Township in its efforts to appeal the assessment for the Lambton Generating Station.

Carried.

Warden Burns thanked County Council and staff for their support during 2007-2008.

By-Laws

#32: McGugan/McCharles: That By-Law #57 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#33: Napper/Perry: That By-Law #57 of 2008, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned.

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Jim Burns
Warden

Linda Creaghe
County Clerk
General Manager, Corporate Services