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### NEWS RELEASE

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### **Council Highlights**

**Wyoming, ON** – At its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 12:30 p.m., Lambton County Council:

- Held a special joint meeting of the Municipal Councils for St. Clair Township and the County of Lambton. Representatives from Shell Canada were present to address both Councils jointly and provided an update regarding the status of the proposed refinery.
- Ms. Corrine Nauta, Manager, Building Services Department, provided an update of the activities and issues within the Building Services Department.
- Nominated Carolyn Jamieson for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Directors.
- Supported the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's Community Workplace Health and Safety Charter and committed to actively participate within a learning community that provides and receives best practices for the enhancement of employee physical, social and mental well-being in all employment sectors within the community.
- Authorized an amended lending agreement with The University of Western Ontario Research Park, Sarnia-Lambton Campus for the provision of \$15,000,000 to be used to build a new building on the Modeland Road property.
- Supported Tay Valley Township's resolution with respect to encouraging the province to establish a sustainable, formula-based funding program for infrastructure needs rather than the current hit-and-miss competitive process utilized.
- Directed staff to prepare a further report for County Council on the options available to improve geometry and sight lines at the 'Rutherford curve' – the intersection of Dawn Mills Road and Lambton Line and that Dawn-Euphemia Council be consulted and their input be included in the report to County Council.
- Granted approval for seismic exploration within the County's Road Allowances, subject to a written agreement between the County and the Applicant, "Conquest Seismic Services".

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- Approved and adopted the Corporate Clean Air Plan and moved to educate and encourage other organizations and businesses throughout Lambton to adopt similar clean air plans to improve air quality.
- Approved the use of \$3,032,820 in provincial road and bridge investment funding for the following projects:
  - Expand the project for the widening and rehabilitation of a section of County Road 22 (London Line) from Modeland Road east through Blackwell Sideroad to include additional curb and gutter, boulevard, and storm sewer repairs at an estimated cost of \$370,000.
  - Complete a new project to rehabilitate the section of County Road 4 (Petrolia Line) from County Road 21 (Oil Heritage Road) to County Road 8 (Forest Road) at an estimated cost of \$1,450,000.
  - Complete a new project to reconstruct a section of County Road 12 (Townsend Line) from County Road 7 (Lakeshore Road) to the west limits of the Town of Forest at an estimated cost of \$1,320,000.
- Reduced the posted speed on County Road 4 (Petrolia Line) to 80 km/hr from King's Highway 40 east to a point 305 metres west of its intersection with County Road 31 (Kimball Road) for the duration of the King's Highway 40 reconstruction and that at the completion of construction the posted speed revert to the current posting of 90 km/hr.
- Reduced the speed on County Road 31 (Kimball Road) to 80 km/hr from Kent Line north to a point 225 metres south of its intersection with County Road 20 (Plank Road). At the completion of construction, the posted speed will revert to the current posting of 90 km/hr.
- Reduced the speed on County Road 80 (Courtright Line) to 80 km/hr from King's Highway 40 east to a point 60 metres west of its intersection with County Road 31 (Kimball Road) for the duration of the King's Highway 40 reconstruction and that at the completion of the construction the posted speed revert to the current posting of 90 km/hr.
- Referred a letter from Sarnia Police Services requesting an increase in the amount of court room security to staff.
- Supported the overall approach to the preservation of the Oil Springs oil heritage district and directed staff to request the Village of Oil Springs and the Township of Enniskillen pass the appropriate by-laws under section 46 of the Ontario Heritage Act to delegate their authority to designate a Heritage Conservation District to the County of Lambton.
- Supported the City of Kingston in its efforts to request that the Province of Ontario give approval for the Zenn car and other electric automobiles to be used on Ontario roads.

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- Supported the Township of Tiny in its attempts to seek support from all levels of government for the celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of Samuel de Champlain – French explorer, founder and Father of Canada – to Huronia in Ontario on August 1, 1615.
- Re-affirmed its strong support for Shell Canada's work to explore the possibility of locating an oil refinery in St. Clair Township.
- Noted that the Court of Appeal has ruled in favour of the County of Lambton concerning the former Marshall Gowland Manor property on London Road in Sarnia.
- Noted County Council will next meet on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 12:30 p.m. in Wyoming.

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