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### NEWS RELEASE

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### **Council Highlights**

**Wyoming, ON** – At its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 12:30 p.m., Lambton County Council:

- Heard a presentation from Gayle Montgomery, Supervisor, Special Services (Ontario Works), Georgina Morales and Michelle Wright (Program Graduates), who spoke to County Council about the implementation of the Circles™ Model of poverty reduction.
- Approved the Circles™ Implementation Plan and authorized staff to begin implementation of the plan immediately. As a result of this implementation, the Social Services Department's F.T.E. complement will be increased by two positions in 2009 and the program will be financed using savings from the uploading of Ontario Disability Support Program.
- Approved the Social Housing Capital Repair Report which will see provincial funding in the amount of \$585,426 distributed to social housing units throughout Lambton for capital repair needs, including energy efficiency improvements.
- Tabled a motion from the Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Committee recommending that annual funding of \$600,000 be provided to TSL from April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2011. The motion will be tabled for 45 days while representatives from Tourism Sarnia-Lambton and the Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce prepare a report concerning the possibility of local tourism industries implementing a destination marketing fee.
- Supported a resolution from the Town of Innisfil asking the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) request that the distribution charge be reviewed / reduced by the Ontario Energy Board, that the Chair of the 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 matters be addressed.

- Supported a resolution from the City of Orillia requesting the Government of Ontario not shut down their four coal generation plants.

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