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NEWS RELEASE

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Council Highlights

Wyoming, ON – At its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 12:30 p.m., Lambton County Council:

- Presented recognition plaques to the following organizations:
 - Shell Canada Ltd., in appreciation of its generous donation and ongoing support to the Oil Museum of Canada.
 - Fairbank Oil Properties, in appreciation of their generous donation and ongoing support to the Oil Museum of Canada.
- The following individuals were acknowledged for their support:
 - Mr. Roland Fenwick, in appreciation of his generous donation of art works to Gallery Lambton.
 - Mr. Richard Liebtan, in appreciation of his generous donation of art work to Gallery Lambton.
 - Ms. Elva Boyd, in appreciation of her generous donation to the Intergenerational Gardens at North Lambton Lodge.
- Heard a presentation from April James, Manager, Libraries, Museums and Cultural Services Department, who updated Council about the year of celebrations and improvements taking place at the Oil Museum of Canada.
- Decided to return to a modified Committee System of Governance with two Committees each having certain Divisions reporting to them effective January 2009.
- Referred correspondence from the Southwest Economic Assembly (SWEA) to the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) concerning the appointment of voting members to the Board.
- Authorized the execution of an Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation with respect to the management of road works required on County Road 79 (Nauvoo Road) in relation to Waste Management's Warwick Landfill Expansion as well as rehabilitation / ramp works required by the Ministry of Transportation.

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- Retained Trio Environmental Services to prepare the *Intent to Apply* application document to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Fund at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 plus expenses. If successful, staff will explore the possibility of working with the City of Sarnia and other interested local municipalities in preparing a Detailed Application to FCM for further funding of an integrated Sustainable Community Plan utilizing the assistance of Trio Environmental Services. These additional costs would be included in the 2009 budget for Council's consideration.
- Directed staff to complete a report that examines the possibility of implementing a public notification system, similar to those in other communities, related to restaurant health inspection reports. The report is to examine potential ramifications and costs.
- Directed the Information Technology Department to complete a report that determines the current status of high-speed Internet access throughout the County, and where gaps in the service exist.
- Supported a resolution from the County of Peterborough indicating its support of the Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture in their desire to revise the Ontario Clean Water Act, S.O. 2006, c.22 to include "compensation for farmers or small municipalities" in the Act and in the Terms of Reference.
- Noted that visitors are welcome to stop in at Gallery Lambton this Friday evening (November 7, 2008) as part of the First Friday initiative underway in the arts and cultural community in Sarnia.

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