

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

**September 2, 2009**

Lambton County Council was in session in the Council Chambers, Wyoming, Ontario, at 1:00 p.m. on the above date. Warden in the Chair; Roll called; All members present except B. MacDougall.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

#1: Boushy/Arnold: That Council amend the agenda to allow the monthly staff presentation from Ms. Weatherston, as well as the delegations to proceed out of order, so that the citizens in attendance are accommodated prior to the in-camera session.

Carried.

Monthly Staff Presentations re: Activities and Issues

#2: McGugan/Napper: That we invite Ms. Susan Weatherston, Training and Development Coordinator, within the Bar, to speak to County Council regarding the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) Act Customer Service Training.

Carried.

Delegations

#3: McGugan/Napper: That we invite the delegations within the Bar.

Carried.

Ms. Nancy VenHuizen spoke to County Council regarding the issues of heavy highway trucks using Lakeshore Road between Kettle Point and Mandaumin Road.

- \* #4: Bradley/Napper: That **Option 3** be implemented on Lakeshore Road and that the  
\*\* balance of the recommendations in the draft report be dealt with in due course by Council.

A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Gilliland, was requested by Councillor Mike Bradley on motion #4 of this day's minutes.

**S. Arnold ..... Yes (3)**  
**Wm. Bilton ..... Yes (1)**  
**D. Boushy ..... Yes (3)**  
**M. Bradley ..... Yes (3)**  
**J. Burns ..... Yes (1)**

- \* Reconsider motion #4 of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated September 2, 2009 concerning the implementation of **Option 3** on Lakeshore Road - see Council December 2, 2009, mot. #5.

- \*\* That Lakeshore Road be designation as Option 2 - see Council February 3, 2010, mot. #3 and Recorded Vote.

**T. Case ..... No (2)**  
**J. Foubister ..... No (3)**  
**P. Gilliland..... Yes (2)**  
**A. Gillis..... Yes (3)**  
**C. Jamieson ..... Yes (2)**  
**D. Kirkland ..... Yes (1)**  
**B. MacDougall .... Absent**  
**J. McCharles ..... Yes (2)**  
**D. McGugan ..... Yes (1)**  
**G. Minielly ..... Yes (3)**  
**L. Napper..... Yes (3)**  
**G. Perry ..... Yes (1)**

**Yeas - 29; Nays - 5.**

Motion carried.

Ms. Arlene Patterson, President, Sarnia-Lambton Health Coalition, spoke to County Council with respect to the recent position taken by the Ontario Medical Association to call for a moratorium on health care restructuring until the Rural and Northern Health Care Panel reports on their recommendations to improve access to health care.

Ms. Patterson requested Council to support the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the Health and Long-Term Care Minister recently appointed a Small and Rural and Northern Health Care Panel to review and better coordinate access to health care services in Rural and Northern Ontario;

**WHEREAS** to call for a moratorium on the restructuring of health care services in rural and small communities to be imposed upon each Local Health Integration Network in the Province of Ontario until such time as a province-wide review process has been conducted. The Ontario College of Family Physicians, Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians, Rural Section of the Ontario Medical Association and the Society of Rural Physicians have endorsed this call;

**WHEREAS** it is deemed necessary and expedient for small, rural and northern Municipalities to call upon the government to impose a moratorium on any further reductions to health care services in rural and northern communities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lambton County Council that it hereby petitions the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario and the Honourable David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to impose a moratorium upon each Local Health Integration Network to prevent any further reductions and/or restructuring in health care services in rural and northern communities in the Province of Ontario until such time as a Province-wide review process has been conducted, resulting in the following action:

- 1) The urgent establishment of knowledgeable representation, similar to those involved in the Rural and Northern Health Care Framework, to provide recommendations to the LHINs regarding the role and future of emergency departments and small hospitals;
- 2) The adoption of the standards that have been developed identifying the services that are required to provide emergency care;
- 3) The identification of how many emergency departments are needed in each community and in each LHIN;
- 4) The adoption of standards regarding the level of services that should be available in local rural hospitals to support the health care needs of the local population;
- 5) The adoption of standards regarding the level of services that should be available to local communities to provide the non-hospital based services that are required to meet the health care needs of the local population;
- 6) The implementation of a system to ensure accessibility to regional services (London) that are deemed necessary to support local delivery systems;
- 7) The implementation of standards regarding EMS availability in the event of a closure of an emergency department;

**THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to all small, rural and northern Municipalities in the Province of Ontario for support; and further,

**THAT** the Ontario Ombudsman and Auditor General are so notified of this action as well as all other appropriate person and local Members of Parliament.

#5: Arnold/Foubister: That the matter be referred to the Committee responsible for Public Health for consideration at its next regular meeting in September, 2009.

Carried.

In-Camera

#6: Case/Perry: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning the acquisition/disposition of land by the Municipality and a matter subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Carried.

### Open Session

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

### Rise and Report Motions of the In-Camera Session dated September 2, 2009

#7: Jamieson/Gillis: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that there were no resolutions to report from the Closed Session meeting.

#8: Jamieson/Gillis: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

### Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated July 8, 2009 were presented.

#9: Kirkland/McCharles: That the Lambton County Council (Open Session) and (Closed Session) minutes dated July 8, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

### Correspondence

9-5-09 A letter from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, dated June 2009, advising that the advisory panel of the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR) has finally issued its report which examines virtually all aspects of Canada's postal services and contains both positive and negative recommendations. The CPCSR recommends against deregulation of our public post office.

The report also recommends that the current moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns be replaced with new rules and procedures, including the ability to replace public post offices with private outlets. The Canadian Union of Postal Workers is requesting consideration of its resolution to write to the Honourable Rob Merrifield, Minister responsible for Canada Post, and request that the government preserve public postal service and jobs in our community by rejecting CPCSR recommendations that would:

- a) put an end to the moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns and give Canada Post the flexibility to close post offices covered by the current moratorium or convert these public post offices to private outlets; and,

- b) cut delivery to rural mailboxes without exploring all options or properly consulting with residents or the representatives of rural delivery workers. The union is also requesting that Minister Merrifield consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making fundamental changes to Canada Post's retail and delivery network.

#10: Foubister/Gillis: That County Council support the resolution from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, to write to the Honourable Rob Merrifield, Minister responsible for Canada Post, and request that the government preserve public postal service and jobs in our community by rejecting CPCS recommendations.

Carried.

9-4-09 A copy of a letter from Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia- Lambton Riding to the Honourable Peter Fonseca, Minister of Labour, dated June 29, 2009, advising of his support of Bill 221, Workplace Safety and Insurance Amendment Act (Presumption and Firefighters). Mr. Bailey is asking the Minister to consider the health risks firefighters have each time they respond to an emergency and ensure that volunteer and part-time firefighters have the same WSIB protection as full-time firefighters.

9-6-09 A letter from Mr. Peter Hume, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), dated June 30, 2009, thanking Mr. Ron Van Horne for agreeing to let his name stand as an Association of Municipalities of Ontario nominee to the Board of Directors of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) for 2009. At its meeting of June 25, 2009, the AMO Executive Committee endorsed Mr. Van Horne's name and forwarded the Association's list of nominees to the Minister of Finance. The final decision regarding the appointment rests with the Minister.

9-7-09 A Member Communication from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated June 20, 2009, advising that it is offering forums to increase women's participation in government.

Equal Voice is a multi-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the election of more women to all orders of government in Canada. Equal Voice has developed Experiences which is a mentorship program that will provide young girls and women with the opportunity to consider life as a politician. FCM is hoping that members will agree to share their experiences such as running for office, serving the public and helping to shape policy.

9-9-09 A memorandum from the City of Welland, dated June 29, 2009, requesting endorsement of its resolution to demand that an improved funding model be developed and implemented by the Provincial Government to ensure that every citizen has equal and reasonable access to all necessary medical and health services provided through the hospital system.

9-11-09 A memorandum from the Haldimand County Disaster Relief Committee, dated July 14, 2009, asking the County to consider contributing \$250.00 towards its disaster relief efforts. On February 13, 2009, ice began to accumulate in the mouth of the Grand River. The ice created a natural dam and the river, which had been flowing into Lake Erie, began to rise. Flood waters spilled over the banks of the Grand River and flowed through the communities of Dunnville, Cayuga and points in between. Homes were destroyed, lives were devastated and families impacted beyond their ability to recover without help. Every dollar raised will be matched by the Province on an up to 2:1 ratio.

9-12-09 A letter from Doug Reycraft, Chair of the Community Schools Alliance, dated July 21, 2009, requesting support of the resolution to petition the Province of Ontario to implement a "smart moratorium" on disputed school closings to provide the opportunity for the Ministry of Education, school boards and Municipalities to work together to develop policies addressing such issues as planning for declining enrolments, a mutually agreed upon Accommodation Review Committee process, a review of funding to rural and small community schools, and transparency and accountability between Municipalities and school boards.

9-13-09 A News Release from Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills, dated May 14, 2009, advising that in an unexpected rebuke to volunteer firefighters, the McGuinty Liberals today voted down a bill that would have improved workers' compensation coverage for volunteer firefighters. Mr. Arnott introduced Bill 169 which would have covered volunteer firefighters with the same "presumptive" workers' compensation coverage that full-time firefighters have had for two years.

9-14-09 A News Release from Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton, dated May 25, 2009, advising that Mr. Arnott is keeping up the fight for the same "presumptive" workers' compensation coverage for volunteer firefighters, already in place for full-time firefighters. Mr. Arnott has brought forward a resolution that calls on the McGuinty Government to keep its promise to volunteer firefighters by extending to them the same presumptive workers' compensation coverage already protecting full-time firefighters.

9-15-09 A letter from MargaretAnn Wright, Chair of the Four Counties Health Services Foundation, dated July 16, 2009, acknowledging the County of Lambton's support for the FCHS Foundation and Middlesex Hospital Alliance in its CT Campaign. The campaign team has allocated the pledge from the County to the Four Counties portion of the campaign. The FCHS Foundation is proud to be supporting the MHA in its quest to provide access to state-of-the-art diagnostic radiology for patients living in the communities served by Four Counties and the doctors in the area.

9-18-09 A memorandum from The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss, dated July 21, 2009, requesting support of its resolution to ask the Province of Ontario to designate Giant Hogweed as one of the plants in Schedule R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 1096 under the Weed Control Act so that immediate action to destroy by an appointed Weed Inspector can be taken. Giant Hogweed can be a serious health hazard for humans when in contact with human skin and has been implicated as a cause of severe dermatitis in a few susceptible individuals.

9-19-09 A Members Advisory from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), dated August 6, 2009, attaching a letter from the Town of Halton Hills, dated July 31, 2009 concerning actions related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Canadian Government has proposed to the US Administration that Canada and the United States negotiate an agreement that would offer suppliers in both countries more open access to state/provincial and local procurement markets. The Town of Halton Hills is asking that Municipalities adopt a fair trade procurement policy consistent with FCM's Fair Trade Resolution on procurement if the Federal Government has been unable to resolve the inequitable market access problem created by Buy American legislation in the US by October 4, 2009 and to support the efforts of the Canadian Government to negotiate an end to Buy American restrictions and open local procurement markets in Canada and the United States to suppliers from both countries.

9-20-09 A memorandum from the City of Greater Sudbury, dated July 6, 2009, advising of its resolution to call upon the Government of Canada to introduce the following changes to the Employment Insurance system:

1. 360 hours to qualify for EI benefits in all regions of Canada;
2. Increase benefit duration to at least 50 weeks in all regions and provide an additional year of "Special Extension" benefits if national unemployment exceeds 6.5% - paid from Federal general revenues;
3. Extend EI Part 1 benefits while a worker is in approved training;
4. Increase benefits to at least 60% of normal earnings, using the workers' 12 best weeks;
5. Suspend the calculation of severance pay for receiving EI benefits, and eliminate the two (2) week waiting period.

9-21-09 A memorandum from the City of Greater Sudbury, dated July 6, 2009, advising of its resolution concerning the proposed Workplace Fatalities Family Bill of Rights. The proposed Bill of Rights would provide fundamental information to the family of victims of workplace and serious injuries.

9-22-09 A Member Communication from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), dated August 7, 2009, advising that Infrastructure Canada has released the second edition, Volume 1, No. 2, Summer 2009, of its e-newsletter Creating Jobs: Delivering Results. It reports to Canadians on the steps that the Government of Canada is taking to accelerate infrastructure funding and stimulate the economy through the infrastructure components of Canada's Economic Action Plan. The Government of Canada is working with Provinces, Territories and Municipalities to speed up project funding, streamline approvals and get shovels in the ground faster.

9-27-09 A Member Communication from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), dated August 11, 2009, advising that the Ontario Government is consulting on a proposal paper, seeking input on implementing the Safeguarding and Sustaining Ontario's Water Act, and the Great Lakes St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement. The paper is aimed at enhancing three key elements of water management in Ontario - developing a water conservation and efficiency strategy for Ontario, strengthening the regulation of new and increased intra-basin transfers and implementing 'Phase 2' of the Province's water charges program. Municipalities are invited to comment on the Proposal Paper through the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry and the Ontario Regulatory Registry. The public consultation period will run from August 5th to October 4th, 2009.

9-28-09 A News Release from EYE-ZON Inc., dated August 15, 2009, advising that after the tragic abduction and murder of eight (8) year old Victoria Stafford earlier this year, her father, Rodney Stafford, will be undertaking a cross-country bicycle trek from Woodstock, Ontario to Edmonton, Alberta, to raise awareness for Child Find, so that others may be spared the brutal rollercoaster ride that begins with the loss of a child.

In order to raise the profile of the trip and make donations as simple as possible, EYE-ZON Inc., a Canadian GPS location-based services company, has outfitted Mr. Stafford with a small, lightweight personal tracker and created a website where it can be viewed. This device allows anyone, anywhere in the world, to visit [www.eye-zon.com](http://www.eye-zon.com) and see Mr. Stafford's precise location, his daily or overall progress to date, donate, or even leave notes of encouragement in a simple and easy to use format. This kind of technology would keep our children safe.

#11: Arnold/Bradley: That County Council support the above correspondence.

Carried.

#### Correspondence to Receive and File

9-25-09 A thank you note from Councillor Steve Arnold and family, for the lovely flowers sent in memory of his daughter Mary-JoAnne Arnold who passed away July 13, 2009.

9-26-09 A thank you note from Councillor Bill Bilton, for the generous gift to St. Matthew's Church, in memory of Councillor Bilton's mother Luella Bilton, who passed away July 15, 2009.

#12: Arnold/Bradley: That correspondence 9-25-09 and 9-26-09 be received and filed.

Carried.

#### Items Not Requiring a Motion

The following items were presented to County Council for its information:

- a) Land Division Committee Minutes dated August 4, 2009;
- b) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated June 9, 16 and 30, 2009; and,
- c) Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Minutes of the Board of Directors June 25, 2009 - Item #11 and June 11, 2009, as well as the Manger's Report for May and June 2009.

#### Committee Minutes

Mr. S. Arnold presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated August 20, 2009.

The following correspondence was distributed on Councillors' desks as follows:

9-29-09 A letter from Mr. Garry McDonald, President of the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce, dated August 28, 2009, concerning Public Disclosure of Restaurant Inspections. The Chamber is concerned with the Committee's recommendation to support Option C. The Chamber is urging the County to adopt a system that is in keeping with, and no more than, what the good historic performance of local restaurants warrants, improves public disclosure of inspection information and is affordable.

#13: Arnold/Napper: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated August 20, 2009 be accepted as presented and that correspondence 9-29-09 from the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce regarding the issue of public disclosure of restaurant inspections be referred to staff for its consideration.

Carried.

Ms. C. Jamieson presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated August 20, 2009.

Re: Motion #6 - Report dated August 20, 2009 - Appointment of a County Clerk (also refer to By-Law #33 of 2009)

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#14: Bradley/Foubister: That motion #6 of the Committee P.M. minutes dated August 20, 2009, as well as By-Law #33 of 2009 being "A By-Law to Appoint a Clerk", be tabled to the October 7, 2009 County Council meeting, to allow for an independent review of the proposed draft By-Law.

Carried.

#15: Jamieson/McCharles: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated August 20, 2009 be accepted as amended.

Carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Jim Foubister spoke to County Council regarding an email received from the South West Economic Alliance concerning appointments to the Board.

#16: Foubister/Bradley: That Warden Jim Burns be nominated to sit on the South West Economic Alliance Board.

Carried.

Councillor Steve Arnold thanked County Council and staff for their support and encouragement over the last several weeks. Councillor Arnold's daughter Mary-JoAnne Arnold passed away July 13, 2009.

Councillor William Bilton also thanked County Councillors and staff for their support and encouragement after the passing of his mother Luella Bilton on July 15, 2009.

Councillor Bilton also informed County Council that the Lambton County Plowing Match will be held on Saturday, September 5, 2009 at 4427 Douglas Line in Plympton-Wyoming at the farm of Keith and Elizabeth Douglas. The event is open to the public and will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with displays and a food booth.

Councillor Don McGugan congratulated Ms. Darlene Coke, Marketing and Communications Coordinator for the County, for successfully fulfilling the requirements and graduated from the Association's Diploma in Municipal Administration.

By-Laws

#17: Napper/Minielly: That By-Laws #34 and #35 of 2009, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#18: McCharles/McGugan: That By-Laws #34 and #35 of 2009, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#19: Perry/Foubister:

- a) That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned.
- b) That the next meeting of County Council be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, with the In-Camera Session to commence at 1:00 p.m.

Time: 2:40 p.m.

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Jim Burns  
Warden

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Ronald G. Van Horne  
Chief Administrative Officer