

MINUTES
LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

December 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.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

In-Camera

#1: Foubister/MacDougall: That the Warden declare that County Council go in-camera to discuss matters concerning labour relations and employee negotiations and personal matters about identifiable individuals.

Carried.

Open Session

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

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

#2: McGugan/McCharles: That Council rise and report.

Carried.

The County Clerk noted that there were no resolutions to report from the Closed Session meeting.

#3: McGugan/McCharles: That Council adopt the report of the Closed Session meeting.

Carried.

Delegations

#4: Foubister/Kirkland: That we invite the delegations, within the Bar, to speak to County Council.

Carried.

Mr. Ken Dunlop, Lambton Federation of Agriculture, spoke to County Council regarding the Road Restriction By-Law proposed changes.

Mr. Paul Van Bree spoke to County Council regarding concerns over the road restriction study.

#5: Gilliland/McGugan: That motion #4 of the Lambton County Council (Open Session) minutes dated September 2, 2009 concerning the implementation of **Option 3** on Lakeshore Road, be reconsidered.

A recorded vote, starting with Councillor Lonny Napper, was requested by Councillor Jim Foubister on motion #5 of this day's minutes.

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

Yeas - 23; Nays - 14.

Motion carried.

#6: Case/Gillis: That we suspend the Rules of Procedure to allow a presentation by Mr. Vanos.

Carried.

Mr. Ted Vanos spoke to County Council regarding concerns over the road restriction study.

The Warden then asked if anyone else in the Chamber would like to speak to the issue.

Ms. Mary Venhuizen spoke to County Council regarding the proposed restrictions.

Ms. Norio Vanderheyden also spoke to Council regarding the proposed restrictions.

Minutes

The Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated October 7, 2009 and the (Open Session) minutes dated November 4, 2009 were presented.

#7: Perry/Foubister: That the Lambton County Council (Closed Session) minutes dated October 7, 2009 and the (Open Session) minutes dated November 4, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

12-6-09 A communication from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated October 27, 2009, advising that a bill introduced in the Ontario Legislature which includes proposed reforms in a number of areas of interest to Municipalities, including proposed changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1006, the Municipal Act, 2001, and the City of Toronto Act, 2006. The legislative and regulatory amendments are aimed at increasing Municipalities' economic competitiveness, innovation, economic readiness and flexibility in meeting their needs.

12-7-09 A Member Communication from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), dated October 27, 2009, advising that the Honourable Chris Bentley, Attorney General, introduced a bill which would amend the Municipal Elections Act, 1996. Proposed changes include:

- Date Change - moving the election date forward to the fourth Monday of October (October 25, 2010).
- Campaign Financing.
- Compliance Audits and Financial Accountability - compliance audits would be given to an arms-length Compliance Committee of 307 citizens appointed by all Councils.
- Accessibility - proposed changes would have regard for the needs of disabled voters and candidates.
- Voters List - the change would allow Municipalities and MPAC to use additional sources of personal information to improve the accuracy of the voters list.

12-12-09 A letter from Bluewater Health Foundation, dated October 30, 2009, thanking the County of Lambton for its generous donation. The new hospital building is on track to be open in July 2010.

#8: Jamieson/Gillis: That correspondence 12-6-09, 12-7-09 and 12-12-09 be received and filed.

Carried.

Correspondence

12-8-09 A communication from the Township of Frontenac Islands, received October 30, 2009, advising that the Federal Government, through Correction Services Canada, has announced the closing of six prison farms across Canada (New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta). The Township feels that there are many benefits in keeping them open. The prisoners' experience working on the farms provides them with a host of transferable skills and teaches them the need for punctuality, discipline, responsibility, good work ethic and the importance of teamwork.

The Township of Frontenac Islands is requesting support of its resolution to ask the Honourable Peter Van Loan and Correction Services of Canada to keep the six prison farms in question open.

#9: McGugan/Napper: That we support the resolution from the Township of Frontenac Islands to ask the Honourable Peter Van Loan and Correction Services of Canada to keep the six prison farms in question open.

Carried.

Correspondence - Resolutions

12-14-09 A letter from the Lambton Federation of Agriculture, dated November 24, 2009, requesting Council to appoint a representative to the Board of Directors for the Lambton County Agricultural Hall of Fame Association.

#10: Arnold/Bilton: That William Bilton be appointed to the Board of Directors for the Lambton Federation of Agriculture Hall of Fame Association.

Carried.

Information Reports

CAO

Information Report dated December 2, 2009 Regarding the Property Disposal Process

#11: Foubister/Minielly: That the information report dated December 2, 2009 regarding the Property Disposal Process, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Items Not Requiring a Motion

The following was presented to County Council for its information:

- a) General Managers' Updates - Minutes dated October 6, 13, 27 and November 3, 2009.

Committee Minutes

Mr. Wm. Bilton presented the Woodlot Committee minutes dated October 6, 2009.

#12: Bilton/Perry: That the Woodlot Committee minutes dated October 6, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Ms. B. MacDougall presented the Committee A.M. minutes dated November 18, 2009.

Re: Motion #8 - Report dated October 21, 2009 Regarding the Restriction of Trucks on County Roads

#13: Arnold/Gillis: That motion #8 of the Committee A.M. minutes dated November 18, 2009 be amended so that item A) i) - County Road 11 (Aberarder Line) from County Road 7 (Lakeshore Road) to County Road 30 (Oil Heritage Road), and item A) iv) - County Road 30 (Oil Heritage Road) from County Road 7 (Lakeshore Road) to County Road 11 (Aberarder Line), become Option 1.

#14: Minielly/Perry: That motion #8 of the Committee A.M. minutes dated November 18, 2009, as well as motion #13 of this day's minutes, be tabled to the Special Meeting of Lambton County Council to be held in February 2010, to consider the overall truck traffic study, as well as other various options.

Carried.

#15: MacDougall/Bilton: That the Committee A.M. minutes dated November 18, 2009 be accepted as amended.

Carried.

Mr. J. McCharles presented the Audit Committee minutes dated November 18, 2009.

#16: McCharles/Boushy: That the Audit Committee minutes dated November 18, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Ms. C. Jamieson presented the Committee P.M. minutes dated November 18, 2009.

#17: Jamieson/Boushy: That the Committee P.M. minutes dated November 18, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Mr. S. Arnold presented the Senior Administrative Review Committee minutes dated November 24, 2009.

#18: Arnold/Bradley: That the Senior Administrative Review Committee minutes dated November 24, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

#19: Bradley/Jamieson: That a report be prepared by staff regarding the recent environmental fine revenue received by the County and whether all or part of such fines could be used to help fund the Health Study.

Carried.

Councillor Carolyn Jamieson announced that former County Council Ken Evans has recently passed away. Mr. Evans was on Council from 1986 to 2000.

Re: Mike Weir - Canadian Golf Hall of Fame

#20: Foubister/Napper: That the Warden send a letter of congratulations to Mr. Mike Weir regarding his recent induction to the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame.

Carried.

By-Laws

#21: Bradley/Foubister: That By-Law #47 of 2009, "A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 39 of 2009 (to Prohibit Trucks on Certain County Roads)", be tabled to the Special Meeting of Lambton County Council in February 2010.

Carried.

#22: Bilton/Arnold: That By-Laws #48 and #49 of 2009, as circulated, be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried.

#23: Boushy/Case: That By-Laws #48 and #49 of 2009, as circulated, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

#24: Napper/Foubister: That the Warden declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting of County Council to be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 with the In-Camera Session to commence at 1:00 p.m.

Carried.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Jim Burns
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
County Clerk
General Manager, Corporate Services