

**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE A.M.**  
**(Infrastructure & Development Services/Public Health Services/Cultural Services)**

**April 15, 2009**

A meeting was held at the County Building at 9:00 a.m. on the above date.

Present

Chair B. MacDougall, Warden Jim Burns. Members: S. Arnold, G. Perry, G. Minielly, J. Foubister, T. Case and M. Bradley. Also Ms. A. Gillis, Deputy Warden; Mr. D. Posliff, Manager, Planning and Development Services; Mrs. C. Nauta, Manager, Building Services; Mr. A. Taylor, Manager, Environmental Health and Prevention Services; Mr. K. Churchill, Manager, Health Promotion and Program Support; Mr. S. Thiffeault, County Solicitor; Ms. A. James, General Manager, Cultural Services and Mr. R. G. Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent

Wm. Bilton.

**INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

**Correspondence**

PD 5-1-09 A copy of a letter from the City of Hamilton to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, dated February 3, 2009, requesting endorsement of its resolution regarding Bill 138, Protection for Public Participation Act, 2008. The City of Hamilton is asking to support the efforts of M.P.P. Andrea Horwath to counter Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP) used by proponents to silence those who object to their developments. Bill 138 would enable such lawsuits to be dismissed at an early stage and would indemnify defendants for costs incurred and allow additional costs for damages to be awarded to them by a court or tribunal. A significant mechanism in Ms. Horwath's Bill would stop governments and tribunals from proceeding with the planning process where SLAPP tactics exist.

#1: Gillis/Perry: That we endorse the resolution from the City of Hamilton Regarding Bill 138 - Protection for Public Participation Act, 2008, to support the efforts of M.P.P. Andrea Horwath to counter Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP) used by proponents to silence those who object to their developments.

Carried.

PW 5-4-09 A Communiqué from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated March 7, 2009, advising of its resolution to urge all Municipalities to phase out the sale and purchase of bottled water at their own facilities where appropriate and where potable water is available and that Municipalities be urged to develop awareness campaigns about the positive benefits and quality of Municipal water supplies.

#2: Gillis/Perry: That we support the resolution from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to urge all Municipalities to phase out the sale and purchase of bottled water at their own facilities where appropriate and where potable water is available and that Municipalities be urged to develop awareness campaigns about the positive benefits and quality of Municipal water supplies.

Defeated.

- \* #3: Gillis/Case: That, in recognition of Areas of Effort #3 in the County Strategic Plan, the County of Lambton encourage the Provincial Government to create a deposit for return on all \*beverage \*containers in Ontario in order to reduce volumes going into landfill; and further,

That the motion be circulated to A.M.O., the Minister and local M.P.P.s.

Carried.

### **Correspondence to Receive and File**

PW 5-5-09 A news article from The Observer, dated March 12, 2009, stating that the Deputy Warden, Anne Marie Gillis, wants to ban bottled water sales at all County-run buildings. The Deputy Warden is heeding a call from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities which approved a resolution in Victoria calling on Municipalities to show environmental leadership on the plastic containers.

PW 5-6-09 A letter from Nestlé Waters Canada, dated March 12, 2009, expressing concern about recent media reports indicating that a ban on the sale of bottled water could possibly be implemented at all County of Lambton facilities. Nestlé is of the view that a ban would impact the current employment outlook for its industry as well as future job creation, environmental stewardship and industry investment prospects. If the concerns expressed are related to recycling and litter, Nestlé feels the solution could possibly be to enter into an agreement to collect and recycle plastic, as was done with the Government of Quebec and Municipalities across that Province. Nestlé is implementing a pilot program in the City of Sarnia.

PW 5-9-09 A letter from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, dated January 29, 2009, congratulating the County of Lambton for completing all of the mandatory emergency management activities required under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act for 2008.

#4: Perry/Foubister: That correspondence PW 5-5-09, PW 5-6-09 and PW 5-9-09 be received and filed.

Carried.

- \* Amend motion #3 of the Committee A.M. minutes dated April 15, 2009 to add the words "**plastic, glass and aluminum**" before the word "**containers**" - see Council May 6, 2009, page 5.

### **Information Reports**

**#5:** Burns/Minielly: That the following information reports for the Infrastructure and Development Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding Planning and Development Services Department - Work in Progress;
- b) Information Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding the Inquest into the Death of Peter Szabo;
- c) Information Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding P&D Approval Authority Activity;
- d) Information Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding Emergency Management Coordinator Monthly Activity; and,
- e) Information Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding Planning and Development Services Department Statistics.

Carried.

### **Reports Requiring a Motion**

Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding Weed Inspection

**#6:** Bradley/Perry: That staff prepare the necessary By-Laws for Council's consideration to appoint staff from the Building Services Department to fulfill the requirements of the Weed Control Act.

Carried.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION**

### **Reports Requiring a Motion**

Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding Alcohol Consumption in Lambton County: Changing the Culture

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**#7:** Gillis/Arnold:

- a) That Council recognize alcohol misuse in Lambton County as a serious community concern that negatively impacts individuals, families, police, schools, health and social service providers, and business.

- b) That item b) be amended as follows:

**"That a meeting be called of community stakeholders to discuss the issues raised, with a further report to be prepared containing recommendations for the Committee's consideration regarding what additional steps, if any, should be taken by the community."**

Carried.

Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding the Withdrawal Management Centre (Detoxification Centre)

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#8: Bradley/Gillis:

- a) That Council voice their support for increased local access and local services for withdrawal management for Lambton County residents.

- b) That item b) be amended as follows:

**"That staff request a meeting with senior representatives from the Erie St. Clair LHIN, Bluewater Health, Westover Treatment Centre, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, local Members of Provincial Parliament and other stakeholders to discuss solutions and funding to meet the needs of Lambton County residents."**

Carried.

## **CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION**

### **Reports Requiring a Motion**

Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding Library Donations

#9: Gillis/Perry: That the donations be gratefully accepted and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's Recognition Policy.

Carried.

Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding the Replacement of the Damaged Courier Van

#10: Foubister/Minielly: That because purchasing is more cost effective than leasing in this case, a new Library/County extended cargo van be purchased and funded from the \$4,950.00 insurance and salvage payment with the remainder funded from the contingency reserve.

Carried.

Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding the Gallery Membership Reciprocal Relationship

#11: Perry/Gillis: That this promotional pilot project be endorsed by County Council with a follow up report back to County Council at the conclusion of the project.

Carried.

Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding Gallery Donations

#12: Gillis/Case: That the donations be gratefully accepted and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's Recognition Policy.

Carried.

Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding the Museums Collection Management

#13: Foubister/Minielly: That the Museums Collection Management Report be accepted and that thank you letters be sent in accordance with the County's Recognition Policy.

Carried.

**Other Business**

Proposed Redevelopment of Gallery Lambton

Interviews of the consultants will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2009. The consultants, once selected, will help to assess the Request for Proposals regarding site locations.

Adjournment

#14: Foubister/Perry: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Building.

Time: 10:20 a.m.

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Bev MacDougall  
Chair

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Ronald G. Van Horne  
Secretary