

MINUTES
COMMITTEE P.M.
**(Senior Services/Corporate Services/
Financial Services/Social Services & Children's Services)**

April 15, 2009

A meeting was held at the County Building at 12:45 p.m. on the above date.

Present

Chair C. Jamieson, Warden Jim Burns. Members: P. Gilliland, D. Kirkland, D. Boushy, A. Gillis, D. McGugan, L. Napper and J. McCharles. Also Mr. J. Innes, General Manager, Financial Services; Ms. M. Roushorne, General Manager, Social Services & Children's Services; Mr. K. Herrington, Manager, Senior Services; Mr. C. Doyle, Corporate Manager, Human Resources Services; Mr. R. Wilks, Corporate Manager, Information Technology Services and Mr. R. G. Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent

None.

SENIOR SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

SSD 5-3-09 A letter from M. Aileen Carroll, Minister Responsible for Seniors, dated March 2009, inviting the County to participate in the 2009 Senior of the Year Awards. This annual award was established to give each Municipality in Ontario the opportunity to honour one outstanding local senior. Recipients are individuals who, after age 65, have enriched the social, cultural or civic life of the community without thought of personal or financial gain. Forms are available online at www.citizenship.gov.on.ca. Nominations must be received by April 30, 2009.

SSD 5-12-09 A resolution from the City of Greater Sudbury, dated February 26, 2009, requesting that all Ontario Municipalities ask the Ontario Provincial Government to take immediate action and pass the legislation that will regulate and provide resources to monitor all retirement homes and provide a safe home environment to those seniors who are most vulnerable.

#1: Burns/McCharles: That correspondence SSD 5-3-09 and SSD 5-12-09 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#2: Gilliland/Napper: That the following information reports for the Senior Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding LHIN Multi-Sector Accountability Agreement; and,
- b) Information Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Compliance Report Marshall Gowland Manor February 2009.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

#3: McCharles/Kirkland: That the following information reports for the Corporate Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding the County Web Development Update;
- b) Information Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding the Health and Safety Recognition Program Update; and,
- c) Information Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Customer Service Training Requirements.

Carried.

FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

#4: Gilliland/Gillis: That the following information reports for the Financial Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding the Sales Tax Review; and,
- b) Information Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding the 2008 Statement of Council Remuneration and Related Expenses.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding the 2009 Tax Policy Recommendations

#5: McCharles/Kirkland:

- a) That there be no change to the broad property class ratios for the 2009 taxation year and that Council not exercise the option to have Transition Ratios restated.
- b) That the discount rate for New Construction be 0%.
- c) That the existing discounts for land under development of 30% and 35% be continued.
- d) That the available capping options/tools excluding the ability to exclude properties which previously achieved full CVA tax from the current year's "Cap" again be employed.

Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES & CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

#6: Napper/Gillis: That the following information reports for the Social Services and Children's Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding the Social Assistance Rule Change; and,
- b) Information Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding the Housing Bridge Subsidy.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding the Homelessness Plan 2009-2011

#7: Boushy/McGugan: That the County of Lambton adopt the 2009-2011 Homelessness Plan and direct staff to implement the plan accordingly.

Carried.

Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding a Telecommunications Site Agreement

#8: Burns/Boushy:

- a) That the County of Lambton enter into a Telecommunications Site Agreement with Rogers Communications Inc., for a term of fifteen (15) years.
- b) That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to enter into such an Agreement on behalf of the County of Lambton.

Carried.

C.A.O.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated April 15, 2009 Regarding the Ontario Works - Administrator Appointment

#9: McGugan/Gillis:

- a) That County Council appoint Margaret Roushorne, General Manager, Social Services and Children's Services, to the Ontario Works Administrator role pursuant to the requirements of the Ontario Works Act.
- b) That staff be directed to provide notice to the Regional Office Program Manager of such appointment.

Carried.

Other Business

Councillor Jim Foubister spoke to the Committee regarding the Child Poverty Task Force. There will be an opportunity to meet with The Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services, in Lambton Shores (Grand Bend), May 2009.

In-Camera

#10: Gillis/Napper: That the Chair declare the Committee go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning labour relations and employee negotiations and a matter subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Carried.

#11: (Motion dealt with in the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated May 6, 2009.)

#12: (Motion dealt with in the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated May 6, 2009.)

Open Meeting

The Chair declared that the Committee go back into open meeting.

Adjournment

#13: Burns/Boushy: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the County Building.

Carried.

Time: 1:25 p.m.

Carolyn Jamieson
Chair

Ronald G. Van Horne
Secretary