MINUTES
COMMITTEE P.M.
(Senior Services/Corporate Services/Financial Services/Social Services)
October 21, 2009

A meeting was held at the County Building at 1:00 p.m. on the above date.

Present

Chair C. Jamieson. Members: P. Gilliland, D. Kirkland, D. Boushy, A. Gillis, L. Napper and J. McCharles. Various staff were present including the following General Managers: Mr. C. Doyle, (A) General Manager, Senior Services; Mr. J. Innes, General Manager, Financial Services; Ms. M. Roushorne, General Manager, Social Services; Mr. S. Thiffeault, (A) General Manager, Corporate Services/County Clerk and Mr. R. G. Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent

Warden Jim Burns and D. McGugan.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated October 21, 2009 Regarding the Affordable Housing Program - Smoke-Free Designation

71-74 #1: Boushy/McCharles: That Council designate the new 57-unit Affordable Housing Program building and grounds at 1000 London Road, Sarnia, Ontario as "Smoke-Free".

Carried.

Report dated October 21, 2009 Regarding Social Assistance Restructuring Savings

75-77 #2: Kirkland/Boushy:

a) That Council direct staff to increase the Lambton County Social Assistance Restructuring Savings Plan from $477,000.00 to $613,000.00 in 2009.

b) That Council direct staff to include the additional amount, or $136,000.00, as a reportable expenditure in the Provincial Social Assistance Restructuring Savings Plan Reports submitted to the Ministry of Community and Social Services to reflect the additional Caseworker staffing costs incurred during 2009 resulting from rising Ontario Works caseloads.

Carried.

SENIOR SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

78-83 #3: McCharles/Gillilland: That the following information report for the Senior Services Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated October 21, 2009 Regarding North Lambton Lodge August - September 2009.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated October 21, 2009 Regarding the Lambton Meadowview Villa Canopy

84-85 #4: Napper/Gillis: That the $46,178.00 placed into reserves be taken out and placed into the 2009 operating budget to cover the expenses for this project.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

86-96 #5: Gillis/McCharles: That the following information reports for the Corporate Services Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated October 21, 2009 Regarding Training Update - AODA Staff Training and Support to Local Municipalities;

b) Information Report dated October 21, 2009 Regarding Occupational Health & Safety Quarterly Report 3rd Quarter; and,

c) Information Report dated October 21, 2009 Regarding Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated October 21, 2009 Regarding Payout - Banked Sick Days (CNFIU)

97-98 #6: Boushy/Kirkland: That County Council approve the request to pay out Banked Sick Days as presented above.

Carried.

FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

99-102 #7: Gilliland/Gillis: That the following information report from the Financial Services Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated October 21, 2009 Regarding the 2008 MPMP Comparison to Other Jurisdictions.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated October 21, 2009 Regarding PSAB Compliance and 2010 Budget Preparation Issues

103-107 #8: Napper/McCharles:

a) That no changes from current practice be made to the way in which the County's 2010 Budget is prepared. This will generate a "Cash Requirements Budget" detailing the amount to be raised from taxation to fund 2010 cash expenditures.

b) That Council authorize the preparation of the County's final 2010 Budget using the transition option under O.Reg 284/09(2)(2) thereby excluding post-employment benefits, solid waste landfill closure and post closure as well as 100% of amortization expenses from the Council's 2010 combined Operating and Capital Budget.

c) That when Council receives the report required under O.Reg 284/09(2)(2) that staff include specific recommendations detailing what approach and required changes to practices and methodologies should be put in place for 2011 and beyond.

Carried.

Report dated October 21, 2009 Regarding External Audit Services

108-109 #9: McCharles/Kirkland: That the current external auditors, BDO Dunwoody, be re-appointed to provide auditing services to the County of Lambton for the three years of 2009, 2010 and 2011, at which time staff are directed to undertake a full Request for Proposal process.

Carried.

Report dated October 21, 2009 Regarding Collection Policy and Write Off Approval

110-115 #10: Kirkland/Gilliland: That the proposed POA Write Off Policy be approved and staff directed to prepare a By-Law to adopt it thereby allowing staff to henceforth seek approval from Council for the removal of fines deemed uncollectable from the Province's Integrated Court Offence Network (ICON) for accounting purposes only.

Carried.

Adjournment

#11: Boushy/Kirkland: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned.

Carried.

Time: 1:45 p.m.

Carolyn Jamieson
Chair

Ronald G. Van Horne
Secretary