MINUTES
COMMITTEE A.M.
(Infrastructure & Development Services/Public Health Services/Cultural Services)
November 18, 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, Wm. Bilton, T. Case and M. Bradley. Also Ms. A. Gillis, Deputy Warden. Various staff were present including the following General Managers: Mr. J. Kutyba, General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services; Mr. A. Taylor, (A) General Manager, Public Health Services; Ms. A. James, General Manager, Cultural Services and Mr. R. G. Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent

None.

The services of Mr. Elmer Douglas, Councillor of the Township of Brooke-Alvinston and former County Councillor, were recognized by the Committee Chair. Mr. Douglas recently passed away.

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence

PW 12-1-09 A letter from Mort White, received October 8, 2009, who is concerned about the Clean Harbor Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days. Mr. White feels that there should be more days, as there tends to be long line-ups and people are waiting too long. Suggestions include lengthening the time of the drop-off days, and/or doubling the lanes at the drop-off with a spot where vehicles can unload multiple pails which will keep cars moving.

7-8 #1: Arnold/Perry: That staff prepare a report to facilitate ways in which the Household Hazardous Waste program can be improved.

Carried.

PW 12-2-09 A letter from McCormick Rankin Corporation, dated October 9, 2009, advising that the Ministry of Transportation has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment and detail design for improvements to Highway 40 within the City of Sarnia and the Township of St. Clair. The purpose of the study is to review and develop strategies for the rehabilitation of Highway 40 within the study limits (Part A - from Rokeby Line, northerly for 8.2 kilometres to Churchill Line) and the intersection improvements at Highway 40 / Indian Road (Part B).

McCormick Rankin is seeking the County's input on the environmental (natural, socio-economic or cultural) features in the study area and asking the County to identify issues and available background information.

9-12 #2: Bradley/Foubister: That the Ministry of Transportation move expeditiously with the Environmental Assessment on the twinning of Highway 40 from Highway 402 into Chemical Valley, and also consider splitting the Environmental Assessment north and south from Indian Road. The review should also include consideration of the issues surrounding Scott Road. The motion should also be circulated to the two (2) area MPPs.

Carried.

Correspondence to Receive and File

PW 12-3-09 A letter from M.H. Kaldeway, received October 19, 2009, advising that trucks should be allowed on Lakeshore Road and that this is not a safety issue. Mr. Kaldeway feels that sending the trucks the long way around and through the built up area of Forest will only add to the pollution. He is also concerned that this will affect businesses in the County.

PD 12-9-09 A memorandum from the Township of Wainfleet, dated October 15, 2009, advising that the Ministry of Natural Resources has proposed to designate a significant portion of land in Wainfleet as Provincially Significant Wetlands (SW). The Township of Wainfleet is requesting consideration and support of its resolution to strongly object to the wetland mapping proposed for the Township of Wainfleet by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

PD 12-10-09 A memorandum from The Corporation of the County of Perth, received October 30, 2009, requesting support of its resolution to request the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to provide additional, proactive reporting to Municipalities to disclose such pending assessment changes in the future, to process the outstanding building permits to ensure that no assessment revenue is lost, that new permits be processed in a timely manner and that the Ministry of Finance be asked to reconcile the 2009 IMPF and to adjust the 2010 OMPF calculations to their proper values.

13-16 #3: Bradley/Burns: That correspondence 12-3-09, 12-9-09 and 12-10-09 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

Re: Item b) - Information Report dated November 18, 2009 Regarding the Minister's Report on the Waste Diversion Act 2002 Review

21-23 #4: Case/Bradley: That staff correspond with the Minister stating it is opposed to the proposed changes. The County is home to one of the largest landfill sites in Ontario and is already being penalized by carrying an unfair waste burden for the Province. A meeting is immediately requested with the Minister to explain the position of the County. The request is to be copied to the two local MPPs.

Carried.

17-20 24-31 #5: Bilton/Perry: That the following information reports from the Infrastructure and Development Services Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated November 18, 2009 Regarding Blue Box Funding Changes;

c) Information Report dated November 18, 2009 Regarding Building Services 3rd Quarter Statistics;

d) Information Report dated November 18, 2009 Regarding Planning and Development Services 3rd Quarter Statistics; and,

e) Information Report dated November 18, 2009 Regarding Emergency Management Coordinator's Monthly Report.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated November 18, 2009 Regarding the Posted Speed - County Road #21 (Oil Heritage Road)

32-33 #6: Minielly/Arnold:

a) That a 60 km/hr speed limit zone be established on County Road 21 (Oil Heritage Road/Lambton Line) from a point 104 metres north of County Road 15 (Dawn Mills Road) to a point 92 metres west of Lambton Line.

b) That transitional 70 km/hr speed limit zones be established on County Road 21 (Oil Heritage Road/Lambton Line) from a point 104 metres north of County Road 15 (Dawn Mills road) north for a distance of 500 metres, and from a point 92 metres west of Lambton Line west for a distance of 500 metres.

c) That the appropriate By-Law be presented to Council for its consideration.

Carried.

Items Tabled from Previous Meeting(s)

Report dated October 21, 2009 Regarding the Restriction of Trucks on County Roads (tabled to allow the Lambton Federation of Agriculture an opportunity to review the report)

34-41 #7: Burns/Gillis: That we lift from the table motion #5 of the Committee A.M. minutes dated October 21, 2009 regarding the Restriction of Trucks on County Roads.

Carried.

PW 12-13-09 A letter from the Lambton Federation of Agriculture (LFA), dated November 10, 2009, advising that it believes by having roads that are so restricted, it is putting extra undue burden on farmers and businesses.

* #8: Burns/Gillis: That County Council endorse the truck study report recommendations
** as presented by the Truck Study Sub-Committee, including the following:
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**** a) That given the heavy truck restrictions previously imposed on County Road 7 (Lakeshore Road), that similar restrictions (i.e. restrict heavy trucks excepting local pick-ups and deliveries as defined by Option 3) be placed on the following connecting sections of County Roads:

i. County Road 11 (Aberarder Line) from County Road 7 (Lakeshore Road) to County Road 30 (Oil Heritage Road);

ii. County Road 12 (Townsend Line) from County Road 7 (Lakeshore Road) to King's Highway 21 (King Street);

iii. County Road 26 (Mandaumin Road) from County Road 7 (Lakeshore Road) to King's Highway 402;

iv. County Road 30 (Oil Heritage Road) from County Road 7 (Lakeshore Road) to County Road 11 (Aberarder Line).

b) County Road 4 (Petrolia Line) - restrict heavy trucks from County Road 26 (Mandaumin Road) to County Road 21 (Oil Heritage Road) excepting local pick-ups and deliveries as defined by Option 1.

c) County Road 16 (London Road) - restrict heavy trucks from County Road 33 (Front Street) to County Road 22 (London Line) excepting local pickups and deliveries as defined by Option 1.

d) County Road 25 (Confederation Street) - restrict heavy trucks from Ontario Street to Christina Street excepting local pickups and deliveries as defined by Option 1.

e) County Road 29 (Indian Road) - restrict heavy trucks from County Road 25 (Confederation Street) to County Road 7 (Lakeshore Road) excepting local pickups and deliveries as defined by Option 1.

f) That, in an effort to mitigate the impacts of heavy trucks on those sections of County Roads identified through the study, Staff be directed to work with the various enforcement agencies (i.e. Ontario Provincial Police, Sarnia Police, Ministry of Transportation, etc.).

, **, ***, * See page 7.**

g) That the restrictions be applied to heavy trucks as defined in more detail in the By-Law.

h) That exemptions to heavy trucks along restricted routes be permitted as defined in more detail in the By-Law.

i) That Staff revise the respective schedules in By-Law 39 of 2009 (A By-Law to Prohibit Heavy Trucks on Certain County Roads) to reflect the above noted restrictions to heavy trucks.

Carried.

The Committee noted that anyone who wishes to reconsider the issue is encouraged to bring a formal Notice of Motion so that the public and Council can prepare for the issue accordingly.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Todd Case spoke to the safety concerns especially with the south limit of trucks approaching the former Village of Watford. The approaches to the bridge over the CN Rail line are very steep and as a result, pedestrians and vehicles in the vicinity of Front Street are placed in harm's way.

42-52 #9: Bradley/Case: That staff prepare a report regarding the safety of the area as well as possible solutions including reestablishing a grade crossing.

Carried.

53-57 #10: Arnold/Foubister: That staff prepare a report on the performance of cold-in-place projects on County roads. The report should also address life-cycle costs of CIP vs. full reconstruction.

Carried.

CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

#11: Perry/Minielly: That the following information report from the Cultural Services Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated November 18, 2009 Regarding Cultural Services Division 3rd Quarter Statistics.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated November 18, 2009 Regarding Brigden Library Snow Plowing
#12: Foubister/Bilton: That the Township of St. Clair arrange to provide snow plowing services at the Brigden Library for winter breaks when the School Board is not required to plow the area.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

58-62 #13: Minielly/Bradley: That the following information report for the Public Health Services Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated November 18, 2009 Regarding Pandemic H1N1 Immunization Campaign - Update.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Gord Perry spoke to the Committee regarding the Treasured Memories Fundraising Auction held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Lambton Meadowview Villa. The Auction raised nearly $11,300.00.

In-Camera

#14: Burns/Perry: That the Chair declare the Committee go in-camera to discuss a matter concerning labour relations and employee negotiations as well as a personal matters about identifiable individuals.

Carried.

#15: (Motion dealt with in the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated December 2, 2009.)

#16: (Motion dealt with in the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated December 2, 2009.)

#17: (Motion dealt with in the Lambton County Council (CLOSED SESSION) minutes dated December 2, 2009.)

Open Meeting

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Housing Services Department - Re: Revised Report dated November 18, 2009 Concerning the Affordable Housing Program - Project Funding Requests (distributed at the meeting)

#18: Minielly/Bradley:

a) That the County endorse the funding request for Southside Construction Management Limited in the amount of $4,838,000.00.

b) That County Council endorse the funding request from Rice Development Corporation in the amount of $10,212,238.00.

Carried.

Adjournment

#19: Minielly/Perry: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned.

Carried.

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Bev MacDougall
Chair

Ronald G. Van Horne
Secretary

* That motion #8 of the Committee A.M. minutes dated November 18, 2009 as well as motion #13 of the December 2, 2009 Council minutes be tabled to the Special Meeting of Council to be held in February 2010, to consider the overall truck traffic study - see Council December 2, 2009, mot. #14.

** Lift from the table motion #8 of the Committee A.M. minutes dated November 18, 2009 regarding the truck study report recommendations - see Council February 3, 2010, mot. #4.

*** Amend Option 1 wording to **"heavy truck picking up and delivering to an address within Lambton County"**, and that it only be applied to County Road #4 (Petrolia Line) between County Road #26 (Mandaumin Road) and County Road #21 (Oil Heritage Road) - see Council February 3, 2010, mot. #5.

**** That the balance of the recommendations in motion #8 be referred back to Committee for further consideration - see Council February 3, 2010, mot. #7.