

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Regular Meeting of Council

Meeting No. 05-2011

Date of Meeting: Monday, February 7, 2011

Members Present: Mayor Bill Weber
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Davis-Dagg
Councillor Dave Maguire
Councillor Doug Bonesteel
Councillor Lorie Scott
Councillor Ruth Illman
Councillor Martin Underwood
Councillor John Russell
Councillor Doug Cook

Staff Present: C.A.O. John Byrne
Clerk Carol McKenzie
Treasurer Janet Ferguson
Planner Patti Richardson

Staff Absent: Director of Community Services Peggy Van Mierlo-West

Media Present: Lynda Hillman-Rapley – Lakeshore Advance
Kimberly Powell-McConaghy – The Standard
Gord Whitehead – Various Publications

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Weber asked members to declare any pecuniary or conflict of interest that they may have with respect to the business itemized on the agenda and none were declared.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 Regular Council Meeting – January 18, 2011

The minutes from the Council meeting held the 18th day of January were reviewed.

**11-0207-01 Moved by: Councillor Russell
Seconded by: Councillor Scott**

That the minutes of the January 18, 2011 Council meeting be
accepted as presented. Carried

3.2 Regular Council Meeting – January 24, 2011

The minutes from the January 24th Council meeting were discussed, and Councillor Illman requested the wording be changed for the amendment to the motion to read:

“Council confirm the action of the previous Council be stating that there is no further implementation of the Zone 4 Collection System until residents are provided correct information on any proposed project.”

Deputy Mayor Davis-Dagg asked for an update on the issues raised by Mr. Matzka and Mr. McCutcheon at the last meeting, and was advised by Mayor Weber that a report was being prepared on the issues.

**11-0207-02 Moved by: Councillor Illman
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Davis-Dagg**

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held the 24th day of January, 2011 be accepted as amended. Carried

4. DELEGATIONS, PUBLIC MEETINGS & PRESENTATIONS

4.3 Public Meeting – Application for an Amendment to the Grand Bend Sign By-law 4084 of 2000 for John Bezair, A.D.S. Industries – 31 Ontario street N., Grand Bend

**11-0207-03 Moved by: Councillor Illman
Seconded by: Councillor Cook**

That the regular council meeting adjourn and a Public Meeting to hear concerns pertaining to an application for an amendment to the Grand Bend Sign By-law open at 7:05 p.m. Carried

At the Council meeting held the 24th of January, Council deferred a decision on a request to amend the Grand Bend Sign by-law that would allow 3 signs on a property whereas the by-law only allows 2. Council asked that the Planner circulate a notice to all area residents providing details on the proposed sign, and advising residents of the opportunity to address any issues to Council. As a result of the notification, 2 written responses were received and have been provided to the Council members and the applicants.

Mayor Weber requested comments from Members of Council:

Councillor Illman inquired if the Municipality had subsequently received any additional information, and was advised that only 2 responses had been received.

Mayor Weber called for questions from the audience:

John Bezaire, applicant, noted that he was surprised when he received copies of the emails, as he had spent time with Mr. Dehondt and had discussed an agreement,

however, could not agree to Mr. Dehondt's request to authorize which people advertised on the sign, as he felt that the restrictions may be too restrictive.

Mr. Bezaire also noted that he had received a call from the office of the author of the second letter asking to be put on the sign, and was not able to oblige, as there was a realtor on the subject property and the agreement was that no other realtor would be permitted on the sign. He also noted that the company takes pride in their work, and did not appreciate the comments that the signs are poorly constructed.

Mr. John Dehondt advised that he owns the property in front of and adjacent to the "sign" property and had many chats with the sign company, and had agreed to \$3,000.00 for the sign, but did have concerns that outsiders would be on the sign and want to look at some of the other signs installed.

He noted that it is difficult to imagine a sign that is 12' X 20', however, when it is on top of a 5 foot fence, it is monstrous. Mr. Dehondt advised that if the sign goes up, he will be compelled to put up a billboard sign in front of it.

Gerry Rupke advised that the sign is above the fence, and has the same impact as a fence. He felt that just because the structure had advertising on it should not allow it to be exempt from height restrictions in the fence by-law.

Mr Bezaire noted that the sign not on the fence, but sits behind it and setback in accordance with the required set backs.

**11-0207-04 Moved by: Councillor Illman
Seconded by: Councillor Scott**

That the Public Meeting to hear concerns pertaining to an application for an amendment to the Grand Bend Sign By-law close at 7:10 p.m. Carried

Councillor Illman noted that the property currently has the 2 signs permitted by the Grand Bend sign by-law, and the by-law was drafted to preserve certain standards for both aesthetics and to reduce "sign" clutter.

**11-0207-05 Moved by: Councillor Illman
Seconded by: Councillor Scott**

That the request for an amendment to the sign by-law submitted by John Bezaire for property located at 38 Ontario Street North be denied. Carried

4.2 Mr. Glen Baillie, Secretary – Grand Bend & Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism – Re: Request for Funding

Mr. Glen Baillie, Secretary of the Grand Bend and Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism addressed Council, and advised that the Chamber would like to propose a working partnership with the Municipality of Lambton Shores, and was requesting

\$40,000.00 a year to offset costs associated with providing visitor services. Mr. Baillie had submitted an overview of the Chamber membership and the benefits that it provides to the community, and the goals they would like to achieve going forward.

Mr. Baillie outlined the financial contributions that other municipalities provide to tourism activities, and the challenges that Lambton Shores / Grand Bend may be facing under the new Provincial funding model, due to the number of communities in our grouping. It was also noted that the area is not well represented on the TSL website, the tourism organization funded by the County of Lambton.

It was noted that currently, the Chamber membership is voluntary, and while the organization is quite successful, they could do much more with financial assistance from the Municipality, such as expanding the shoulder seasons.

A discussion ensued on the location of the target market and promotional activities to help “build the brand”.

When asked for details on the new plans or programs that would be initiated if the funds were provide, Mr. Baillie stated that while the goal would be to spend on both pre and post summer activities, the group had not developed a business plan yet.

**11-0207-06 Moved by: Councillor Russell
Seconded by: Councillor Scott**

That the request for funds submitted by the Grand Bend and Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism be referred to the 2011 budget deliberations; and

That the “suggested outcome” portion of the presentation by the Chamber be referred to the strategic plan discussion for economic development as a partnership; and that

The Municipality invite Tourism Sarnia Lambton to make a presentation to Council on their role in tourism promotion.

Carried

4.1 Mr. George Mallay, General Manager – Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership – Re: PowerPoint Presentation on the Role SLEP Plays in Attracting and Encouraging Economic Development in Lambton County and Lambton Shores

Mr. George Mallay, General Manager of the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) addressed Council and provided information on the role SLEP plays in economic development in Lambton County. Outlined for Council was the “Vision” statement of the organization, which is *A community working together to revitalize Sarnia-Lambton and make it a great place in which to invest, live, work and play.*

The partnership was formed to revitalize the economy of Lambton County, and provide direction and leadership to community based economic development.

Mr. Mallay outlined the organizations strategic objectives and directions and several of the achievements of the organizations.

Council thanked Mr. Mallay for attending the meeting and providing the information on the organization.

5. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

The following information correspondence was reviewed by Council:

1. Ministry of the Environment - Congratulating the Municipality on receiving the Municipal Drinking Water License, Drinking Water Works Permit, and Accreditation of the operating authority.
2. Ontario Municipal Water Association - Congratulating Lambton Shores for meeting the new Provincial standards for drinking water safety, and receiving the new five part Provincial license for the Municipal drinking water system.
3. Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario- outlining the services provided to the member municipalities.

Mayor Weber advised that a policy respecting protocols for dealing with items of correspondence that are addressed to the Mayor and Council will be handled.

6. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINTUES AND STAFF REPORTS

Corporate & Strategic

6.1 C.A.O. Report No. 05-2011 – re: The Lambton Shores Strategic Plan Review and Update

C.A.O. Report No. 05-2011 provided background information on the current Lambton Shores Strategic Plan, and in the report, Chief Administrative Officer John Byrne advised that the Strategic Plan was created after extensive consultation with the community about their vision of the future direction of the Municipality. The process resulted in the current vision statement and was accompanied by “broad” goals and objectives, which have been used as “guides” when reviewing and updating corporate documents. Also detailed was the process followed for public consultation on the original plan.

How Council would like to proceed with an update to the plan was discussed, and Deputy Mayor Davis-Dagg suggested that rather than a full consultation, it may be beneficial to draw on the content of the existing document and send out surveys on issues, similar to the current waste management survey. Being mindful of the 4 year term of Council, this form of input would allow goals to be defined early on, as opposed to a full consultation, which would involve a longer process.

Councillor Illman agreed that it is critical to survey the residents and get feedback on what is working and what needs to be changed. Another issue noted by Councillor Illman was the need to discuss how to factor recommendations from documents such as the Community Improvement Plans and the Recreation Master Plan into the surveys and the Plan.

Mayor Weber noted that traditionally, a quarterly update has been provided on the Strategic Plan and the goals achieved, and there have been surveys of the priorities of the Council members as well that have been incorporated into the Plan. He advised that the March 15, 2011 meeting has been earmarked for a Strategic Planning discussion.

Councillor Russell reminded the members that Council needs to be strategic when setting the budget and it may be beneficial to obtain a wish list from each member. It was noted that the infrastructure funding changed some of the priorities, and that it might be advantageous to revisit the issue of Citizen Committees to obtain resident feedback and assistance when determining setting goals and priorities.

**11-0207-07 Moved by: Councillor Cook
Seconded by: Councillor Bonesteel**

That C.A.O. Report No. 05-2011, providing background information on the Lambton Shores Strategic Plan be received and filed.

Carried

Planning

6.2 PL Report No. 10-2011 – Re: Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval SD2006-04 & Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZO-21/2006 for Wellington Bros. of Forest Construction Ltd. – End of MacNab Street, Forest

In PL Report No. 10-2011, Planner Patti Richardson advised that at the last Council meeting, the draft plan of subdivision for Wellington Bros. of Forest was approved in principle, however, the Planning Act regulations require that Council wait 14 days after the public meeting date before granting final approval. The required time has now elapsed, and the recommendation is to approve the plan, with the conditions of approval as appended to the report.

**11-0207-08 Moved by: Councillor Russell
Seconded by: Deputy Mayo Davis-Dagg**

That Council approve Draft Plan of Subdivision File No. SD2006-04, as outlined in PL Report No. 10-2011, subject to the conditions outlined in Attachment 1 of the report.

Carried

6.3 PL Report No. 11-2011 – Re: Request for Allocation of Sewage Capacity by Wondergrove Cottages – 1266639 Ontario Inc., - Lots 36 & 38, Plan 24 and 634524 Ontario Inc., - Lot 35, Plan 24, Grand Bend

PL Report No. 11-2011 outlined the fact that the sewage capacity at the Grand Bend Sewage Treatment Plant is nearing capacity, and the Municipal policy is to regulate access and flows, and assess the capacity requirements of the serviced area prior to allocating capacity for new development.

In the report, Planner Patti Richardson advised a request for capacity has been received from the owner of lots 35, 36 and 38 in Registered Plan 24, Grand Bend, as these lots that have never independently been connected to the system.

Ms. Richardson noted that detailed engineering of the entire undeveloped block has been completed, which provides a comprehensive approach to the development of the lands. It was further noted that when Centre Street was recently constructed, the Municipality installed water and sanitary services to the lots in order to eliminate ripping up the road, and anticipated being reimbursed for its costs for the connections.

**11-0207-9 Moved by: Councillor Illman
Seconded by: Councillor Cook**

That Council allocate Sewage Capacity in the Grand Bend Sewage Treatment Facility to Lots 35, 36 and 38 on Centre Street subject to the Municipality being reimbursed its cost for the service connections to these lots. Carried

6.4 PL No. 12-2011 – Re: Part Lot Control By-law for Stebeck Inc. (Ray Losee) – 29 Sauble River Road Subdivision, Grand Bend

Item 6.4 had previously been dealt with at the last Council meeting.

Community Services

6.5 D.C.S. Report No. 08-2011 – Re: North Area Sewer – EA Timelines

D.C.S. Peggy Van Mierlo-West provided background information on the Environmental Assessment “Schedule B” project notice requirements, which includes Public Information Centres, ensuring the reports are available for review in various locations, the opportunity for residents to provide comments to both the “proponents” and directly to the Ministry of the Environment.

Also detailed was how the Municipality met these requirements for a Schedule “B” project for the Zone 3 and Zone.

Councillor Illman noted that with respect to communication and notices, the Municipality did meet the legislative requirements, however, there is a difference between fulfilling public requirements, and best practices. She suggested that there needs to be a further review into what types of communication work in Lambton Shores and what does not, not only the methodology, but also the content of notices.

Rather than receiving and filing the report, Councillor Illman suggested receiving and referring these kinds of communication issues to strategic planning or an ad hoc committee to deal with communication issues.

Councillor Scott noted that the resulting “communication template” could be used for all corporate communications, and Deputy-Mayor Dagg noted that would allow Council to say how we want to be transparent and how people receive information.

**11-0702-10 Moved by: Councillor Cook
Seconded by: Councillor Illman**

That D.C.S. Report No. 08-2011 regarding the Environment Assessment timelines for the North Area Sewer System be received and that issues of best practices for communicating with residents be referred to the strategic planning review or an ad hoc committee to deal with communication issues. Carried

Administration & Finance

6.6 TR Report No. 03-2011 – Re: Tile Loan Debenture

In TR Report No. 03-2011, Treasurer Janet Ferguson provided details on the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Tile Loan Program, in which, rural property owners installing tile drainage on their property are eligible for a 10 year, 6% interest loan for up to 75% of the costs. Ms. Ferguson noted that the owners of Concession 11, Lot 18 have met the loan requirements, and she is recommending the approval of the authorizing by-law.

**11-0207-11 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis-Dagg
Seconded by: Councillor Russell**

That By-law #10-2011 to impose an annual rate on land for a Tile Loan be passed as outlined in Treasurer’s Report No. 03-2011. Carried

6.7 TR Report No. 08-2011 – Re: Tax Rebate Program for Eligible Charities and Similar Organizations / Requests for Grant to Offset Taxes

TR 08-2011 outlined the rebate program that is in place to provide tax rebates on properties owned and occupied by eligible charities, which is a program approved by the County of Lambton, and applies to all three levels of taxations: Municipal, County and Education. Eligible charities are defined in the Income Tax Act, and must also meet the criteria set out in the County By-law 41-2001. Eligible charities in the commercial or industrial property classes can receive a 40% rebate of the taxes levied which allows the charity to use more of their funds for community betterment.

There are other charities in the community that do not meet the requirements of the program, for example, they may be located on lands not within the commercial or industrial property class. One such organization is the Order of Alhambra, which is

located on residential property on Klondyke Road. Traditionally, the Municipality has provided the organization a grant equal to the Municipal portion of the taxes in recognition of the contributions of the organization to the community.

It is recommended that Council continue to offer this grant, and that the approval be for the 4 year term of Council, so that it can be automatically enacted each year.

During discussions, it was noted that this is currently the only charity that does not meet the eligibility requirements for the County program, and that this grant is better financially as a solution for the organization than to request a change in their property class which will increase the taxes they would be paying.

**11-0207-12 Moved by: Councillor Scott
Seconded by: Councillor Russell**

That Council authorizes a grant to the International Order of Alhambra in the amount of the Municipal portion of the property taxes for the years 2011 to 2014 as outlined in Treasurer's Report No. 08-2011. Carried

6.8 TR Report No. 09-2011 – Re: Conservation Authorities 2011 Budget

Information on the 2011 budgets for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority was provided in TR Report No. 09-2011. It was noted that the Municipal representative for both Boards will be asked to vote on the budgets at the Board's Annual General Meeting, both of which are held on the 17th day of February, and Council will need to direct members how to vote.

Councillor Illman noted that there were several significant increases in the budget, without an explanation or an opportunity to ask questions. Also discussed were which projects were discretionary, and details on the benefitting projects.

Treasurer Ferguson noted that to date, of the special benefitting projects, only the Walker Drain benefitting project has been included in the 2011 budget.

Councillor Scott questioned how possible solutions to the Port Franks ice jamming would be dealt with and was advised that Lambton Shores would be the benefitting Municipality, and that if a provincial grant was received, Lambton Shores would be responsible for 45% of the costs, as per the funding formula. Mayor Weber advised that if the ice jamming project was approved, in 2011 only the preliminary work would take place.

When discussing the budget for the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, it was noted that the increase in the budget is minimal.

Treasurer Ferguson noted that there is a high difference in the cost between the two Authorities, as Lambton Shores is billed 22% of the A.B.C.A., whereas it is billed only 4.6% of the S.C.R.C.A.

**11-0207-13 Moved by: Councillor Russell
Seconded by: Councillor Cook**

That the Lambton Shores representative on the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors is instructed to vote against the approval of the proposed 2011 Budget, and that staff request additional information on the 'special benefit' projects.

Carried

**11-0207-14 Moved by: Councillor Russell
Seconded by: Councillor Cook**

That the Lambton Shores representative on the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors is instructed to vote in support of the proposed 2011 Budget.

Carried

6.9 TR Report No. 10-2011 – Re: Development Charges

In TR Report No. 10-2011, Treasurer Janet Ferguson advised that while preparing the required Development Charges brochure, it was noted that there was a transposition of two line items in the schedule of charges in the draft report. The total amount was correct, however, the amounts for fire protection and municipal parking were transposed. She noted that the consultants have provided corrected schedules, and a by-law has been prepared to approve the corrected schedule.

**11-0207-15 Moved by: Councillor Cook
Seconded by: Councillor Scott**

That Council approves the corrections to the 2010 Development Charges Interim Background Study and By-law 101-2010 as outlined in Treasurer's Report No. 10-2011 and that By-law 15-2011 enacting the changes be approved.

Carried

6.10 CL Report No. 02-2011 – Re: 2011 Dream Lottery Program – Lottery House Unit 9, Wondergrove Court, Grand Bend

Clerk Carol McKenzie advised Council that correspondence has been received from the organizers of the Dream Lottery Program that supports the London Health Sciences Foundation, advising that they have once again selected a home in Lambton Shores as one of the Dream Lottery grand prizes. The lottery will run from March 18 to June 2nd, 2011 with the house open for viewing on Friday, Saturday and Sundays.

While the organizers do not require Municipal permission to hold the lottery, they will need permission from the Municipality to sell tickets at the lottery house.

The organizers will be following the same protocol as in the past, including hiring commissionaires to ensure parking takes place in an orderly fashion, and will be distributing information flyers to the area residents with the organizations contact information.

**11-0207-16 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis-Dagg
Seconded by: Councillor Maguire**

That confirmation be sent to the London Health Sciences Foundation (Dream Lottery), advising that the Municipality of Lambton Shores has no objection to Dream Lottery tickets being sold at the "Lottery House", located at Unit 9 Wondergrove Court (Grand Bend). Carried

6.11 CL Report No. 03-2011 – Re: Decisions on the Applications heard by the Committee of adjustment on January 27, 2011

Information on the decisions rendered on applications heard by the Committee of Adjustment at the meeting held the 27th day of January, 2011 was provided in CL Report No. 08-2011

**11-0207-17 Moved by: Councillor Cook
Seconded by; Councillor Russell**

That CL Report No. 03-2011 regarding the decisions of the Committee of Adjustment for applications heard at the January 27, 2011 meeting be received and filed. Carried

6.12 CL Report No. 05-2011 – Re: Building Permit and Planning Application Statistics for the Year 2010

In CL Report No. 05-2011, Clerk Carol McKenzie provided an overview of the building activities in Lambton Shores in 2010, and noted that activities remain strong again this year, with a total of 224 permits issued up to the end of December, 46 of which were for the construction of new homes. A comparison with the number of permits issued in the balance of Lambton County (excluding Sarnia) showed that the level of activities in Lambton Shores is approximately 38% of the level of activities in the balance of the County.

In reviewing the planning statistics for the year, it was noted that with the exception of minor variances and zoning reports, planning applications were down in 2010 over 2009. The higher number of minor variance applications correlates to the higher number of renovation permits for existing dwellings, which often results in the need for a minor change to the allowable height, or depth, or front yard setback etc.

**11-0207-18 Moved by: Councillor Russell
Seconded by: Councillor Maguire**

That CL Report No. 05-2011 regarding 2010 building permit and planning application statistics be received and filed. Carried

6.13 CL Report No. 06-2011 – Re: By-law Enforcement Activities and Statistics for the Year 2010

Details on the issues dealt with by the by-law enforcement staff during 2010 were outlined in CL Report No. 06-2011, and it was noted that there has been a gradual shift over the years in by-law enforcement from dealing primarily with parking issues and animal control to more “quality of life issues”, such as Property Standards, Tidy Yard and zoning issues, noise complaints concerning dogs barking and minimizing the disturbance of the full time residents from tenants in rental accommodations.

It was reported that parking complaints and tickets for Main Street Grand Bend diminished during the year with better signage and more familiarity with the regulations, and North Area Officer Keith Crawford advised that the municipal lots were full by 1:00 p.m. on most good days, however, noted that additional signage is required to direct people towards the available parking behind the Legion.

Issues arose with respect to parking in the Ipperwash boat launch area and a public meeting was held on site in September, to obtain feedback from the residents on possible solutions. It is proposed that the options will be discussed with the residents early in 2011.

**11-0207-19 Moved by: Councillor Illman
Seconded by: Councillor Scott**

That CL report No. 06-2011 regarding by-law enforcement activities and statistics for the year 2010 be received and filed. Carried

7. BY-LAWS & RESOLUTIONS

The by-laws presented for Council’s approval were reviewed.

**11-0207-20 Moved by: Councillor Scott
Seconded by: Councillor Bonesteel**

That the following by-laws be read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered appropriately, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and engrossed in the by-law book:

- By-law 10-2011 – Tile Loan
- By-law 14-2011 – Confirming Resolutions to Date
- By-law 15-2011 – Development Charges. Carried

8. ACCOUNTS

There were no accounts for Council to review.

9. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

9.1 Deputy Mayor Davis-Dagg – Re: Issues Regarding Public Notice

Deputy Mayor Davis Dagg had asked that a discussion on issues pertaining to public notice be included in the agenda, as there had been 4 instances in the past few month

where concerns were raised regarding the lack of notice. A discussion ensued on the most effective way to deal with the issue of “notice”. Deputy Mayor Davis-Dagg noted that Council needs to provide direction on who we are and how we want to communicate with the public.

Mayor Weber noted this should be part of the “communication plan” portion of the Strategic Plan.

Further discussions ensued regarding the need to be strategic with our notices, and possibly an ad hoc committee to deal with the bigger issue, such as the notice process and content for significant issues such as the Zone 3. As noted earlier in the meeting, a “best practices” template could be developed that could be used for all municipal issues.

Staff was requested to bring a report for a future meeting on the option of a communication committee to deal with notice process and context of what is communicated to and from the community.

11-0207-21 Moved by: Councillor Scott
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Davis-Dagg

That staff prepare a report on corporate communications, including the costs and timing of ads and notices, and budget implications of change. Carried

Councillor Illman inquired if the Golder report had been added to the website.

Councillor Scott thanked the staff for attending the Port Franks Ice Management meeting, and reported that the people felt their concerns had been heard.

Councillor Bonesteel noted that a person had been arrested in connection with the theft of the copper wire from the Legacy Centre. He suggested that Lambton Shores may want to submit a “victim impact statement” as a way of raising social conscience so that people are aware of the impact of property damage and what it means to the people who are paying the bill for that project. Staff was asked to report back on the possibility of the submission of a victim impact statement

Councillor Maguire reported that the first weekend for the Grand Bend Winter Carnival was very successful, and that next weekend, there will be even more activities with the parade and the fireworks display.

Deputy Mayor Davis-Dagg reported from the Lambton Area Water Supply System (LAWSS) meeting that the Board has engaged a consultant to assist with the renegotiation of the OCWA contract, and had approved a leak detection program.

When asked if Lambton Shores undertook a program of leak detection, C.A.O. John Byrne noted that changes in flows were investigated, and when there is a difference between the amounts of water we purchase and sell. Leak detection has been more difficult in the last few years with the waterline replacements in Forest, however, now that those projects are completed, and the aged hydrants in Forest replaced, there

should be less leakage. The next step is to have the Fire Chiefs monitor the amount of water they use, and monitor the water main flushing water.

Councillor Cook advised that he had attended the Lambton Farm Safety dinner last Thursday night, at which there was a great meal and information on improving farm safety.

Councillor Russell stated there was a recent newspaper article about the future of electric cars, and noted that when we are planning for future developments, consideration should be given to roughing in infrastructure for plugging in cars.

Councillor Illman remarked on the introduction of “agendas” for the Councillors, and it was noted that there were a few glitches that needed to be addressed, however, the goal was for the PDF version to be available to the public for the next meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought forward at this time.

11. DISCUSSION PERIOD

Mayor Weber asked for questions or clarifications from the audience on any of the issues discussed during the meeting.

Lee McCutcheon stated that he had asked for clarification as to which items are included in the Council agenda under “correspondence” and Mayor Weber noted that the Procedural By-Law 19-2007 was being reviewed and revised and this issue will be included in the review.

Gerry Rupke noted that with respect to a decision on the parking in the boat launch area in Ipperwash, he would like a solution implemented by June so there isn't a repeat of what happened last year. Mayor Weber noted that it is important to wait until all the residents are available before holding the public sessions, but that the goal is to have the meetings prior to the first of May.

Dick Matzka wanted to clarify that his issue with the sewers in the northern part of Lambton Shores was not a “communications” problem, it began with the statement that the ground water is polluting the lake, and noted that he has a well and it has been tested yearly, and there aren't any problems. His issue was with the information that was presented.

Bob Sharen stated that on Page 12 of the January 24 minutes, Mrs. Illman said the New Hamburg system would not remove the same amount of nitrates. Mr. Sharen claimed that the amount of nitrates being pulled out is the same as Dr. Taski had said. He noted that the plant also has a back up so it doesn't have to use the river as a bi pass.

Mr. Sharen also stated that as a result of the Lambton Shores Zone 3 E.A. notification process, the Ministry of the Environment had changed the rules regarding notification, and applicants will now be required to send a letter to everyone who would be affected.

Ernest Lewis asked when the report on how to remove mentioning “grinder pumps” from the Environmental Assessment would be presented, and C.A.O. John Byrne noted that there will be a report at the next meeting, and that no conclusion on the type of system had been reached at this time. Mr. Lewis advised that it was possible to make an amendment to the E.A.

Gord Whitehead asked for and received copies of the emails pertaining to the application for an amendment to the Grand Bend sign by-law.

Barry Linden reported that in the Town of Seaforth, provisions are in place to allow the use of golf carts along pathways to both reduce traffic, and to assist the elderly. Councillor Russell asked that information about the program be obtained from Seaforth.

12 CONFIDENTIAL

**11-0207-22 Moved by: Councillor Cook
Seconded by: Councillor Scott**

That the Council meeting goes “In Camera” at 9:42 p.m. to discuss legal matters and will reconvene immediately thereafter.

Carried

Council rose and reported progress on a legal matter at 11:08 p.m.

13. ADJOURN

**11-0207-23 Moved by: Councillor Cook
Seconded by: Councillor Illman**

That the Council meeting adjourn at 11:08 p.m.

Carried