

# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

## Regular Meeting of Council

Meeting Number: 19-2011

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 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 Doug Cook  
Councillor John Russell

Staff Present: C.A.O. John Byrne  
Clerk Carol McKenzie  
Treasurer Janet Ferguson  
Director of Community Services Peggy Van Mierlo-West  
Administrative Assistant Roberta Brandon

Media Present: No Media present.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weber called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### 2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Mayor 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. UPDATING OF THE LAMBTON SHORES STRATEGIC PLAN

Mayor Weber asked Council for direction as to how they would like to develop the new Strategic Plan for the Municipality and noted that one of the impediments to going forward with new issues is the time staff is devoting to responding to emails and requests for information from residents.

Councillor Underwood expressed his belief that the Strategic Plan should be a priority for Council and that a system should be in place that requests for information go through Council to avoid demands on the limited staff resources.

Councillors Cook, Illman and Bonesteel reiterated that the Strategic Plan should be a priority and agreed that requests for information be directed through Council members who then in turn would contact staff for further action if required.

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Mayor Weber also reminded Council that emails sent between members of Council could be misconstrued by members of the public as not being “transparent” as advised by Municipal Affairs at a previous meeting.

Deputy Mayor Davis-Dagg asked that consideration of staff requests by the public and emails between Councillors be discussed at the upcoming team training meeting. She also advised that the Effective Municipal Councillor Training course presented by AMO she attended made mention of the strategic plan as being a major priority for Council and time was of the essence in getting the Strategic Plan developed.

Members agreed that Council would undertake the development of the new strategic plan using existing resources such as the Recreation and Leisure Master Plan, Road Needs Study, the Grand Bend Beach Report, and information from the current Strategic Plan. The importance of establishing a vision statement to commence the process was also discussed.

Dates for strategic planning were set as follows:

Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.;  
Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon – 4:30 p.m.  
And Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Councillor Russell offered the use of the Lambton Heritage Museum for these meetings.

**11-0614-01 Moved by: Councillor Scott  
Seconded by: Deputy Davis-Dagg**

That the dates for strategic planning be scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>,  
June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup>. Carried

#### **4. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

##### Community Services

#### **4.1 D.C.S. Report No. 55-2011 – Re: Results from the Allen Street Tender**

The tender results submitted for the Allen Street re-construction project in Thedford were reviewed with Council, and the recommendation was to accept the low tender from Omega Contracting in the amount of \$421,878.92.

**11-0614-02 Moved by: Councillor Russell  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Davis-Dagg**

That the tender submitted by Omega Contracting in the amount of \$421,878.92 for the Allen Street Re-construction as outlined in D.C.S. Report No. 55-2011 is accepted and approved and that By-law 51-2011 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the associated contract agreement is approved. Carried

#### **4.2 D.C.S. Report No. 56-2011 – Re: Legacy Centre Parking Lot – Tender Opening**

The tender results for the re-construction of the Legacy Centre parking lot were reviewed and the Director of Community Services Peggy Van Mierlo-West advised that these bids were much higher than budgeted and staff is recommending that all bids be rejected, and staff report back to Council on options to complete this project.

**11-0614-03 Moved by: Councillor Russell  
Seconded by: Councillor Scott**

That all tenders for the Legacy Centre Parking Lot reconstruction be declined, and that staff be directed to revisit the design of the parking lot and come up with an action plan for further review and direction from Council. Carried

#### **5. COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Cook reported that he had attended a recent wind energy seminar at Bosanquet School and the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations for the Village of Arkona on June 10<sup>th</sup>, and that that a book on the history of Arkona was now available for purchase. It was also mentioned that the contractor hired for ground maintenance at the Arkona Cemetery had done a superb job prior to Decoration Day.

Deputy Davis-Dagg commended Councillor Illman for a great job in organizing the Relay for Life event held recently at the Forest Fair Grounds and noted that it was a very positive event for the community.

Councillor Bonesteel reported that the Thedford Dirty Dogs hockey team had held a ball tournament to raise funds for their association and would be conducting fundraising events in the future.

Councillor Illman also reported on the Relay for Life event held at the Forest Fair Grounds and noted the great turnout for this annual event celebrating cancer survivors and remembering and honouring loved ones lost to cancer.

Councillor Underwood reported that he had attend the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Economic Alliance conference held June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Guelph on “Growing Prosperity: Tapping into Rural-Urban Synergies”.

Councillor Scott also reported that she had also attended the SWEA conference in Guelph and noted that she had received very insightful information regarding Asian crops that would be suitable for growing locally.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor did not discuss any new business.

**7. DISCUSSION PERIOD**

Mr. Bob Sharen asked for confirmation of the dates proposed for strategic planning and asked that the Strategic Plan address Lambton Shores as a whole.

Mr. Dick Matzka advised Councillor Scott that some of the Asian crops such as bamboo could be invasive.

**8. CONFIDENTIAL**

**11-0614-04 Moved by: Councillor Scott  
Seconded by: Councillor Illman**

That the meeting goes into a "Closed Session" at 4:55 p.m. to discuss the proposed acquisition or disposal of land by the Municipality. (Authorization to Close – Section 239 (2) c. of the Municipal Act)  
Carried

The Council rose at 5:30 p.m. and reported progress on several property matters.

**11-0614-05 Moved by: Councillor Bonesteel  
Seconded by: Councillor Scott**

That C.A.O. Report No. 37-2011 regarding the proposed transfer of Part 31 Plan 24-R2837, known as "The Green Space" located within the Beach O Pines subdivision be accepted and approved and that staff be authorized to proceed with the transfer as outlined.  
Carried

**9. ADJOURN**

**11-0614-06 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis-Dagg  
Seconded by: Councillor Maguire**

That the June 14, 2011 Council meeting adjourns at 5:30 p.m.  
Carried