

April 27, 2026

Re: Lambton Area Water Supply System (LAWSS) Governance Discussion and Request for Reconsideration

Sarnia City Council,

Several local mayors and municipal leaders including myself and Councillor Burrell were recently invited to a meeting with the Honourable Minister Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to discuss matters related to the Lambton Area Water Supply System (LAWSS). I am writing to provide Council with a brief overview of that discussion and to request reconsideration of Council's April 29, 2025 motion that ended further consideration of a Municipal Service Corporation (MSC) governance model.


The discussion focused at a high level on the current governance structure of LAWSS, long-term infrastructure obligations, and increasing financial and operational pressures. While no decisions were made, there was shared interest in ensuring the existing governance framework remains appropriate given the scale and long-term implications of current and future capital investments.

On April 29, 2025, Council carried a motion, supported by Councillors Burrell, Dennis, Gillis, Boushy, Vandenberg, and McRoberts, directing that no further investigation be undertaken into restructuring LAWSS as an MSC. In light of subsequent regional discussions and evolving infrastructure considerations, there now may be value in permitting a broader review of governance options.

Accordingly, under section 225 of the Municipal Act, which outlines the Mayor's responsibility to provide information and recommendations to Council respecting the affairs of the municipality, I am requesting that Council reconsider the motion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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