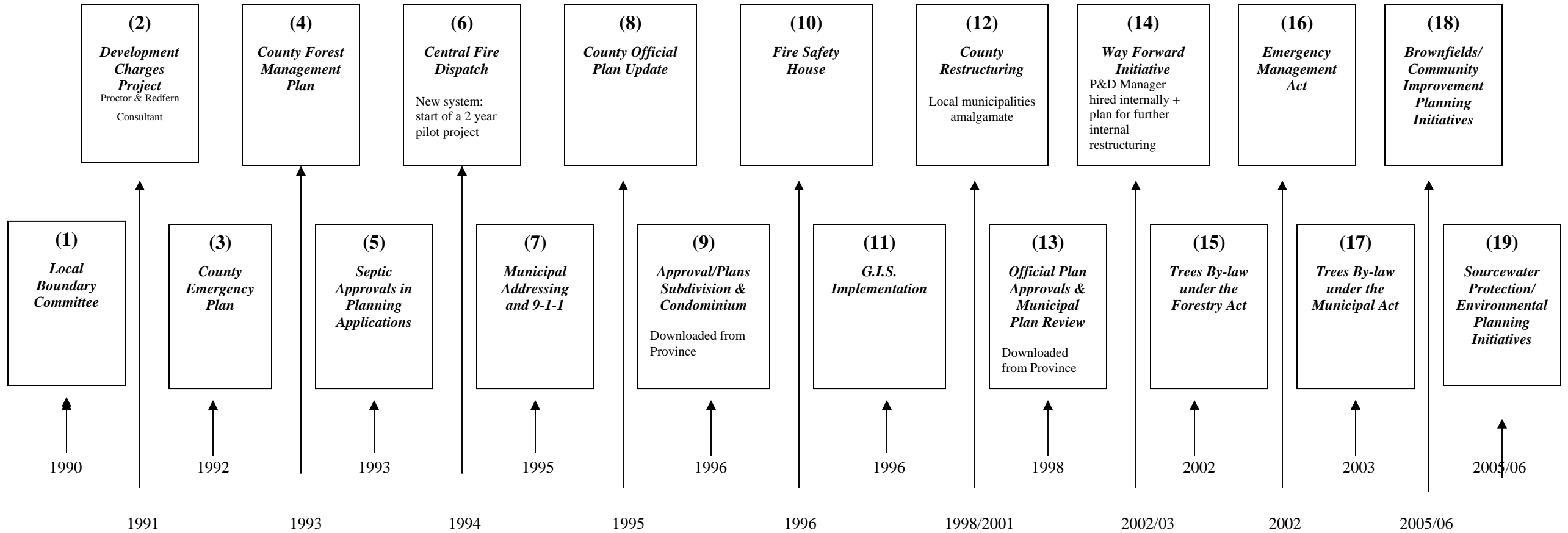


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HISTORICAL IMPACTS/REPORTS TIMELINE



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HISTORICAL IMPACTS/REPORTS BACKGROUND

Local Boundary Committee (1)

- The Local Boundary Committee was set up to consider all aspects of amalgamation and to encourage local municipalities to give favourable consideration to amalgamation on their terms.
- Amalgamations should be mutually agreed to by the duly elected local councils.
- FTE: 8.25

Development Charges Project (2)

- In 1991, several local municipalities contracted the services of Proctor and Redfern to complete a Development Charges Study with the department co-ordinating the completion of the project.
- FTE: 9.8

County Emergency Plan (3)

- The first Emergency Plan was completed in 1992.
- Since that time new plans were done in 1999, 2003 and 2004.
- FTE: 8.0

County Forest Management Plan (4)

- The Lambton County Heritage Forest was formally recognized through the Areas of Scientific and Natural Interest (ANSI) program in 1993.
- The purpose of the study was to create a comprehensive management plan for the Lambton County Heritage Forest, with an emphasis on the preservation and management of its rare oak savannah forest.
- One staff person was retained under the Environmental Youth Corp (EYC) program to undertake research and assist a planner and the Technical Advisory Committee in the

production of a management plan for the County Heritage Forest during the summer of 1994. The final plan was adopted in the Fall of 1994.

- FTE: 8.0

Septic Approvals in Planning Applications (5)

- County contracted by MOE to manage and provide septic inspection services in June, 1993 (see Building Services for more detail)
- More comprehensive integration of private services issues in all applicable planning matters and applications.
- FTE: 8.0

Central Fire Dispatch (6)

- Project started in 1993. A special county committee on mutual aid and the County's fire co-ordinator (Garry Steele) directed the project to replace a wide collection of individual dispatching systems with a single co-ordinated service that would be based at the location that dispatches Lambton County's ambulances.
- Central Fire Dispatch went live on January 17, 1994 with a new system as a 2 year pilot project developed by Lambton County Fire Coordinator Garry Steele, the Ontario Fire Marshal's office and the Health Ministry's emergency health services branch.
- Operating costs reduced with the new system.
- New radio equipment was financed through a \$46,000 grant from the federal government and \$82,000 from participating local municipalities.
- The Wallaceburg Central Ambulance Dispatch will receive all fire calls and dispatch to proper fire department.
- FTE: 9.25

Municipal Addressing & 9-1-1 (7)

- Project started in August of 1991
- November, 1991, Wardens and County Administrators from Western Ontario met with Bell Canada for the purpose of establishing 9-1-1
- Special Committee of County Council established
- Staff were hired through the Unemployment Insurance program and supervised by a Planner
- Funded by 1/3 Federal, 1/3 Provincial, 1/3 County of Lambton
- Sign production by a staff member and assistance of Ontario Works Volunteers.
- FTE: 9.0

County Official Plan Update (8)

- Started in 1995
- Between March and September, 1997, a Draft Plan, a Proposed Plan and a Final Plan were prepared.
- Throughout this process an intensive campaign was conducted to obtain comments from the general public, the Public Focus Group, the Technical Advisory Committee, the Municipal Clerks and Local Councils
- Initial budget for the County OP was \$350,000. The project cost \$287,000 including the GLOP (General Local Official Plan) and a General Zoning By-law, which were not part of the original budget
- Hired Contract Planner for 3 years and another for 1 year. Also hired a university planning co-op student for 2 terms.
- FTE: 9.0

Approval of Plans of Subdivision & Condominium (9)

- Former provincial function was down-delegated to County in 1996 (excluding City of Sarnia and, in 2001, Lambton Shores)
- Includes all aspects: pre-consultation, circulation, review, draft and final approvals
- FTE: 9.0

Fire Safety House (10)

- Project of the Lambton County Fire Prevention Officers Association
- Cost of the “House” was approximately \$40,000.
- Project was financed through donations from: Cabot Canada, Lambton Mutual Insurance Company, the County of Lambton, Mid County Ford Sales and Shell Canada. Other sponsors were Laidlaw Environmental Services, Royal Canadian Legion Branches 635 (Brigden) and 216 (Petrolia), Lambton College Industrial Fire School, Imperial Oil Safety Teams, Hazzard’s Farm Service, Nova Chemicals and Brigden Steppers-Line Dancers.
- The “House” is owned by the County of Lambton.

GIS Implementation (11)

- The planning department continues to be a key County team member in the following initiatives:
 - GIS Steering Committee
 - Lambton Mapping Group
 - Orthophotography update

County Restructuring (12)

- Administrative assistance the restructuring of local municipalities from twenty to eleven in number. In 1998, local municipal amalgamations resulted in the formation of the Township of Warwick and Township of Dawn-Euphemia. Similarly, in 2001 local municipal amalgamations resulted in the formation of the Townships of Brooke-Alvinston and St. Clair as well as the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and the Municipality of Lambton Shores.
- FTE: 9.0

Official Plan Approvals and Municipal Plan Review (13)

- Former provincial functions were down-delegated to the County in 1998. Involves responsibility for virtually all aspects of planning review formerly done by various provincial ministries and protection of provincial planning interests.

Way Forward Initiative (14)

- P&D Services Department created and administratively separated from Building Services Department (2001/2002).
- Appointment of Manager of Planning and Development Services from existing staff as well as approval to hire senior planner (filled Oct. 2004) and emergency management coordinator (from existing staff).
- FTE: 8.65

Trees By-law Under the Forestry Act (15)

- Over the years, municipalities have had the authority to regulate the harvest of trees on private lands through various statutes. Councils of counties and townships were given the authority to pass tree cutting by-laws through the Trees Conservation Act in 1946 and then the Trees Act in 1950.
- Lambton County's first tree by-law was passed in 1979 under the Trees Act. An update to that by-law was undertaken and passed in 1991.
- A new by-law, By-law 15 of 2002 was completed under the Forestry Act for upper-tier municipalities.
- FTE: 8.65

Emergency Management Act (16)

- Increased legislated requirements for municipalities and a designated Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator.

Trees By-law Under the Municipal Act (17)

- With the recent revisions to the Municipal Act, all municipal tree-cutting by-law provisions were consolidated in a single statute. The new law came into effect on January 1, 2003 and the Ministry of Natural Resources removed the tree by-law provisions from the Forestry Act.
- A new by-law, By-law 45 of 2003 was prepared for the County of Lambton and is now in effect.

Brownfields/Community Improvement Planning (18)

- new legislation regarding redevelopment of former industrial and commercial sites (2005)
- resulting in renewed interest in local community improvement planning, including potential of direct county involvement in local incentive programs.
- FTE: 8.65

Sourcewater Protection/Environmental Planning Initiatives (19)

- expanding role in this area, including involvement/partnership in the following:
- Provincial Sourcewater Protection Planning
- County Groundwater Study
- County Forest Management Plan Update
- Carolinian Canada Natural Heritage Info Sheet
- Ausable Nature Biosphere proposal
- FTE: 8.65

Benchmarking/Performance Measurement Factors

- ❖ Municipal Performance Measurement Program (MPMP):
 - Land Use Planning:
 - Percentage of new lots, blocks and/or units with final approval which are located within settlement areas
 - Percentage of land designated for agricultural purposes which was not re-designated for other uses during the reporting year
 - Percentage of land designated for agricultural purposes which was not re-designated for other uses relative to the base year of 2000
 - Number of hectares of land originally designated for agricultural purposes which was re-designated for other uses during the reporting year
 - Number of hectares of land originally designated for agricultural purposes which was re-designated for other uses since January 1, 2000