

INDEPENDENT PROCESS

LAMBTON COMMUNITY

OBSERVER

HEALTH STUDY

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Lambton County Residents:

The Lambton Community Health Study Board meets to study environmental effects on the health of Lambton County residents. The goal is to develop a process to determine health outcomes from environmental exposures. The ultimate goal is to complete a scientific health study for our community.

Intrinsic Environmental Sciences Inc. delivered their "Scope of Work for the Lambton Community Health Study" on February 3, 2014. Intrinsic anticipates that it will take between three and five years to complete the Lambton Health Study with the best case scenario being three years. The overall low cost estimate is \$2,205,500 and the high cost estimate is \$4,845,500. The "ASK" committee is hopeful that 35% will come from the Federal Government, 35% will come from the Provincial Government with 30% being raised locally. Presentations and invitations to fund are being made at the present time.

The Lambton Health Study Board will include an epidemiology review that will establish the current health status of the community but it will not attempt to retrospectively attribute blame for any proposed health issues. Instead, it will recommend measures that will need to occur to ensure the ongoing protection of health of the community in the future.

The following motion of the Board passed on February 28, 2013, "The Board of the Lambton Community Health Study will secure a minimum of \$5 million in funding for the completion of Phase 3 of the study by April 1, 2014 or it will terminate the LCHS project" was rescinded at the Board Meeting on April 3, 2014. A new motion was passed giving the Board until June 30, 2014 or until operating funds cease to exist to secure required funding.

All through Phase III of the Health Study, the community will be continually updated. Communication with the public in an open and transparent way will be a high priority of the Board.

Any questions, please contact

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