

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 11**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
June 18, 2007
7:00 p.m.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of St. Clair was held this evening with the following members present:

	S. Arnold	Mayor
	P. Gilliland,	Deputy Mayor
	P. Carswell-Alexander,	Councillor
	P. Brown,	“
	D. Randell,	“
	S. Miller,	“
	J. Agar,	“
Staff:	J. Rodey,	CAO
	J. DeMars,	Director of Administration/Clerk/ Deputy CAO

AGENDA:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Adopt Minutes:

Council Meeting of June 4, 2007
Committee of the Whole of June 13, 2007

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:20 p.m. – Agris Cooperative - Amended Site Plan

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Dennis McCready – O’Leary Dr. Assessment
- b) Leo Labadie – O’Leary Dr. Assessment appeal
- c) Thomas Hunt – O’Leary Dr. Assessment appeal
- d) Ronald Kerr – O’Leary Dr. Assessment appeal
- e) Andrea Winter – Johnston Dr. amendments
- f) Doris Maidman – deck
- g) Dave Thomas – deck
- h) Richard Moran – deck
- i) Sombra Optimist Club – permission
- j) Lance Bougard – Brigden Community festival
- k) Morgan Dalgety – Bluewater ferry
- l) Sombra Sports & Recreation – grant request
- m) Bell Mobility – tower request
- n) Property Standards complaint – Paddock Green
- o) Property Standards complaint – Hill St. Mini-Mart

INFORMATION:

- 1) County of Lambton – Council Highlights
- 2) Lorne Dietrich – Margaret Ave./Kimball Road
- 3) St. Clair River Trail – May 23 minutes
- 4) Corunna Community Policing Committee – Thank you

- 5) Corunna Community Policing Committee – June 5th Minutes
- 6) Courtright Friendship Club – parking
- 7) Ed Sauve – parking
- 8) S.C.R.C.A. – proposed Shell project
- 9) Ministry of Agriculture, Food and rural Affairs – Rural Broadband
- 10) Power – Clean Harbors issue
- 11) Connie Courtney – Physician Recruitment Task Force

DRAINS:

- 7:30 p.m. – Court of Revision – Dicer Drain
- 7:40 p.m. – Court of Revision – Hoskin Drain
- 7:50 p.m. – Court of Revision – Johnston Drain
- 8:00 p.m. – Court of Revision – O’Leary Drain West

DRAINAGE BY-LAWS:

- Drainage By-law #16 of 2007 – O’Leary Drain West – 3rd reading
- Drainage By-law #17 of 2007 – Johnston Drain – 3rd reading
- Drainage By-law #18 of 2007 – Dicer Drain – 3rd reading
- Drainage By-law #19 of 2007 – Hoskin Drain – 3rd reading
- Drainage By-law #22 of 2007 – Wark Drain – Amending
- Drainage By-law #23 of 2007 – Murphy Drain - Amending

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Committee of Adjustment-Applications A 5, A 6 and A 7/07

COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

- Agris Co-operative / Brigden Site Plan Amendment

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Intercolonial Drain

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES:

- Bentinck Street Reconstruction

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

- Tender – Surface Treatment 2007

CLERK'S REPORT:

- Property Standards Committee report
- Rural broadband
- Union Gas Storage Rates
- Firefighter Insurance

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

Commissioner of Oaths – Janet Pettit

BY-LAWS:

By-law 39 of 2007 – Site Plan Agreement – Agris Cooperative Ltd.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole – Wednesday, July 11, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting of Council – Monday, July 16, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked members of Council to declare any possible conflicts of interest at the appropriate time.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Councillor Carswell-Alexander declared a conflict of interest prior to the discussion on parking in downtown Corunna and left the chambers.

MINUTES:

Council proceeded to review the minutes as listed on the agenda.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #1 That the minutes of the Council meeting of June 4, 2007 – Session 10 be adopted as printed and circulated:

CARRIED

In discussion of the minutes from the Committee of the Whole Mayor Arnold pointed out that Motion #4 from the Finance and Administration Committee report should read that the Treasurer's report regarding vehicles was received and filed.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #2 That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole (Combined meeting of Finance & Administration and Public Works & Operations) meeting of June 13, 2007, be adopted as printed and circulated and amended.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Four items of correspondence relative to the O'Leary Drain West assessment were referred to the Court of Revision to be held later in the meeting.

Council discussed the letters received from three ratepayers regarding a deck supposedly built on Township property opposite the Charlton Street road allowance in Courtright.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #3 That the issue of the deck constructed supposedly on Township property west of the St. Clair Parkway opposite the Charlton Street road allowance in Courtright be referred to the Building Inspector for investigation and discussion with the party that constructed the deck.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #4 That permission be granted to the Sombra Optimist Club for a refreshment tent for a one day classic car show to be held June 23, 2007 in Port Lambton at Brander Park, subject to the provision of the appropriate policing and security as per Township policy.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #5 That permission be granted to the Brigden Optimist Club for a refreshment tent for the annual Brigden Community Festival to be held August 18, 2007, subject to the provision of the appropriate policing and security as per Township policy, and the road closures Main St. – Courtright Line to Jane St. and Boswell St. adjacent to the Community Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. be approved.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the communication received from Mr. Morgan Dalgety relative to outstanding charges imposed for icebreaking services to the Bluewater Ferry in Sombra.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #6 That a letter of support be provided to the Bluewater Ferry Company in an effort to continue the ferry's winter operation with a copy of the letter of support to be sent to Sarnia-Lambton MP Pat Davidson.

CARRIED

Council suggested the Clerk contact Mr. Dalgety for clarification as to the issue facing Bluewater Ferry and as well a contact be made with Mr. George Malloway of the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partners seeking similar support.

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

At the appointed time Council welcomed Mr. Don Cabbes representing Agris Cooperative in Brigden present to discuss the Coops amended Site Plan Agreement. Mr. Cabbes advised that Agris Cooperative hoped to construct additional grain storage primarily for the 2007 corn crop in support of the ethanol plant. Mr. Cabbes advised that the silo that is subject to the site plan amendment would contain approximately 230,000 bushels of grain to bring the total storage capacity on site to approximately 750,000 bushels. Mr. Cabbes responded to several questions posed by Council. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was;

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #7 That the Council of the Township of St. Clair approve the amended site plan for Agris Cooperative Ltd. to add a new storage bin to an existing grain elevator business in Brigden.

CARRIED

Council recessed

At the appointed time Council adjourned and the Clerk called to order the sitting of the Court of Revision to hear assessment appeals if any on the Dicer Drain.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #8 That Mayor Arnold be appointed as Chairperson for the Township's Court of Revision for this term of Council.

CARRIED

Mr. Mike Devos of Spriet and Associates author of the Engineer's report was present to respond to any possible questions. The Clerk advised that no written appeals had been received on the Dicer Drain assessment. No verbal appeals were offered at this time.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #9 That the Engineer's assessment on the Dicer Drain according to the Engineer's report dated March 27, 2007 be adopted and confirmed and that the Court of Revision on the Dicer Drain be closed.

CARRIED

Council returned to order.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #10 That a donation in the amount of \$250.00 be provided to the Sombra Sports and Recreation Association in sponsorship to the Association's Sombra Days to be held in July.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #11 That the request received from Bell Mobility, dated June 4, 2007 to locate a communications tower on municipal property be referred to staff for report to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #12 That the Property Standards complaint received regarding property in the Paddock Green Subdivision be referred to the Property Standards Officer for investigation and the appropriate action.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #13 That the Property Standards complaint received relative to property on Hill Street be referred to the Property Standards Officer for investigation and appropriate action.

CARRIED

At the appointed time Council recessed and the Court of Revision for the Hoskin Drain was convened. Mr. Mike Devos of Spriet and Associates author of the report was present to answer any questions that may be offered by ratepayers or Members of the Court.

Mr. Pat Seward addressed the Court advising that he was the new owner of property affected by the Hoskin Drain and unfortunately the previous owner did not provide to him any information such as the original Engineer's report. Mr. Seward did not offer an appeal to the assessment. The Court felt that Mr. Devos should be given the opportunity to explain the general nature of his Engineer's report to Mr. Seward for his consideration.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #14 That the Court of Revision on the Hoskin Drain be adjourned to reconvene at 7:55 p.m.

CARRIED

Council returned to order.

Council reviewed the communication received from Mr. Ed Sauve regarding parking on Lyndoch Street in Corunna and as well traffic concerns on Albert Street. Councillor Carswell-Alexander declared a conflict of interest prior to the discussion of the Sauve letter as a downtown Corunna business operator and let the chambers.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #15 That the communication received from Mr. Ed Sauve regarding parking and traffic concerns be received.

CARRIED

Councillor Carswell-Alexander returned to her seat.

Council recessed and the Court of Revision on the Johnston Drain was convened.

Ms. Andrea Winter of Dillon Consulting Limited author of the report was present to respond to any questions posed by the members of the Court or the public. Ms. Winter advised that as requested at the consideration meeting she, Drainage Superintendent Gary DePooter and Mr. MacPherson attended on site to examine possible changes to the watershed. Ms. Winter feels that the watershed should be amended somewhat, and has offered a revised schedule of assessment based on the landowner's meeting in June 2007. The material provided by Ms. Winter was dated June 6, 2007. The Clerk advised the Court

that no written appeals were received on the Johnston Drain assessment. No verbal appeals were offered.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #16 That the Engineer's assessment on the Johnston Drain as amended by the Engineer's supplementary report dated June 6, 2007 be confirmed and adopted and that the Court of Revision on the Johnston Drain be closed.

CARRIED

Court of Revision on the Hoskin Drain was reconvened.

Mr. Devos advised that he has explained the basic provisions of the Hoskin Drain report to Mr. Seward to his satisfaction and in response to the Court's questions Mr. Seward said that he was in agreement with the work provided for in the Engineer's report and had no concerns about his related assessment. No verbal appeals were received and no written appeals had been received.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #17 That the Engineer's assessment on the Hoskin Drain as per the Engineer's report dated March 27, 2007 be accepted and confirmed and that the Court of Revision on the Hoskin Drain be closed.

CARRIED

Council returned to order.

Council acknowledged Ms. Connie Courtney present to discuss with Council her letter regarding Physician Recruitment relative to the activities of the Task Force and efforts by C.E.E. Hospital Foundation. Ms. Courtney stated that there would be a local benefit for the Town of Petrolia to be declared as part of a greater regional area to be under serviced relative to family physicians. Two new physicians have been recruited to establish a practice in Petrolia with Ministry of Health and Long Term Care incentives only being provided to one due to the under serviced area criteria. Ms. Courtney advised that the situation could be rectified with both physicians receiving the financial incentive if St. Clair Township Council would modify its letter to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care adding a provision that St. Clair Township is a participant in the Sarnia Lambton Physician and Health Care Worker Task Force with no intention of fragmenting from the group. After considerable discussion, it was;

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #18 That the March 2007 letter to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care be modified to include the provision that St. Clair Township is a member of the Sarnia-Lambton Physician and Health Care Worker Task Force with no intention of separating from the efforts of the Task Force.

CARRIED

Council pointed out that it was not in a position to commit future Council's and that that position could be subject to change. Ms. Courtney thanked Council for their consideration.

Council recessed and the Court of Revision on the O'Leary Drain West was convened.

The Court was advised by the Clerk that the assessment appeal received from Mr. Ron Kerr on behalf of Bass Wood Farms and Thomas Hunt were received within the requisite time as prescribed by the Drainage Act, but the written appeal from Mr. Leo Labadie was received after the submission deadline and that the Court would have to grant permission for the appeal to be heard.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #19 That the Court of Revision consider the appeal on the O'Leary Drain West filed by Mr. Leo Labadie.

CARRIED

The Chair then called upon Mr. Dennis McCready of Todgham and Case Associates to explain the assessment rationale for the drainage works. Mr. McCready advised that during the meeting to consider the report two ratepayers advised that tiling projects on their property may have changed the watershed somewhat and that, in fact, less of their property is draining into the proposed drainage works. Mr. McCready advised of attending on site with the two ratepayers involved and the Drainage Superintendent to investigate tile and drainage patterns. Mr. McCready stated that based on his observations he feels the assessment should be modified relative to the drainage patterns on the McGee properties. Mr. McCready offered his opinion and a revised schedule of assessment for the drain by letter dated May 25, 2007. The Court acknowledged having copies of the appeals filed by Mr. Labadie, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Hunt. Through the course of the Court all three letters of appeal were presented to the Court by Mr. McCready.

In response to the Thomas Hunt appeal, Mr. McCready advised that the O'Leary Drain West is a combination of an open and enclosed drain with the tile portion of the drain being approximately ninety years old. The drain in its current condition provides for a drainage coefficient of ¼ inch runoff per day and the new drain has been designed to a ½ inch per day drainage coefficient. Mr. McCready also pointed out that if the tile portion of drain was nonexistent the open drain would be considerably wider and deeper to provide the same drainage coefficient. Mr. Hunt or his representative was not present to present verbal evidence before the Court.

The Court then considered the assessment appeal filed by Mr. Ron Kerr on behalf of Basswood Farms. Mr. Kerr appellant was duly sworn. Mr. Kerr presented to the Court photos of the subject drain taken 24 hours after a major rainstorm in December 2004. The photos show that the drain was running freely at less than half the capacity. Mr. Kerr stated his opinion that the current drain is sufficient and is in reasonably good shape and that the drain may be overloaded for a two to three day period after a major rain event. Mr. Kerr pointed out that in his opinion his assessment of \$25,968.38 is excessive relative to the marginal benefit the improved drain would afford. The Court pointed out to Mr. Kerr that the assessment as estimated by the Engineer is the gross assessment that would be eligible for reduction through the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Rural Affairs capital grant.

In a response Mr. McCready advised his opinion that due to the age and relative condition of the tile portion of the drain its replacement is warranted. In his appeal Mr. Labadie advised that the Engineer has increased the number of acres of his property out letting into the O'Learly Drain West and that his assessment should be reduced accordingly. Mr. McCready advised of researching the watershed areas of other drains in the area servicing the Labadie property and pointed out that the 80 acres being assessed under this report is consistent with all the previous reports on the O'Learly Drain West and that 20 acres of the Labadie property does indeed drain to the Arnold #1 Drain to the North which again is consistent with the historical watersheds for the two drains, namely; the O'Learly Drain West and the Arnold #1 Drain. Mr. McCready also pointed out that Mr. Labadie's assessment was reduced to ½ of the normal agricultural assessments for cleared workable land since a portion of the Labadie property is bush land. Mr. Labadie or his agent was not present to present evidence to the Court.

Mr. Joe Kerr identified himself as owner of the property referred to as 806430 Ontario Limited requested permission of the Court to pose several questions to Mr. McCready. The Chair pointed out to Mr. Kerr that it would grant permission for questions to Mr. McCready but that if Mr. Kerr intended to be an appellant to the drain the Court would be asked to give him status and he would be required to be sworn prior to giving any evidence. Mr. Kerr stated that he did not intend to become an appellant, but had several questions for Mr. McCready. Mr. Kerr questioned Mr. McCready if the change to the watershed area relative to the McGee properties was permanent or a one time exemption. Mr. McCready advised that the acreages for the McGee property out letting into the section of the O'Leary Drain West proposed to be improved under this Engineer's report, but would not effect the assessment to the McGee properties for the work done from the termination of this work to the outlet since that work will be assessed for future maintenance in accordance with the Engineer's report from 1982. Mr. Kerr questioned if Mr. McCready resurveyed the McGee properties. Mr. McCready advised that he did not

conduct a technical survey of the McGee properties, but based his recommended assessment changes on a visual observation of the subject property. Hearing no further comments or questions, it was;

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #20 That the Engineer's assessment on the O'Leary Drain West as per the recommendation and amendment dated May 25, 2007 be confirmed and that the Court of Revision be closed.

CARRIED

Council reconvened and proceeded to continue consideration of the communications as listed on the agenda. In discussion of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Rural Affairs Rural Broadband grant program the Clerk advised that he has made several contacts regarding this grant and possible participation by the Township and that a meeting is being convened by the Mr. Charles Fisher of the Lambton County revenue development in the County IT Department with possible participation from Dawn-Euphemia and Enniskillen Townships. Council reviewed the communication received from Power regarding Clean Harbors issue and the Mayor advised that he is drafting a response to the letter and suggested any Member of Council should feel free to share their thoughts with him for incorporation into the Mayor's response.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #21 That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Dennis McCready – O'Leary Dr. Assessment
Inst. Referred to Court of Revision
- b. Leo Labadie – O'Leary Dr. Assessment appeal
Inst. Referred to Court of Revision
- c. Thomas Hunt – O'Leary Dr. Assessment appeal
Inst. Referred to Court of Revision
- d. Ronald Kerr – O'Leary Dr. Assessment appeal
Inst. Referred to Court of Revision
- e. Andrea Winter – Johnston Dr. amendments
Inst. Referred to Court of Revision
- f. Doris Maidman - deck
Inst. See Motion #3
- g. Dave Thomas - deck
Inst. See Motion #3
- h. Richard Moran - deck
Inst. See Motion #3
- i. Sombra Optimist Club - permission
Inst. See Motion #4
- j. Lance Bougard – Brigden Community festival
Inst. See Motion #5
- k. Morgan Dalgety – Bluewater ferry
Inst. See Motion #6
- l. Sombra Sports & Recreation – grant request
Inst. See Motion #10

m. Bell Mobility – tower request

Inst. See Motion #11

CARRIED

DRAINAGE BY-LAWS:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #22 That By-law Number 16 of 2007 being a by-law to authorize the construction and financing of the O’Leary Drain West be read the third time and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #23 That By-law Number 17 of 2007 being a by-law to authorize the reassessment of the Johnston Drain be read the third time and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #24 That By-law Number 18 of 2007 being a by-law to authorize the construction and financing of the Dicer Drain be read the required number of times, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #25 That By-law Number 19 of 2007 being a by-law to authorize the construction and financing of the Hoskin Drain be read the required number of times, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #26 That Drainage By-law Number 22 of 2007, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$1,157.27 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Wark Drain be given the necessary readings and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #27 That Drainage By-law Number 23 of 2007, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$5,866.47 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Murphy Drain be given the necessary readings and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Council reviewed Applications to the Committee of Adjustment identified as A 5, A 6 and A7/07 and offered no comments.

COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

The Coordinator of Planning report relative to the Agris Cooperative property in Brigden was considered during the discussion with the applicant earlier in the meeting.

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #28 That in accordance with Section 84 of the Drainage Act, notice of the intention to abandon the upper 1,000 feet of the Intercolonial Drain, in the West ½ of Lot 1, Concession 12, of the former Moore Township, be sent to the affected ratepayers, and

that if no written request is received from the affected ratepayers to appoint an Engineer, this portion of the Drain be abandoned by by-law of Council.

CARRIED

MOTIONS:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING:

Council reviewed Mr. Burnham's report regarding the tender results for the Bentinck Street reconstruction project. Tenders were as follows:

Henry Heyink Construction	\$306,500.00 plus GST
Nordell Excavating Limited	\$313,268.75 plus GST
VanBree Drainage & Bulldozing	\$318,675.00 plus GST
Murray Mills Excavating	\$334,905.66 plus GST
Birnam Excavating	\$368,759.70 plus GST

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #29 That the tender submitted by Henry Heyink Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$306,500.00 (plus GST) for the Bentinck Street Reconstruction project be accepted, and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Council reviewed Mr. Kerr's report dated June 14, 2007 regarding the recent tender results for various surface treatment projects for 2007.

Lloyd's Paving (Wyoming) Ltd.	\$80,083.00
Cornell Construction Ltd.	\$105,337.43

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #30 That the tender of Lloyd's Paving (Wyoming) Ltd. for the supply and application of Surface Treatment be accepted in the amount of \$80,083.00 and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary by-law and agreements.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

Council was advised verbally of the outcome of the recent meeting of the Property Standards Committee. Council was advised that the Property Standards Committee has given the property owner an additional two weeks to comply with the Property Standards Order.

Council reviewed the Clerk's report relative to Union Gas Storage Rates.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #31 That St. Clair Township accept the financial offer of Union Gas as outlined by letter dated March 26, 2007 for compensation for Township roads and various storage pools.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #32 That St. Clair Township decline the offer of insurance coverage from VFIS Insurance at this time, and that the current policy with Frank Cowan Public Entity for firefighter and councillor insurance be maintained.

CARRIED

Council requested Chief Dewhirst to receive proposals for the provision of comparable insurance for the municipal firefighting force for consideration in the 2008 budget.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rodey led Council in a discussion of possibly entering into encroachment agreements for docks or other structures built on municipal property. Mr. Rodey felt that the encroachment agreement would provide some legitimate status for these structures and liability insurance coverage could be prerequisite for entering into such agreements. Council discussed the possible need for a municipal policy to address such issues.

MOTIONS:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #33 That application be made to extend the Commissioner of Oaths Certificate to Janet Pettit for an additional three year period.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #34 That By-law 39 of 2007, a by-law to authorize execution of a Site Plan Agreement with Agris Cooperative Ltd., Brigden, geographic Township of Moore, Township of St. Clair, be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Pete Gilliland

Deputy Mayor Gilliland briefed Council on a communication received from Mr. Bruce Nutt on a board member of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Board regarding the need for hard surface paving on the proposed expanded parking lot. Council was advised by the CAO that requirements for hard surfacing of parking lots in commercial and institutional areas is required by provisions of the current zoning by-law. The CAO suggested that Council could consider amending its zoning by-law thus placing paving requirements as part of the site plan process. Council suggested Staff work with the Presbyterian Group to advance the development of the parking lot prior to the possible former by-law amendment.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #35 That Staff be instructed to prepare the appropriate by-law to amend the current zoning by-law to remove hard surface paving for parking lots for institutionally zoning properties.

CARRIED

A motion by Councillor Carswell-Alexander to extend the exemption to the commercial area did not get a seconder and failed.

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar requested Council recognition of a young athletic named Jillian Drouin from Corunna who was named Outstanding Athletic of the Year in the Northeastern US Athletic Conference.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell advised of participating in a cheque presentation for the Prairie Passage Program from the Ontario Great Lakes Renewal Fund. Funding for this \$100,000.00 grant came in part from a generous donation by Imperial Oil. Also, Councillor Randell requested staff consider reseeding roadside ditches that are dug, improved or reshaped. Council requested a staff report as to the possible costs of reseeding such drains for consideration of the 2008 budget.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander brought forward requests made at the recent Corunna Community Policing Committee meeting.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #36 That staff be instructed to place at Children at Play sign at the entrance to the St. Clair Heights and Nash Landing Subdivisions.

CARRIED

The Committee request for stop line painting at Albert and Brooktree has already been accomplished.

Councillor Carswell-Alexander also advised Council of the fact that the Township's contribution of \$2,000. to the Moore Agricultural Society for West entrance improvements did not cover the cost of the work invoiced at approximately \$3,600.

Pat Brown

Councillor Brown advised of attending a recent Sarnia and District Heavy Construction Association dinner and tour of the LAWSS facility in Sarnia. Also Councillor Brown advised of an open house at the Courtright Community Hall on July 17 to be hosted by Shell.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold advised that he had directed Mr. Paul Kilby to address his questions regarding a consent be directed to the appropriate staff.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council advised that Mayor Arnold, Deputy Mayor Gilliland and Councillor Steve Miller would attend the upcoming St. Clair Region Conservation Authority tour. It was also noted that the St. Clair River Trail Committee will hold a public input session to discuss the proposed Dedecker Trail Link on June 28th.

Hearing no further business it, was;

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #37 That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK