

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION #8**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
April 21, 2008
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 April 7, 2008
Finance & Administration & Public Works & Operations of April 14, 2008
Moore Museum of March 5, 2008
Sombra Museum of March 20, 2008

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:30pm River Run Rezoning

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Sombra Sports & Recreation Association – permission
- b) Sombra Optimist Club – permission
- c) Property Standards – Brentwood Crescent, Corunna
- d) Township Rec Club – request for increase
- e) Bluewater Health Foundation – permission

INFORMATION:

- 1) MP Pat Davidson – Navigable Waterways & Municipal Drains
- 2) MP Pat Davidson – Enabling Accessibility Fund
- 3) MP Pat Davidson – Agriculture update
- 4) County of Lambton – Outstanding Permits
- 5) Ministry of the Environment – Regulation 450/07
- 6) Tim & Brenda McLaughlin – Rezoning of Lots 38 & 39
- 7) Steve Arnold – Rezoning of Lots 38 & 39
- 8) George & Ida Van Wijnen – Rezoning of Lots 38 & 39
- 9) Don & Hilda Goodman - Rezoning of Lots 38 & 39
- 10) John & Betty Armstrong - Rezoning of Lots 38 & 39
- 11) Barry Uitvlugt – Planning report

- 12) Clean Harbors – Minutes of March 18, 2008
- 13) Royal Canadian Legion Br. 18 – Thank you
- 14) Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal –
- 15) County of Lambton – Road closure
- 16) Darrell Randell – Build Canada Fund in Ontario
- 17) John Rodey – Joint Council Meeting
- 18) Courtright Friendship Club – thank you
- 19) Courtright Friendship Sr.'s Club – invitation
- 20) Huron House Boys' Home Foundation – thank you
- 21) County of Lambton - Council highlights
- 22) AMO – Board meeting report
- 23) AMO – WEEE Program
- 24) Meadowview Villa Auxiliary – thank you
- 25) OPP - Lambton 2008 business plan
- 26) Murray Dudley – Rezoning of Lots 38 & 39
- 27) Les & Alice May Sutherland – Rezoning of Lots 38 & 39
- 28) David Pattenden – Rezoning of Lots 38 & 39
- 29) Concerned resident - Rezoning of Lots 38 & 39
- 30) Holly Nicol - Rezoning of Lots 38 & 39
- 31) Jay McGuffin of Monteith Brown Planning - Rezoning of Lots 38 & 39
- 32) Michael and Leslie Coene - Rezoning of Lots 38 & 39
- 33) Eric and Kathryn White - Rezoning of Lots 38 & 39

DRAINS:

Drainage By-law #3 of 2008 – Laur Drain – 3rd reading
Drainage By-law #8 of 2008 – O'Leary Drain West – actual costs

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

LIVESTOCK VALUERS REPORT:

D. Wilson

DEPUTY TREASURER/COORDINATOR OF ACCOUNTING:

Amended 2007 Council Remuneration

COORDINATOR OF OPERATION (WORKS/DRAINAGE):

Tender of dust suppressant

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS:

Brigden Road Resurfacing
Polymoore Drive Construction
Urban Resurfacing

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clairview Farms
L.G.R.G.P.A – April 24, 2008 annual meeting

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

By-law #23 of 2008 – 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure
By-law #25 of 2008 – Lyndoch Street parking regulations
By-law #27 of 2008 – River Run rezoning

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Council Monday May 5, 2008 – 7:00pm
Finance & Administration and Public Works & Operations Monday May 12, 2008
– 6:00pm
Regular Council *Tuesday* May 20, 2008 – 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor 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 during the consideration of By-law #25 of 2008 being a by-law to regulate parking on Lyndoch Street as a business owner affected by the parking regulations.

MINUTES:

Council proceeded to review the minutes as listed on the agenda. Councillor Brown pointed out that there were omissions on Motion #6.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #1 That the minutes of the Council meeting of April 7, 2008 – Session #7 as amended be adopted as corrected and circulated.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the minutes of April 14, 2008 Committee of the Whole. Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised of receiving a phone call from a rate payer affected by Motion #5 on page 6 of the Public Works and Operations minutes.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #2: That Motion #5 on page 6 of the Public Works and Operations Committee meeting from April 14, 2008 be tabled for further consideration.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #3: That the minutes of the Finance & Administration, Public Works & Operations of April 14, 2008 with the exception of the tabled motion, be received and adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #4: That the minutes of the March 5, 2008 Moore Museum Advisory meeting be received and adopted.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #5: That the minutes of the Sombra Museum Board Meeting of March 20, 2008 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #6: That permission be granted for a refreshment tent at the Sombra Sports and Recreation pig roast and ribbon cutting ceremony to be held June 9, 2008, subject to the provision of the appropriate policing and security as per Township policy.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #7: That permission be granted for a refreshment tent at the Sombra Optimist Club classic car show to be held June 28, 2008 subject to the provision of the appropriate policing and security as per Township policy.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #8: That the letter from a Brentwood Crescent resident be forwarded to the Property Standards Officer for further investigation.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #9: That the request from Julie Dolbear, representing the St. Clair Township Rec Club requesting a donation to match the increase of \$1 per member be granted effective with the next pay period

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #10: That the letter received from Bluewater Health Foundation asking permission to sell Dream Home Lottery tickets throughout the Township be accepted and permission granted.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #11: That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Sombra Sports & Rec - permission
Inst. Motion #6
- b. Sombra Optimist Club - permission
Inst. Motion #7
- c. Brentwood Crescent – Property standards
Inst. Motion #8
- d. Township Rec Club – request for increase match
Inst. Motion #9
- e. Bluewater Health Foundation - permission
Inst. Motion #10

CARRIED

INFORMATION:

The information received from MP Pat Davidson regarding navigable waterways in Municipal Drains to be referred to Public Works staff for information.

The information received from MP Pat Davidson regarding the enabling accessibility fund to be referred to the Director of Community Services for application for the appropriate grant for several accessibility projects including the Sombra Museum ramp and a possible elevator system for the Complex.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #12: That staff be instructed to apply to the enabling accessibility fund grant program for projects to improve accessibility to various Township buildings and facilities.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the information from the County of Lambton Chief Building Official regarding outstanding reports and staff was instructed to contact the County as to the number of outstanding reports in St. Clair Township.

Council reviewed the communications regarding a joint meeting of Lambton County Council and St. Clair Township Council in Wyoming on May 7th at 12:30pm to discuss a legal and property issue of a mutual concern. In review of the Lambton County Council highlights, Council asked for a Treasurer's report on the first item on page 2 of the report related to property class ratios for the 2008 taxation year.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #13: That the items of communications listed for information purposes on the agenda be received and filed.

CARRIED

At the appointed time, Mayor Arnold called to order the public hearing called to consider the application to rezone properties known as Part Lots 38 & 39, Front Concession, geographic Township of Moore, Township of St. Clair. Mayor Arnold explained to those in attendance the procedure that would be followed at this public meeting, that anyone wishing to do so would be given opportunity to express their support or opposition to this proposal. Mayor Arnold then called upon Mr. Barry Uitvlugt, of the Lambton County Planning Department to present his planning merit report on the application dated April 15, 2008. In his report, Mr., Uitvlugt identified specifics of the property such as its size and the request to rezone from open space to residential. It was pointed out that approximately 4.88 acres of the property is proposed to be rezoned as R1-9 to allow the development of 22 single detached dwellings with the remnant 3.13 acres to be zoned M2-3 to provide for 5 townhouse facilities with 17 total units. It was also acknowledged that Council has a copy of the letters of opinion identified on the agenda as well as letters circulated to Council attached to an amended agenda received by the Municipality on April 21, 2008. At the conclusion of Mr. Uitvlugt's presentation, Mayor Arnold asked members of Council if they had any questions of Mr. Uitvlugt. Councillor Agar asked Mr. Uitvlugt to provide an explanation of the option identified in his report as Option 2C which would result in a suburban residential development. Mr. Uitvlugt explained that a typical suburban residential designation provides for relatively large lots having a frontage of 30m. Mayor Arnold then called upon those wishing to address Council in opposition to the proposal.

Bev Byers of 1073 St. Clair Parkway – Mr. Byers stated that he has several questions that he has been unable to get answers for. Mayor Arnold suggested that perhaps Mr. Byers' questions will be answered thru the course of the presentations to Council and he would be given an opportunity to pose those questions if that was not the case.

Holly Nicol of 271 Moore Line – Ms. Nicol stated her opinion that representing the youth of the community, that the land in question should remain open space and be left for the next generation to decide the best future uses.

Jane Marsh of 1775 Moore Line – Ms. Marsh is speaking against the rezoning and felt that earlier Councils had a vision for Mooretown as a civic center and this current Council has

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lost the vision of the previous Council. When questioned, Ms. Marsh stated if the property was to be developed residentially, she would favor Option 2C or Option 3.

Brenda McLaughlin of 1211 Emily Street – Ms. McLaughlin says that she is opposed to the urban development of such high intensity and that Mooretown is not necessarily the best urban area to locate such a development due to the lack of services such as shopping, bank and commercial developments. Ms. McLaughlin also stated that in her opinion the property should not be sold or developed and questioned how the property was offered for sale.

Ed Clydesdale of 259 Moore Line – Mr. Clydesdale stated that it was his opinion that past Councils had a vision to have this property to remain in Township ownership for the public good. If Council feels that there is a need to expand the residential opportunities in Mooretown, there are other properties that may be more appropriate than the subject property.

Murray Dudley of 1099 Emily Street – Mr. Dudley advised that he was opposed to the development as the nearest potential neighbor and when questioned by Council, he suggested Council follow Option 4 of Mr. Uitvlugt's report which was to defer the matter.

Gaston Drapeau of 1137 St. Clair Parkway – Mr. Drapeau stated that he is against the development and feels the property would be wasted on an intense housing development. He is also against townhouses or single family developments.

Terry Little of 255 Fane Street – Mr. Little questioned whether Council has looked at the vehicular and pedestrian safety and congestion if this intense development is allowed along Emily Street. Mr. Little advised that he is opposed to the development.

Paul Fitzgerald of 899 St. Clair Parkway – Mr. Fitzgerald advised that he is against the proposal and the subject property should be left as green space.

Arnold Pole of 921 St. Clair Parkway – Mr. Pole advised that he is against the proposed development and he feels that it would destroy the town center concept of Mooretown and will only benefit the developer.

Doug Henderson of 1133 St. Clair Parkway – Mr. Henderson advised that he is against the development and this property is one of few properties left for public to enjoy. He feels the property should be left for public use. Mr. Henderson also felt that the property should remain in its current state until the impact of the proposed Shell Refinery project is determined. He feels if the Township should consider selling the property in the future, an appraisal should be done, both before and after a possible Shell development announcement. Mr. Henderson also stated in his opinion that the Township should strike a sub-committee to study the possible sale of high profile public properties and that the Township's property disposal policy should be reinforced and strengthened. He questions Council's desire to sell the property now and why it chose to consider such a high density residential development. Mr. Henderson feels that the consideration of the rezoning should be deferred for at least 3 years to determine the best possible public use.

Alice Sutherland of 965 St. Clair Parkway – Ms. Sutherland is opposed to any residential development on the property and that it should be left as open space and Council should consider ways of putting public uses on the property.

Stuart McKinney of 61 McDonald Street – Mr. McKinney advised that there is too much traffic in Mooretown now and the proposed development would aggravate this situation and the property should be left as is.

Jerry MacPherson of 1205 Penrise Street – Mr. MacPherson advised that in his opinion the Township should consider an addition to the Sports Complex.

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Lee Brandon of 1226 St. Clair parkway – Mr. Brandon questioned the sanitary sewer capacity and wants the consideration of such development deferred until the sewer capacity can more accurately be determined.

Hearing no further comments against the proposal, Mayor Arnold called for those who wish to speak in support. No one other than the proponent was in support of the proposal.

Ms. Elizabeth Cromier identified herself as the solicitor of the proponent and provided to the meeting a brief history of the issue and the goals attempted to be achieved by the developer.

Mr. Roger Belling identified himself as being the developer of the proposed subdivision and stated as the applicant, he was in agreement with Mr. Uitvlugt's planning report of April 15. Mr. Belling felt that the proposal before Council represented an efficient use of the existing services and actually that the single family could be considered to be low-density residential development and the townhouses proposed would be medium density. The original concept proposed for 50 residential and it has been revised down to approximately 39 units. He feels the application represents sound land use planning and the application is consistent with the Township's Official Plan.

Mr. Steve Langlois identified himself as a planning consultant speaking on behalf of the developer. He too, agrees with Mr. Uitvlugt's April 15th planning report and states in his opinion that the development represents good land use planning relative to the Township's Official Plan. He also stated the concerns of the rate payers in attendance could be addressed through the subdivision approval process. In response to Councillor Brown's question relative to his opinion as to Option 2C in Mr. Uitvlugt's report, Mr. Belling advised that he would have to give further thought to the suburban residential designation identified as Option 2C.

Mayor Arnold questioned Mr. Uitvlugt as to why berms and not brick fencing was recommended in the proposal for mitigating noise from the CSX rail line. Mr. Uitvlugt advised that the berming was recommended by the developer's noise study consultants.

Bev Byers – Mr. Byers posed several questions as to the existing services in the area as to the size of the services supplying the Township Civic Center and what size the sewer servicing would be for the proposed new development. Mr. Byers also questioned who would pay for the cost of extending these services and where the service connections would be.

Terry Gray of 595 Riverside Drive - Mr. Gray advised that he is a consultant retained by the developer to do, at this stage of the development, preliminary design considerations. Mr. Gray stated that the servicing extension would be paid for by the developer and detailed engineering studies have not been determined until a decision is made on the rezoning application relative to the number of units that are proposed to be developed. Mr. Gray stated that in his opinion there are no capacity issues with the extension of the existing services.

Eugene Robbins of 1393 Moore Line – Mr. Robbins made a comment and questioned Mayor Arnold's earlier invitation to attend the April 22nd Strategic Planning launch meeting which is certainly open to the public but not necessarily focused on this issue before Council tonight. In response to Mr. Robbin's questions, Mr. Uitvlugt pointed out that such a development is required to go through three stages, the first being the Official Plan amendment, which is passed by local Council and approved or denied by the County. Step two in the process is rezoning, and step three is the subdivision agreement.

Dale Mutt of St. Clair Parkway – Mr. Mutt questioned if this proposed development represented the best use for the remaining sanitary sewer capacity and questioned the financing of the Courtright Sewage Treatment Plant expansion once it reaches capacity.

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Dave Kelly of 1114 Sophie Street – Mr. Kelly stated his opinion that the development would require an upgrading of Emily Street by way of curbs, gutters and sidewalks and questioned who would pay for this upgrading.

Pat Mullen of 1224 Emily Street – Ms. Mullen also stated her objection to the proposal and questioned Mr. Uitvlugt as to the process the County follows in consideration of official plan amendments and the planning process as explained to Mr. Robbins, such a development processes.

Sharon Nicol of 271 Moore Line – Ms. Nicol asked Council for a show of hands relative to the application before Council and Mayor Arnold stated his opinion on the inappropriateness in a public hearing format for such a display. Ms. Nicol also asked Council and staff if they were aware of a recreational concept plan developed for the subject property many years ago. Staff and Council were unaware of such a concept drawing.

Ray Cromeau of 895 St. Clair Parkway – Mr. Cromeau stated his opinion that he is opposed to the development and that the development will change Mooretown forever.

John Mac Pherson of 1250 St. Clair Parkway – Mr. MacPherson stated that Council should listen to those speaking in opposition and do the will of the people in turning down the application.

Councillor Brown questioned Mr. Uitvlugt as to the appeal processes available to both the citizens and the developer relative to the decision made by Council. Mr. Uitvlugt detailed to the meeting the various appeal procedures and timings.

Sharon Nicol – provided to the meeting an additional written submission relative to her earlier comment regarding an earlier recreational development plan.

Rick Hannich of 1117 St. Clair Parkway – Mr. Hannich explained to Council his rationale that if Council chooses to do nothing, those in opposition to the proposal will not appeal Council's decision to the OMB and the only one who may appeal is the one who is anticipating a financial gain, that being the developer.

Joan Brown of 81 Moore Line – Ms. Brown questioned if revenue from the sale of the property would lower her property taxes and questioned that why the Township is considering the development of a strategic plan after the proposed rezoning. In her opinion, the strategic plan should address vacant municipal properties.

Dan O'Brien of 916 St. Clair parkway – Mr. Brown stated that in his opinion he was opposed to the proposal and Council should follow the will of the public.

Hearing no further comments the Mayor declared the public hearing closed and Council returned to order.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #14: That Council adopt Option 4 in the Planner's Merit report dated April 15, 2008 and that the consideration of the rezoning of property known as Parts Lot 38 & 39 Front Concession, geographic Township of Moore, Township of St. Clair be deferred for reconsideration within the time frame parameters as established by the Planning Act.

CARRIED

Councillor Carswell-Alexander asked Mr. Uitvlugt if Council could repeal the earlier by-law approving the Official Plan amendment. When questioned, Mr. Uitvlugt advised that he thought the deferral period could be as long as 120 days, but he would do further research relative to the Planning Act provision.

DRAINS:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #15: That By-law #3 of 2008 being a by-law to authorize the construction and financing of the Laur Drain report be read the third time and be finally passed, signed and sealed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #16: That drainage By-law #8 of 2008, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$103,189.89 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the reconstruction and improvement to the O'Leary Drain West be given the necessary readings and be 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 #17: That the Engineer's amendment to the Laur Drain dated April 15, 2008 to satisfy the requirements of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans be accepted and incorporated into the Laur Drain as prescribed by By-law #3 of 2008.

CARRIED

LIVESTOCK VALUER REPORT:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #18: That the report submitted by the Livestock Valuer dated April 12, 2008 in the amount of \$550.00 inspection fees be accepted and received as information.

CARRIED

DEPUTY TREASURER/CORDINATOR OF ACCOUNTING:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #19: That the report submitted by the Deputy Treasurer/Coordinator of Accounting dated April 14, 2008 regarding the "Amended 2007 Council Remuneration" be accepted and received as information.

CARRIED

COORDINTOR OF OPERATIONS (WORKS/DRAINAGE):

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #20: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Works/Drainage) dated April 15, 2008 recommending that the tender submitted by Pollard Highway Products Ltd. for supply and application of dust suppressant at a cost of \$110,250.00 (including GST) be accepted as amended to provide for 4 applications on the loose top portion of Plank Road and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND ENGINEERING:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #21: That the report submitted by the Director of Operations and Engineering dated April 16, 2008 recommending that the tender submitted by Huron Construction Co. Ltd. for the resurfacing of Brigden Road from McCallum to Bickford and Plank to Marshall in the amount of \$902,671.80 (plus GST) be accepted, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #22: That the tender submitted by Coores Construction in the amount of \$643,000.00 (plus GST) for the construction of Polymoore Drive be accepted, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #23: That the report submitted by the Director of Operations and Engineering dated April 16, 2008 recommending that the tender submitted by Cope Construction and Contracting Inc. for urban resurfacing in the amount of \$313,783.00 (plus GST) be accepted, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised Council of an issue to be discussed later in the meeting at an in-camera session with the issue related to a legal matter. The Clerk also reminded Council of the April 24th meeting of the Lambton Rural Game Protective Association. Four members of Council identified their ability to attend this meeting.

BY-LAWS:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #24: That By-law Number 23 of 2008, being a By-law to authorize an agreement with the Province of Ontario to allow the participation in the 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge infrastructure investment program, having been given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Prior to the discussion of By-law #25, being a by-law to regulate parking on Lyndoch Street, Councillor Carswell-Alexander identified a conflict of interest as a property owner in the area and declined participation in the discussion and left the Council Chambers.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #25: That By-law Number 25 of 2008, the By-law for the Township of St. Clair to regulate vehicular parking and authorize the placement of appropriate signs, having been given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Pete Gilliland:

Deputy Mayor Gilliland questioned the status of the previously requested organizational chart for the Municipality. The CAO advised that the chart has been completed, but has not yet been circulated to Council. Also Deputy Mayor Gilliland questioned the line painting on the St. Clair Parkway near the No Frills property and staff was asked to check the status of this project. Deputy Mayor Gilliland also advised of receiving rate payer concerns due to the lack of playground equipment at the Township Park in the Emi/Templeton area of Courtright and also the Vroom park playground equipment. Council requested a report from the Director of Community Services on the playground equipment for both of these parks. Councillor Miller advised that he sits on the Parks Advisory Committee and part of the mandate of this Committee was to examine the facilities at each of the Township's parks and report its findings thru the Committee to Council. The Deputy Mayor also advised of receiving continuing complaints regarding the construction activity on Paddock Green relative to dust, mud and parking congestion. The Deputy Mayor also questioned the status of the building renovations being carried out at the intersection of St. Clair Parkway and Hwy #80. In response to the Deputy Mayor's questions, the CAO advised that a permit has been issued for the renovations to the motel facilities, but the owners plan to apply for a rezoning to redesignate the property in question.

Jeff Agar:

Councillor Agar also questioned the St. Clair Parkway painting near the No Frills property and advised Council that he and Mayor Arnold were very successful in the recent canoe race sponsored by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, at which time he and the Mayor received 2 first place trophies. Councillor Agar also commented on the success of the recent Committee of the Whole meeting in Wilkesport and suggested that consideration be made to staging future meetings at various venues.

Darrell Randell:

Councillor Randell led Council into discussion of recent emails received regarding the St. Clair River sediment working group and the suggestion of a Township staff member to be appointed as the Township representative on this committee.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #26: That Council appoint a staff member as its representation on its St. Clair River sediment working group.

CARRIED

Steve Miller:

Councillor Miller advised that further to previous discussions, he had reviewed possible parking restrictions in Port Lambton and he will file his recommendations at the next meeting of the Public Works and Operations Committee.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander suggested that the line painting on the St. Clair parkway, adjacent to the No Frills store, be supplemented with appropriate overhead signage.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #27: That staff be instructed to report of the possible cost and placement of overhead traffic directional signs on the St. Clair Parkway near the No Frills facility.

DEFEATED

Councillor Carswell-Alexander also advised of receiving some information that may lead to the belief that the culvert recently installed at the intersection of Hwy#40 and Moore Line is substandard. Council suggested that Councillor Carswell-Alexander be invited to provide such information to the Ministry of Transportation as a citizen and not as a member of St. Clair Township Council.

Pat Brown:

Councillor Brown reminded Council of the 6:30pm launch of the Township Strategic Plan scheduled for April 22nd and the April 23rd Clean Harbors open house to be hosted at the Civic Centre.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold advised Council of the many activities that he has attended on behalf of the Municipality since the last meeting of Council including the Highfield agricultural announcement and the Cancer Society's chili luncheon. The Mayor also advised of receiving complaints resulting from the current Paddock Green construction.

The Clerk advised Council that the item he wished bring to Council's attention in camera relative to a legal issue was not time sensitive and could be postponed until the next meeting of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #28: That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK