

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
SESSION # 18**

St. Clair Civic Centre  
Council Chambers  
September 7, 2010  
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
	J. Baranek	Deputy Clerk

**AGENDA:**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:**

**Adopt Minutes:**

Regular Council meeting of August 23, 2010 ~ Session #17  
Moore Museum meeting minutes of August 4, 2010

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

7:15pm - Brigden Optimist Splash Pad  
7:30pm – Tracy Anderson ~ property purchase

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Provident Energy Ltd. – top soil removal
- b) Lambton Historical Society – request
- c) London Health Sciences – lottery
- d) OPP contract renewal proposal

**INFORMATION:**

- 1) Min of Natural Resources – Human – Wildlife Conflicts
- 2) Enniskillen Express – thank you
- 3) County of Lambton – Council Highlights
- 4) David and Lori-Anne Vokes – solar micro-fit

**DRAINS:**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

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**DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT:**

Mayhead vs By-Law #21 of 2010 – update  
B.F. Environmental – request

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:**

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Compliance Audit Committee – Selection Committee appointee

**CAO'S REPORT:**

**MOTIONS:**

Union Gas franchise agreement

**BY-LAWS:**

By-law #40 of 2010 – Union Gas Franchise  
By-law #41 of 2010 – Confirming by-law

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Emergency Services/Enbridge – fundraiser September 16, 2010

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2011 Community Calendar

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Drainage Committee – Wednesday, September 8, 2010 ~ 7:00 p.m.  
Committee of the Whole - Monday, September 13, 2010 ~ 6:00 p.m.  
Regular Council – Monday, September 20, 2010 ~ 7:00 p.m.  
Drainage Committee – Wednesday September 29, 2010 ~ 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:**

None declared.

**MINUTES:**

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

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

**Motion #1** That the minutes of the Council meeting held August 23, 2010 – Session # 17 be adopted as printed and circulated

**CARRIED**

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Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #2:** That the minutes of the Moore Museum meeting held August 4, 2010 be adopted as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

Council reviewed the letter from Provident Energy Ltd. regarding possible top soil removal from the recently acquired site. It was pointed out that the removal of the top soil could be addressed in the proposed site plan and several members of Council were anxious to see a copy of the site plan prior to going to the site plan review process and were also concerned about a drainage plan. It was suggested that more information be provided at the next meeting of Committee or Council.

Council reviewed the request received from the Township representative on the Lambton Historical Society regarding hosting in the Council Chambers, their regular meeting on October 28, 2010 from 7-10 pm. The request also included the Township to sponsor a luncheon and have members of Council attend to assist with the luncheon.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

**Motion #3:** That permission be granted to the Lambton Historical Society to host an October 28, 2010 meeting in the Civic Center Council Chambers between 7 and 10pm and further that the Township sponsor the cost of a luncheon and that all available members of Council to attend.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #4:** That Council grant its permission for the sale of London Health Sciences fall lottery tickets within the Municipality under the authority of a provincial license.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Arnold briefed Council on the results of a recent meeting with the Mayor's Committee on policing regarding the proposed contract renewal with the participating municipalities and the Lambton Group Police Services with the OPP.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion #5:** That St. Clair Township accept the recommendation from the Mayor's Committee on policing to enter into a contract renewal with the Ontario Provincial Police for contracting policing services under the Lambton Group Policing protocol.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

**Motion #6:** That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Provident Energy Ltd. – top soil removal  
**Inst.** Refer for report
- b. Lambton Historical Society - request  
**Inst.** See motion #3
- c. London Healthy Sciences - lottery  
**Inst.** See motion #4
- d. OPP contract renewal proposal  
**Inst.** See motion #5

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**

**DEPUTY CLERK REPORT:**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #7:** That the report received from the Deputy Clerk, Jeff Baranek dated August 31, 2010 regarding Mayhead vs. By-law #21 of 2010 OMB hearing be received as information.

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion #8:** That the report received from the Deputy Clerk, Jeff Baranek dated August 31, 2010 recommending that Council provide direction for the proposed Regan Park alteration from St. Clair Parkway as well as address the request from BF Environmental to reduce the application fees for consent and for Council to direct Gary DePooter to draft a report for the installation of a curb stop to access the pump station in Regard Park be received.

**CARRIED**

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk provided a verbal report as to the requirement to appoint a member of staff to sit on the Compliance Audit Selection Committee. The Clerk explained that the purpose of the meeting was to review and possibly interview those citizens at large who expressed an interest in participation with the Committee. Council directed that the Clerk perform this function on behalf of the Municipality.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

**BY-LAWS:**

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #9:** That By-law Number 41 of 2010, the By-law for the Township of St. Clair to confirm the resolutions and motions of St. Clair Township which were adopted up to and including the August 23, 2010 Council meeting, having been given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

At the appointed time, Council welcomed Mr. Mike Courtney of the Brigden Optimist Club present to present to Council the Optimist Club proposal to construct a splash pad in Brigden. Mr. Courtney pointed out that the estimated cost of the splash pad is \$130,000 and the group is asking for a 75% municipal sponsorship with the balance to be repaid to the Municipality over a 5 year period. Mr. Courtney also pointed out that the proposal also calls for a 75/25% split of any grants the project may be eligible for. It was also pointed out that the Optimist Club will take the lead in pursuing grants and fundraising activities. Councillor Carswell-Alexander pointed out that the other two splash pads were financed by the Municipality on a 50/50% cost share. After considerable discussion, it was;

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #10:** That Council accept in principal the proposal offered by the Brigden Optimist Club for the initial financing and construction of a splash pad in Brigden on a 50/50% cost contribution between the Municipality and the Optimist Club for possible 2011 construction.

**CARRIED**

Mr. Courtney advised that he would present the Township's offer to the Optimist Club for their review and acceptance. It was pointed out by several members of Council that if the Brigden Optimist Club has financial difficulties, the 5 year repayment schedule could be lengthened.

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Tracy Anderson, a resident of Courtright was present to discuss with Council the proposal to purchase a piece of property adjacent to her property in the approximate size of 18 feet by 39 feet that was once the site of the former Courtright jail. In her investigation, Mrs. Anderson advised that legal and survey costs for the property would be about \$2700 and at the Township's current sale of land price of \$10,000 per acre the land value would be approximately \$161.00. Mrs. Anderson is asking the Township to forgo the necessity of a survey. It was pointed out by staff that the survey is not a Municipal requirement but may be a requirement to get in order to get a deed registered appropriately. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mrs. Anderson advised of a consultation with her solicitor who may be able to achieve the development of a deed without the benefit of a survey.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #11:** That the Township is willing to sell a parcel of property that was the site of the former Courtright jail at a selling price of \$10,000 per acre plus legal costs and subject to the necessity of a survey.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**Pete Gilliland**

Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised of a complaint regarding the use of Parkdale Park. It was pointed out that a neighbor has cut the Parkdale Park fence at the south end to accommodate his dog running loose at the park. Staff was instructed to examine the fence and take the appropriate action.

**Darrell Randell**

Councillor Randell advised of attending a recent meeting of the Sydenham District Hospital Physician Recruitment Group.

**Pat Brown**

Councillor Brown questioned accident insurance coverage for museum volunteers. Council was advised by staff that these volunteers are not currently covered with such accident insurance coverage and earlier investigations have determined that such coverage is not available. Councillor Brown questioned the status of the Albert Street sidewalk project and staff was asked to provide a report on this project at the next meeting of the Public Works & Operations Committee. Councillor Brown led Council into a discussion of the possibility of asking the Federal Government through MP Pat Davidson and the Canadian Space Agency to develop a commemorative plaque in honor of Canadian Astronaut Chris Hadfield.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

**Motion #12:** That MP Pat Davidson and the Canadian Space Agency be approached with the request to develop a commemorative plaque to honor Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield for possible placement at Guthrie Park opposite Stag Island.

**CARRIED**

**Steve Arnold**

Mayor Arnold advised of the various functions he has attended over the last several weeks including the Brigden Ambassador competition, a meeting with OPG, a meeting with the LAWS group and the recent Sarnia Labor Day parade.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council discussed the possibility of developing a 2011 community calendar similar to that developed for 2010. It was suggested that if possible the County's Hazzard Waste Disposal days be advertised.

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Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #13:** That Council support the development of a Community Calendar for 2011 at an approximate cost of \$6,000.

**CARRIED**

Council was advised by the Clerk of a conversation with Shelly Lucier of the Sombra Museum regarding an application to the Ontario Heritage Fund for a commemorative plaque to be placed at the site of Baby's Point Settlement which is now Brander Park. It was suggested that if the Municipality is the lead in the application, the Ontario Heritage Trust would be expecting a \$5,000 municipal contribution towards the estimated \$20,000 cost but however, if a small non-profit organization was the lead in the application, the local contribution may be reduced to \$2000.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #14:** That the Sombra Museum be requested to apply for the Ontario Heritage Fund for the Baby's Point commemorative plaque.

**CARRIED**

The CAO advised of an invitation received from Mark Huzevka to tour the Envirofresh Greenhouses, south of the Bickford Line. Council established a tour be set up on Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Council was also reminded of the Emergency Services meeting on Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #15:** That the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss a legal and property issue.

**CARRIED**

Meeting returned to order.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

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MAYOR

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CLERK