

TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR

COUNCIL AGENDA

SESSION #2

St. Clair Township Civic Centre
January 15, 2018
5:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of Council was held Monday, January 15, 2018 at the Council Chambers in Mooretown at 5:00 p.m. with the following people present:

S. Arnold	Mayor
P. Gilliland	Deputy Mayor
J. Agar	Councillor
J. De Gurse	“
D. Randell	“
T. Kingston	“
S. Miller	Councillor

Staff:	J. Rodey	CAO
	J. Baranek	Clerk

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Minutes:

Regular Council Meeting – Session #1 – January 8, 2018
Finance & Administration Meeting – January 8, 2018
Public Works & Operations Meeting – January 8, 2018

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

5:00 p.m. – John Leslie – “In-Camera” – Update on ongoing Litigation
(re: Sewage Lagoon)
6:00 p.m. – Tony Commisso – Frank Cowan Company

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Legion Br. 447 – Hydro Relief Assistance
- 2) Legion Br. 447 – Temporary Outdoor Patio Extension

INFORMATION:

- a) OEB Notice – UG Natural Gas Wells

DRAINS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS’ (WORKS) REPORTS:

- Mailbox Policy
- Wood Chipper – 2018 Capital Item – Equipment

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- Approved 2018 Capital Budget

DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT:

- Request for Extension/Amendment to Temporary Modular Building Agreement
785 Petrolia Line (Nova Chemicals – Corunna Site)

CLERK'S REPORTS:

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Special Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 17, 2018 ~ 3:00 p.m.
at the Emergency Services Building
- Regular Council – Monday, January 29, 2018 ~ 6:30 p.m.
- Committee of the Whole – Monday, February 12, 2018 ~ 3:00 p.m.
- Regular Council – Tuesday, February 20, 2018 ~ 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Council – Monday, March 5, 2018 ~ 6:30 p.m.
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In Camera:

- 239 (2) (f) Solicitor advice related to ongoing litigation with Organix Matters
Inc.
- 239 (2) (h) Review of a Preliminary Report of the Ombudsman

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Arnold called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and asked members of Council to declare any possible conflicts of interest at the appropriate time.

None declared.

ADOPT MINUTES:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #1 Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Council meeting Session #1 held January 8, 2018 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #2 Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Finance & Administration and the Public Works & Operations meetings held January 8, 2018 be received and accepted as corrected.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #3 Be it resolved that Council accept the following items of correspondence as per Council's direction:

- 1) Legion Br. 447 – Hydro Relief Assistance
- 2) Legion Br. 447 – Temporary Outdoor Patio Extension

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #4 Be it resolved that the request submitted by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 in Corunna for relief from excessively high power bills be tabled until a value of the requested relief is identified by the Legion.

TABLED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion #5 Be it resolved that the request submitted by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 in Corunna to extend their liquor license for the 8th Annual Summer Kick Off Event to be held June 16, 2018 be approved subject to all applicable laws.

CARRIED

INFORMATION:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #6 Be it resolved that the following item of information be dealt with as per Council's instructions for agenda item identified a):

- a) OEB Notice – UG Natural Gas Wells

CARRIED

DRAINS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS' (WORKS) REPORTS:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #7 Be it resolved that the report of David Neely – Coordinator of Operations (Works) dated January 10, 2018 be received and that Council approve the increase for the maximum allowance for the replacement of damaged mailboxes from the existing \$50 per mailbox to \$75, and that the mailbox policy be updated accordingly.

CARRIED

Moved by J. De Gurse

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion #8 Be it resolved that the report of David Neely – Coordinator of Operations (Works) regarding a Wood Chipper – 2018 Capital Item – Equipment dated January 10, 2018 be received and that the Township procurement policy be waived for economic benefits, and that the quote submitted by Vermeer Canada Inc. in the amount of \$27,475.20 (including trade-in, shipping and net HST) for the supply of a 2013 Vermeer BC1000XL Wood Chipper, be approved for purchase.

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #9 Be it resolved that the report of Treasurer – Charlie Quenneville *Approved 2018 Capital Budget* be received as information and the Capital Budget be updated accordingly.

CARRIED

DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT:

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion #10 Be it resolved that the report submitted by Carlie McClemens – Deputy Clerk/Coordinator of Planning dated January 8, 2018 be received as information and that the request for an extension to the Temporary Modular Building Agreement with Nova Chemicals (Canada) Ltd. for 785 Petrolia Line to permit 23 modular units on site until February 28, 2018, be approved and that staff be authorized to permit extensions as needed.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion #11 Be it resolved that staff be directed to prepare a report on increasing security at the Civic Centre and the Moore Sports Complex and for Township representatives responding to complaints within the Township.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

5:00 p.m. – John Leslie – Update on Sewage Lagoon Litigation

Mr. Leslie was called into court and was unable to make the meeting. He will present at a future meeting.

6:00 p.m. - Tony Commisso – Frank Cowan Company – 2018 Insurance Coverage

At the appointed time of 6:00 p.m., Mayor Arnold welcomed Tony Commisso of the Frank Cowan Company to present the 2018 Municipal Insurance policy for the Township.

Deputy Mayor Gilliland asked for justification on a proposed 4.9% increase for the 2018 premium compared to 2017. Tony advised that, for general liability, every dollar spent on premium was costing Cowan more than a dollar and the amount of claims against the Township was relatively high when compared to other municipalities of the same approximate size. Tony felt that this was an anomaly and explained that risk assessment measures being undertaken within the Township should result in fewer claims going forward. Tony admitted that municipal claims are generally lower in severity and higher in volume.

Tony committed to supplying the Township with a list of current and past claims, along with their costs.

In terms of coverage for Township volunteers, an additional \$500 would cover up to 250 volunteers. Cowan requires the approximate number of volunteers that would be associated with each committee of Council but, not their specific name. In order to secure coverage under this policy, volunteers would need to be under the direction of a Township official in some capacity and a screening or training process was preferred to ensure that volunteers are properly suited to perform their tasks.

Deputy Mayor Gilliland sought clarification of item 6 on page 13 related to protection of renters of Township facilities. The Township is always covered when the renters are using a Township facility. The group renting such facilities should be required to provide insurance when renting a Township facility for their own protection.

After a robust discussion, Mayor Arnold asked if a motion was forthcoming.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #12 Be it resolved that the 2018 Insurance Policy provided by Frank Cowan Company for Township wide coverage be approved.

**** Deputy Mayor Gilliland requested a recorded vote****

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Councillor Randell	Aye
Councillor Agar	Aye
Deputy Mayor Gilliland	Nay
Councillor Miller	Aye
Councillor Kingston	Aye
Councillor Degurse	Aye
Mayor Arnold	Aye

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Councillor Miller:

Councillor Miller attended a meeting with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority related to flood action.

Mayor Arnold:

Mayor Arnold attended many events representing the Township since the last meeting of Council including: a cheque presentation at the SCRCA from Plains Midstream related to water quality and an Emergency Services meeting.

Mayor Arnold has conducted numerous flood watches along the St. Clair River and has been in contact with Marilyn Gladu related to financial commitments involved in repairing the causeway to the Sombra ferry dock. Mayor Arnold also expressed concern with the extended shipping season that used to terminate on December 15 but, now continues long after ice has formed in the St. Clair River.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business to discuss, it was thereby moved:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #13 That the meeting of Council hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK