



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION #2

St. Clair Township Civic Centre
February 3, 2020
3:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of Council was held Monday, February 3, 2020 at the Council Chambers in Mooretown at 3:00 p.m. with the following people present:

S. Arnold	Mayor
S. Miller	Deputy Mayor
R. Atkins	Councillor
P. Brown	Councillor
J. De Gurse	Councillor
T. Kingston	Councillor
B. Myers	Councillor

Staff:	J. Rodey	CAO
	J. Baranek	Clerk

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. NEW BUSINESS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting - Session #1 - January 6, 2020

4.2 Heritage St. Clair Committee Meeting - November 21, 2019

4.3 Joint Health and Safety Committee Meeting – November 27, 2019

4.4 St. Clair River Trail – Planning & Development – Regular Meeting – November 27, 2019

4.5 Moore Sports Complex Renewal Committee Meeting – January 8, 2020

4.6 Port Lambton 200th Anniversary Committee Meetings – November 5 and December 3, 2019

4.7 Lambton Farm Safety Meeting – January 20, 2020

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

5.1 3:30 p.m. – Mike and Jennifer Baker – Ongoing Sewer/Drainage Issues – Old River Road, Port Lambton

5.2 3:45 p.m. – Anne Hazzard/Chairperson – Port Lambton 200th Anniversary Committee

6. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

- 6.1 Letter – Art Parrish – Brander Park Pedestrian Crossing Concerns
- 6.2 Letter – Economic Development Officer – Lighting Concerns at Bentpath Line & Highway 40
- 6.3 Letter – Moore Sports Complex Renewal Project Fundraising Events Coordinator – Auction Donation Request
- 6.4 Letter – Operation Christmas Tree – House Fires Relief Donation Request
- 6.5 Property Standards Concerns – St. Clair Parkway, Courtright
- 6.6 Sombra Fishing Derby Proposal
- 6.7 Letter – Ken Sterling – Traffic Concerns on Hill Street
- 6.8 Letter – Request for Volleyball Courts at Brander Park

7. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 7.1 December 2019 – Building Permits Report
- 7.2 Letter – City of Samia Resolution Endorsement Request –Ontario Power Generation Deep Geologic Repository Project
- 7.3 Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology – Major Fibre Projects in Lambton County
- 7.4 Letter – Lambton County Regional Trails & Active Transportation Committee – Request for Photos & Information
- 7.5 Letter – Knights of Columbus – Charity Foundation Lottery Permission Request
- 7.6 Re-composition of OPP Detachment Boards & Invitation to Regional Roundtable Sessions
- 7.7 Provincial Grant Announcement for OCIF 2020 and OMPF 2021
- 7.8 Director of Emergency Services' Information Report
- 7.9 Fire Department Prevention and Fire Safety Education Activities Report
- 7.10 Coordinator of Operations' (Water/Wastewater) Monthly Report
- 7.11 Drainage Superintendent's Monthly Report
- 7.12 Director of Community Services' Information Report

8. DRAINS

- 8.1 Drainage By-Law 35 of 2019 – Sweeney Drain - Final
- 8.2 Drainage By-Law 1 of 2020 – Port Lambton Storm Sewer Drain - Amending
- 8.3 Drainage By-Law 2 of 2020 – McKenzie Drain - Amending

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND STAFF

9.1 CLERK:

- 1) Fees By-law Update

9.2 TREASURER:

- 1) General Accounts Report & Corporate Visa Bill (November 25 to December 24, 2019)
- 2) Preliminary Financial Statements – December 31, 2019
- 3) Memorandum of Understanding Agreement - Oversized Load Corridor Project
- 4) Business Interruption Insurance Quote – Golf Course
- 5) Cyber Insurance Quote from HUB Specialty Market

9.3 DEPUTY TREASURER:

- 1) Information Technology (IT) Policies

9.4 DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:

- 1) Replacement Overhead Door Quotes – Wilkesport Station 4
- 2) Travel Request – Instructors Conference

9.5 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

- 1) Ontario Power Generation Trail Agreement

9.6 COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WORKS):

- 1) Winter Road Maintenance – Anti-icing
- 2) Flooding on North Side of Courtright Park
- 3) Results of Request for Proposal – Village Entry Signs

9.7 COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WATER/WASTEWATER):

- 1) Pump Station Safety Upgrades

9.8 COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING:

- 1) Courtright Park Shoreline Protection Project
- 2) Pedestrian Crossing at Intersection of Brigden Road and Courtright Line – Options
- 3) Pretty Road Culvert Replacement - Recommendation

9.9 DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDENT:

- 1) Booth Creek Drain – Award Brushing & Cleanout to B.F. Environmental Consultants Ltd.

10. BY-LAWS

10.1 By-Law 4 of 2020 – Confirming By-Law

10.2 By-Law 5 of 2020 – Borrowing By-Law

10.3 By-Law 3 of 2020 – Fire Marque Agreement

10.4 By-Law 7 of 2020 – Ontario Power Generation Trail Agreement

10.5 By-Law 8 of 2020 – Fees By-Law

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12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

13.1 Regular Council - Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

13.2 2020 Budget Meeting – Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

13.3 Regular Council – Monday, March 2, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

At the appointed time of 3:00 p.m., Mayor Arnold declared the meeting to order.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. NEW BUSINESS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion 1 Be it resolved that the Minutes from Regular Council - Session #1 held January 6, 2020 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion 2 Be it resolved that the Minutes from the following meetings be received and accepted as printed:

- Heritage St. Clair Committee – November 21, 2019
- Joint Health and Safety Committee – November 27, 2019
- St. Clair River Trail – Planning & Development – November 27, 2019
- Moore Sports Complex Renewal Committee – January 8, 2020
- Port Lambton 200th Anniversary Committee – November 5, 2019 and December 3, 2019
- Lambton Farm Safety Meeting – January 20, 2020

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

5.1 3:30 p.m. – Mike and Jennifer Baker – Ongoing Sewer/Drainage Issues – Old River Road, Port Lambton

Mike Baker referred to his letter which was submitted by email on January 31, 2020 where continuing flooding issues are described during significant rain events. Mr. Baker stated that his basement has flooded three times, the latter two since new homes have been developed around his house.

Coordinator of Operations (Water/Wastewater) - Chris Westbrook explained that the system has been overwhelmed during significant rain events due to illegal connections to the sanitary system on private property by way of sump pumps or down spouts. Backflow preventers have been installed in new homes but, have proved not to be 100% effective in eliminating infiltration and prohibit the use of water when the valve is closed.

Mayor Arnold directed staff to consider options to have illegal connections to the sanitary discovered and disconnected and asked for a legal opinion on the ability for the Township to enter onto private land to conduct an inspection.

5.2 3:45 p.m. – Anne Hazzard/Chairperson – Port Lambton 200th Anniversary Committee Presentation:

Anne Hazzard made a presentation on behalf of the Port Lambton 200th Anniversary committee. The committee has been established to organize events throughout the year to commemorate the 200th Birthday of the village of Port Lambton.

Among the proposed upcoming events are: a pancake breakfast to be held on February 22, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., music evenings at Dedecker Park, a vendor street sale, installation of story boards, an historic ghost walk, baseball day and a slow roll village bike ride (dates to be announced).

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion 3 Be it resolved that the Township support the efforts of the Port Lambton 200th Anniversary Committee and donate \$25,000 to assist with event and celebration organizing.

CARRIED

Moved by R. Atkins

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion 4 Be it resolved that the Township further support the Port Lambton 200th Anniversary Committee by approving the following:

- Closing of St. Clair Parkway between Princess and John Street for 4 evenings from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. to accommodate music nights in Dedecker Park;
- The planting of a commemorative tree;
- The expansion of community flowerpots and encouragement for local residents to plant miniature sunflowers as a community flower for 2020;
- Waiving of the rental fees for Brander Park to accommodate the car show and a family day;
- Hanging of banners on hydro poles in the village (subject to applicable permissions being achieved and supportive logistics).

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Miller reminded the Committee that they will need to advise the Port Lambton grocery store and the variety store, as well as any others who will be impacted by the closure of St. Clair Parkway for the specific events.

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion 5 Be it resolved that staff be directed to produce a report considering all the variables and the costs involved to hang banner posts on hydro poles in Brigen, Sombra, and Port Lambton.

CARRIED

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by B. Myers

Motion 6 Be it resolved that Council accept the following items of correspondence as per Council's direction:

1. Letter – Art Parrish – Brander Park Pedestrian Crossing Concerns
2. Letter – Economic Development Officer – Lighting Concerns at Bentpath Line & Highway 40
3. Letter – Moore Sports Complex Renewal Project Fundraising Events Coordinator – Auction Donation Request
4. Letter – Operation Christmas Tree – House Fires Relief Donation Request
5. Property Standards Concerns – St. Clair Parkway, Courtright
6. Sombra Fishing Derby Proposal
7. Letter – Ken Sterling – Traffic Concerns on Hill Street
8. Letter – Request for Volleyball Courts at Brander Park

CARRIED

6.2 Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion 7 Be it resolved that the letter of request to increase illumination at the intersection of Bentpath Line and Highway 40 submitted by Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership be referred to the County of Lambton for consideration.

CARRIED

6.3 Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion 8 Be it resolved that the request submitted by the Moore Sports Complex Renewal Committee to donate a Golf 10 pack with cart and a one year

membership to the Moore Sports Complex Fitness Centre be approved to be used as items in a silent auction at the upcoming Gala being hosted at the Wilkesport Community Hall on April 18, 2020.

CARRIED

6.4 Moved by S. Miller Seconded by J. De Gurse
Motion 9 Be it resolved that the request submitted by Operation Christmas Tree to donate towards their program that grants \$1000 to families who have experienced a home fire be referred to budget for consideration.

CARRIED

6.5 Moved by S. Miller Seconded by T. Kingston
Motion 10 Be it resolved the Property Standards Complaint against the property at the south east corner of St. Clair Parkway and Thomson Street in Courtright be referred to staff for investigation.

CARRIED

6.6 Moved by S. Miller Seconded by B. Myers
Motion 11 Be it resolved that the Optimist Club of Sombra Fishing Derby proposal for the 4th of July 2020 be approved in principle and the boat launch at Branton Cundick Park be available for use – subject to favourable water level conditions for its safe operation.

CARRIED

6.7 Moved by B. Myers Seconded by P. Brown
Motion 12 Be it resolved that the traffic speed concern submitted by Ken Sterling related to traffic on Hill Street be referred to the County of Lambton for their consideration.

CARRIED

6.8 Moved by S. Miller Seconded by R. Atkins
Motion 13 Be it resolved that the request submitted by the Port Lambton Optimists to install two volleyball nets to create two grass courts at Brander Park be approved in principle subject to the satisfaction of the Director of Community Services for their location and maintenance.

CARRIED

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by J. De Gurse Seconded by B. Myers
Motion 14 Be it resolved that the following items of information be dealt with as per Council's instructions and that recommendations contained within be approved:

1. December 2019 – Building Permits Report
2. Letter – City of Sarnia Resolution Endorsement Request –Ontario Power Generation Deep Geologic Repository Project
3. Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology – Major Fibre Projects in Lambton County
4. Letter – Lambton County Regional Trails & Active Transportation Committee – Request for Photos & Information
5. Letter – Knights of Columbus – Charity Foundation Lottery Permission Request
6. Re-composition of OPP Detachment Boards & Invitation to Regional Roundtable Sessions
7. Provincial Grant Announcement for OCIF 2020 and OMPF 2021
8. Director of Emergency Services' Information Report
9. Fire Department Prevention and Fire Safety Education Activities Report
10. Coordinator of Operations' (Water/Wastewater) Monthly Report
11. Drainage Superintendent's Monthly Report
12. Director of Community Services' Information Report

CARRIED

7.11 Moved by S. Miller Seconded by T. Kingston
Motion 15 Be it resolved that the monthly report submitted by Drainage Superintendent Lucas DePooter be received and that the following recommendations be approved:

- Have the Thornton Drain cleaned out by a suitable and qualified contractor at the expense of the drain;
- Have three Ward Line Private Tiles replaced as per St. Clair Township policy;
- Appoint Spriet Associates under section 78 of the Drainage Act to write a report specifying sizes and dimensions of culverts on the Churcher Drain and giving maintenance instructions for said culverts.

CARRIED

8. DRAINS

8.1 Moved by B. Myers Seconded by J. De Gurse
Motion 16 Be it resolved that Drainage By-law No. 35 of 2019, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$4000.00 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for reassessment if the Sweeney Drain be given the third and final reading and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and be finally passed.

CARRIED

8.2 Moved by J. De Gurse Seconded by B. Myers
Motion 17 Be it resolved that Drainage By-law No. 1 of 2020, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$9594.90 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the 2019 expenditures to the Port Lambton Storm Sewer Drain be given the necessary readings and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and be finally passed.

CARRIED

8.3 Moved by T. Kingston Seconded by B. Myers
Motion 18 Be it resolved that Drainage By-law No. 2 of 2020, being a by-law to raise the money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for maintenance completed by the Township of Enniskillen to the McKenzie Drain, be given the necessary readings and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and be finally passed.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND STAFF

9.1 CLERK:

Moved by B. Myers Seconded by T. Kingston
Motion 19 Be it resolved that the *Fees By-law Update* report dated January 23, 2020 submitted by Clerk – Jeff Baranek be received as information and that draft By-law 8 of 2020 be given consideration to adopt the new fees.

CARRIED

9.2 TREASURER:

Moved by B. Myers Seconded by T. Kingston
Motion 20 Be it resolved that the *General Accounts and Corporate Visa Bill (January 1 to January 23, 2020)* report submitted by Treasurer – Charles Quenneville dated January 23, 2020 be received as information and that Council approves the two reports on vendor invoices paid for the period of December 20, 2019 to January 17, 2020 totaling \$1,084,942.35 for 2019 year and 2020 expenses for January 1 to January 23, 2020 totaling \$1,096,571.33 along with the CIBC Visa charges for the period of November 25 to December 24, 2019.

CARRIED

Moved by J. De Gurse

Seconded by B. Myers

Motion 21 Be it resolved that the *Preliminary Financial Statements as of December 31, 2019* report submitted by Treasurer – Charles Quenneville dated January 23, 2020 be received as information and that Council receive the preliminary financial statements for twelve months ending December 31, 2019.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion 22 Be it resolved that the *Memorandum of Understanding – Oversized Load Corridor Project* report submitted by Treasurer – Charles Quenneville dated January 15, 2020 be received and that Council authorize the Treasurer to sign the Memorandum of Understanding only if the agreement is returned to its original format which included upgrades to Brigden Road.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion 23 Be it resolved that the *Business Interruption for the Golf Course* report submitted by Treasurer – Charles Quenneville dated January 17, 2020 be received and that Council approve the Golf Business Interruption insurance quote from Frank Cowan Company in the amount of \$6760.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion 24 Be it resolved that the *Cyber Insurance Quote from HUB Specialty Market* report submitted by Treasurer – Charles Quenneville dated January 23 18, 2020 be received and that Council approve the HUB Insurance quote from CFC for Cyber Insurance in the amount of \$6250 for \$1 million coverage and authorize the Treasurer to sign the necessary documents.

CARRIED

9.3 DEPUTY TREASURER:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion 25 Be it resolved that the *IT Policies* report submitted by Deputy Treasurer – George Lozon dated January 23, 2020 be received and that the policies contained within be approved.

CARRIED

9.4 DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by R. Atkins

Motion 26 Be it resolved that the *Door Quotes for Station 4 Wilkesport* report submitted by Director of Emergency Services – Walt Anderson dated January 27, 2020 be received and that Council accept the quote submitted by Dor Co in the amount of \$16, 226 + HST as outlined.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by R. Atkins

Motion 27 Be it resolved that the *Travel Request* report submitted by Director of Emergency Services – Walt Anderson dated January 27, 2020 be received and that Council authorize the Director of Emergency Services to attend the Fire Department Instructor Conference from April 22nd to the 25th, 2020 and use the department van for travel to Indianapolis.

CARRIED

9.5 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion 28 Be it resolved that the *OPG Trail Agreement* report submitted by Director of Public Works – Brian Black dated January 27, 2020 be received and that Council consider the passing of By-Law 7 of 2020 thereby approving the

Licence Agreement with OPG, dated October 10, 2019 for access and use of the trail that crosses OPG property.

Mayor Arnold requested a recorded vote:

Councillor Atkins	Aye
Councillor Brown	Aye
Deputy Mayor Miller	Aye
Councillor Myers	Aye
Councillor Kingston	No
Councillor De Gurse	No
Mayor Arnold	No

CARRIED

9.6 **COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WORKS):**

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion 29 Be it resolved that the *Winter Roads Maintenance* report submitted by Coordinator of Operations (Works) – Dave Neely dated January 27, 2020 be received as information.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion 30 Be it resolved that the *Flooding on North Side of Courtright Park* report submitted by Coordinator of Operations (Works) – Dave Neely dated January 27, 2020 be received as information and the construction of a new 192m long, 200mm diameter storm drain located along the north boundary of the Courtright Park at an estimated cost of \$15,000 be approved to be paid for from the operation budgets of Public Works and Community Services in equal shares.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion 31 Be it resolved that the *Results of RFP – Village Entry Signs* report submitted by Coordinator of Operations (Works) – Dave Neely dated January 27, 2020 be received and the low proposal submitted by Sign Ontario Ltd. (Stratford) in the amount of \$47,672.53 (including net HST) for the design/build of three new Village Entry signs to be located around Corunna and three new signs to be located around Port Lambton be accepted and the project be awarded to Sign Ontario Ltd.

CARRIED

9.7 **COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WATER/WASTEWATER):**

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by R. Atkins

Motion 32 Be it resolved that the *Pump Station Safety Upgrade* report submitted by Coordinator of Operations (Water/Wastewater) – Chris Westbrook dated February 3, 2020 be received and that Council waive the procurement requirement and allow staff to work with JT General Maintenance to complete the remaining safety upgrades at our main pump stations.

CARRIED

9.8 **COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING:**

Moved by R. Atkins

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion 33 Be it resolved that the *Courtright Park Shoreline Protection* report submitted by Coordinator of Engineering – Paul daSilva dated January 27, 2020 be received and that Council supports the Courtright Park Shoreline Protection project contract extension including a maximum Township financial allocation of \$450,000.

CARRIED

Moved by R. Atkins

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion 34 Be it resolved that the *Pedestrian Crossing at the Brigden Road and Courtright Line Intersection* report submitted by Coordinator of Engineering – Paul daSilva dated January 27, 2020 be received as information and that it be forwarded to the County of Lambton to determine if they would support the installation of a pedestrian crosswalk in this location.

CARRIED

Moved by R. Atkins

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion 35 Be it resolved that the *Pretty Road Culvert Replacement* report submitted by Coordinator of Engineering – Paul daSilva dated January 27, 2020 be received and the following recommendations be approved:

1. That the tender submitted by BF Environmental Consultants Ltd. in the amount of \$81,628.68 net HST for the Pretty Road Culvert Replacement project be accepted and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents;
2. That the budget surplus of approximately \$200,000 be allocated to the Holt Line culvert replacement at Government Drain No.8.

CARRIED

9.9 DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDENT:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by R. Atkins

Motion 36 Be it resolved that the *Booth Creek Drain - Award* report submitted by Drainage Superintendent – Lucas DePooter dated January 27, 2020 be received and that the St. Clair Township procurement policy be waived and the brushing and cleanout portion of the Booth Creek Drain project be awarded to BF Environmental Consultants Ltd., on an hourly basis.

CARRIED

10. BY-LAWS:

10.1 Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by R. Atkins

Motion 37 Be it resolved that the following By-laws receive all three readings and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute appurtenant agreements and be thereby passed:

- 4 of 2020 – Being a Confirming By-law
- 5 of 2020 – Being a Borrowing By-law
- 6 of 2020 – Being an Interim Tax By-law
- 7 of 2020 – Being a By-law to enter into an agreement with OPG regulating maintenance of the SCRT
- 8 of 2020 – Being an updated Fees By-law

CARRIED

11. IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by R. Atkins

Motion 38 Be it resolved that the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss the following:

- 11.1 Municipal Act – Section 239 (2) (c) To discuss an offer of land acquisition
- 11.2 Municipal Act – Section 239 (2) (d) To discuss an offer to purchase a parcel of Township land
- 11.3 Municipal Act – Section 239 (2) (b) To discuss tax arrears offer by identifiable individual
- 11.4 Municipal Act – Section 239 (2) (b) To discuss options for a pending tax sale
- 11.5 Municipal Act – Section 239 (2) (d) To review ongoing concerns with a contracted employee

CARRIED

Mayor Arnold declared the meeting back into open session and asked for any forthcoming motions. No motions were moved.

12. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Miller

Deputy Mayor Miller attended the Flood Action meeting with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority; the County Committee meeting; the Committee of Adjustment and attended Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference where he participated in two deputations.

Councillor Brown

Councillor Brown attended the Flood Action meeting with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and the Community Awareness Emergency Response meeting.

He noted that the Annual General Meeting for the SCRCA is on February 27, 2020; the Sarnia Area Disaster Simulation 2020 exercise has been postponed and the Emergency Preparedness Day is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2020.

Councillor Atkins

Councillor Atkins attended the Jean Collective group meeting promoting women to run for public office. Councillor Atkins reported that the Lambton Farm Safety Association annual dinner is being held February 6, 2020 and that Duke and Middle Streets experienced flooding during significant rain events in January.

She asked if a list of potential projects in the Township could be created so that local groups could donate towards their development.

Councillor Atkins concluded her report by stating that there are local residents who require transportation by Lambton Elderly Outreach who are unable to secure the service.

Councillor Myers

Councillor Myers attended the Heritage St. Clair meeting; the Annual General Meeting for Moore Agricultural Society and the Homecraft meeting.

He noted that all the hamlet signs are installed except for one which should be installed shortly.

Councillor Kingston

Councillor Kingston attended the Committee of Adjustment meeting; the Accessibility St. Clair meeting; the Brigden Library meeting and was a panelist at the Jean Collective event.

Councillor Kingston thanked staff for continued street cleaning and asked that a note be included in the Beacon to have adjacent landowners clear storm drains to ensure proper drainage.

Councillor De Gurse

Councillor De Gurse attended the Brigden Fair Board meeting and the Moore Agricultural Society meeting.

Mayor Arnold

Mayor Arnold represented the Township at many events since the last meeting including:

- An appearance on a TV talk show with Kelly Ash talking about Township initiatives;

- Completed a safety and welcome to St. Clair Township video with Shell for new employees and contractors;
- Met with Marilyn Gladu to discuss Township issues including the Moore Sports Complex Renewal;
- Met with LAWSS for meetings and advice on board structure and capital initiatives;
- Presented with the FC for the Enbridge cheque presentation;
- Held discussions with Enbridge around line 5 crossing, road and drain concerns;
- Met with OPG to discuss demolition, reiterate concerns and emphasize the need for a public presentation to Council and the Community;
- Attended the ROMA conference where he had two positive Minister meetings with regard to local issues;
- Attended a number of insightful presentations at ROMA, including one from Brian Malone, VP Traffic Engineering CIMA called – SLOW DOWN – which, along with all the other presentations, are available on the ROMA website;
- A number of informal interactions with Ministry personnel with regard to Township issues;
- Attended Lambton College announcement with Minister McNaughton and MPP Bailey;
- Presented Township financial requests to Parliamentary Assistant Cho and MPP Bailey as one of 7 presenters followed by a round table discussion;
- Had discussions with a number of citizens as well as County Staff, our MPP and MP with regard to public housing issues, shoreline protection, leasing Township property, surtax on hotel accommodations and winter control processes and concerns;
- Invited the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority to attend the February 18, 2020 Council meeting at 5:00 p.m. to discuss with Council and the public the operation and notification protocol for closing the McKeough Dam.

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- 13.3 Regular Council – Monday, March 2, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no other business to conduct, it was thereby moved:

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion 39 Be it resolved that the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Clerk – Jeff Baranek



Mayor – Steve Arnold