



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION #17

Electronic Meeting
September 8, 2020
3:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of Council was held Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. with the following people participating via video conference:

S. Arnold	Mayor
S. Miller	Deputy Mayor
R. Atkins	Councillor
P. Brown	Councillor
T. Kingston	Councillor
B. Myers	Councillor
J. De Gurse	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 #16 – August 17, 2020

4.2 Sombra Museum Board Meeting – February 18, 2020

4.3 Emergency Services Committee Meeting – August 17, 2020

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

5.1 - 3:15 p.m. – Bus Access & Safety Concerns for Corunna Students – Monique Desabrais-Marshall

5.2 – 3:30 p.m. – Probe Research Inc. – St. Clair Township 2020 Community Survey

5.3 – 3:45 p.m. – MTMHA – Geoff Dale – Rink 2 and Permitting Spectator Considerations

6. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

6.1 Stop Sign Request – Beckwith St., Corunna

6.2 McDonald Park Reconfiguration Concerns

- 6.3 Drainage Concern at 420 Silver Sands Lane, Corunna
- 6.4 Museum Request – Preserving the Impact of COVID-19 on St. Clair Township
- 6.5 Mooretown Cemetery Request for Water Donation
- 6.6 Concerns with Courtright Shelter Location

7. **INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA**

- 7.1 Building Permits Report – June 2020
- 7.2 Building Permits Report – July 2020
- 7.3 Canadian Heritage – COVID-19 Emergency Support Funding – Moore Museum
- 7.4 Canadian Environmental Protection Act – E2 Update from Suncor Sarnia Refinery
- 7.5 Concerns with Township Mandatory Masks Decision
- 7.6 Enbridge Pipelines Line 5 Update
- 7.7 County of Lambton – News Release – Share Your Experience During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- 7.8 Bluewater Gymnastics Club – Community Annual Sponsorship Day
- 7.9 Tourism Sarnia Lambton – Pamphlet Distribution Request in St. Clair

8. **DRAINS**

- 8.1 Drainage By-Law 12 of 2020 – Various Drains – 2018 Maintenance
- 8.2 Drainage By-Law 13 of 2020 – Various Drains – 2018 Maintenance
- 8.3 Drainage By-Law 14 of 2020 – Various Drains – 2018 Maintenance

9. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND STAFF**

- 9.1 Senior Planner's Report – Redevelopment of Rose's Variety Property – 384 Lyndoch Street
- 9.2 Senior Planner's Report – Request for Structures and Service Connections at Annette's Grill – 1522 St. Clair Parkway
- 9.3 Senior Planner's Report – Site Plan Agreement Approval – St. Clair Community Church – 3454 John Street, Sombra
- 9.4 Clerk's Report – Bill 197 – Electronic Participation in Council Meetings Post Pandemic
- 9.5 Treasurer's Report – General Accounts and Corporate Visa Statement
- 9.6 Treasurer's Report – July 2020 Accounts Payable Inquiries
- 9.7 Treasurer's Report – St. Clair Township Development Charge By-Law Update
- 9.8 Treasurer's Report – Water Department Financial Plan 2021 to 2028

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by R. Atkins

Motion 2 Be it resolved that the Minutes from the following committees be received as information:

- 4.2 - Sombra Museum Meeting held February 18, 2020
- 4.3 - Emergency Services Committee meeting held August 17, 2020

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

5.1 - 3:15 p.m. – Bus Access & Safety Concerns for Corunna Students – Monique Desabrais-Marshall

Monique Desabrais-Marshall was concerned that her children were denied courtesy seats on the school bus by the CLASS transportation program. As residents of Maple Street, Corunna, they are within the 1.6km threshold where students are required to walk and are not afforded seats on the bus.

There are 17 students on Maple Street in Corunna who attend the two local elementary schools. In the Maple Drive area young students are forced to cross Bentinck in an uncontrolled environment without a crosswalk or a crossing guard.

Mrs. Desabrais-Marshall's suggested some controlled crossings, either by a crossing guard or a pedestrian crossing, and asked that a letter be sent to the province to lobby for more funding to provide for more available seats for local children on school busses.

Mayor Arnold advised that the municipality is responsible to provide the crossing guard but, the school board requests their necessity and location. Mayor Arnold asked that Mrs. Desabrais-Marshall put a letter together detailing exactly what she is seeking from the Township and submit it to the Clerk.

Councillor Atkins suggested a "walking school bus" option for the students on Maple Drive.

Councillor Kingston suggested that a sidewalk on Bentinck's west side, south of Clairwood would get them to a more controlled intersection at St. Clair Boulevard and Bentinck.

Coordinator of Roads - Dave Neely advised that the municipality cannot simply paint crosswalk lines across Bentinck as there is no stop sign (such as at Clairwood and Bentinck). Further, he noted that crossing guards have been difficult to secure. Mayor Arnold asked that the local parent groups recruit some candidates for potential crossing guards.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by B. Myers

Motion 3 Be it resolved that staff consider the requests for controlled crossings to get students from Maple Drive to local elementary schools and identify options for potential upgrades.

CARRIED

5.2 - 3:30 p.m. – Probe Research Inc. – St. Clair Township 2020 Community Survey

Curtis Brown, the principal of Probe Research Inc. presented the findings of a recent survey conducted online and via telephone to determine the satisfaction among residents of the services provided by the Township. There were 301 participants via telephone, and 159 responses to the online survey.

Overall, nearly 9 of 10 respondents indicate some level of satisfaction with the overall services.

The full detailed report will be available for viewing on the Township website.

5.3 – 3:45 p.m. – MTMHA – Geoff Dale – Rink 2 and Permitting Spectator Considerations

Geoff Dale, the VP of Risk Mitigation for the Mooretown Minor Hockey Association (MTMHA) addressed Council for consideration on two items:

1. Permitting spectators into the Moore Sports Complex (MSC)
2. Installing Rink 2 at the MSC

Currently, Council has passed the Moore Sports Complex Re-Opening Plan which provides for 6 volunteers per ice rental and that no spectators enter the arena. The MTMHA feels that not permitting a parent per player into the arena is not feasible for players under 8 years old. It is their position that failure to permit parents into the arena will result in players opting not to play as children of that age are not comfortable without a parent or guardian, cannot tie their own skates and are susceptible to injury requiring the involvement of a parent.

Due to COVID-19, teams are not permitted to be of traditional size and therefore, more ice time is required to run the minor hockey program at the same level as in previous season. Mr. Dale advised that all four major user groups (MTMHA, Lady Flags, Moore Skating Club and Mooretown Flags) have agreed to scale back their programs at the outset with only one pad but, all four groups would utilize Rink 2 if and when it is installed.

Mayor Arnold asked that the MTMHA submit their approval from the Ontario Minor Hockey Association for their Re-Turn to Play plan.

Township staff have prepared, and Council subsequently approved, the re-opening plan for the MSC in an effort to be conservative and get user groups and participants into a safe routine prior to allowing spectators into the arena. It was noted that the City of Sarnia is presently not allowing spectators in their arenas.

Mr. Dale advised that barring spectators entry to the arena at this stage will result in the MTMHA seeking ice at surrounding facilities to accommodate the U9 and younger programs.

Township staff advised that they intend to send a report to Council at the next meeting on September 21, 2020 with a recommendation about permitting spectators in the MSC and that it will be based on how well the user groups have adapted to COVID-19 protocol within the arena during the next few weeks. It is the intention of staff to move cautiously in order to do things properly and avoid having to shut things down after re-opening.

Mayor Arnold thanked the MTMHA for the presentation as well as Township staff for their combined efforts in developing their respective plans. The spectator issue and installation of Rink 2 will be reconsidered on September 21, 2020.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by J. De Gurse

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion 4 Be it resolved that Council accept the following items of correspondence as per Council's direction:

- 6.1 Stop Sign Request – Beckwith St., Corunna
- 6.2 McDonald Park Reconfiguration Concerns
- 6.3 Drainage Concern at 420 Silver Sands Lane, Corunna
- 6.4 Museum Request – Preserving the Impact of COVID-19 on St. Clair Township
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CARRIED

3. Have the culvert to #475 Petrolia Line replaced before the new engineer's report is completed, by a suitable and qualified contractor.

CARRIED

9.14 Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion 27 Be it resolved that the *Information Report* as submitted by Director of Community Services - Kendall Lindsay be received as information.

CARRIED

9.15 Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by R. Atkins

Motion 28 Be it resolved that the *HVAC Considerations for Civic Centre Report* as submitted by Director of Community Services - Kendall Lindsay be received as information.

CARRIED

9.16 Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion 29 Be it resolved that the *Mooretown Sports Complex Plan B* report as submitted by Director of Community Services - Kendall Lindsay be received as information.

CARRIED

9.17 Moved by R. Atkins

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion 30 Be it resolved that the *MTMHA Concerns with MSC Reopening* report as submitted by the Director of Community Services, Kendall Lindsay be received as information.

CARRIED

10. **BY-LAWS:**

10.1 Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion 31 Be it resolved that *By-Law 47 of 2020 – Being a by-law to Amend By-Law 42 of 2019 to Permit Electronic Participation in Meetings* be given all three readings and be thereby passed and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute appurtenant agreements and be thereby passed.

CARRIED

11. **IN CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion 32 Be it resolved that the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss the following:

11.1 Municipal Act – Section 239 (2) (a) To Consider terms of a lease for the installation of a telecommunications tower in Wilkesport;

11.2 Municipal Act – Section 239 (2) (a) To Consider Rent Relief for a tenant in the Emergency Services Building

CARRIED

Mayor Arnold declared the meeting back into open session and asked for any forthcoming motions.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion 33 Be it resolved that the lease with Xplomet Telecommunications Inc. for the installation of a telecommunications tower located at 1666 Baby Road be approved.

CARRIED

12. **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

Councillor Atkins

Councillor Atkins reported that locals in Port Lambton are happy with ongoing work throughout the village including road repairs and shoreline protection efforts.

Moved by R. Atkins

Seconded by B. Myers

Motion 34 Be it resolved that a letter be sent to CSX and the County of Lambton to initiate the removal of the rail crossing over Lambton Line in Port Lambton.

CARRIED

Councillor Atkins advised that a monument on the east side of Branton Cundick Park needed maintaining.

She also asked for an update on the crosswalk at Brander Park.

To conclude, Councillor Atkins requested that the complaint tab on the Township website be reconfigured and streamlined.

Councillor Brown

Councillor Brown noted that a resident had approached him to purchase a Township flag.

Councillor De Gurse

Councillor De Gurse asked for an update on repairs to the seawall at the former waste water treatment plant in Corunna.

He confirmed that masks are required to be worn in the Moore Sports Complex.

Councillor Kingston

Councillor Kingston confirmed the re-opening of the local museums will not be considered until October council meetings.

She noted that Operation Christmas Tree has asked for use of a landline telephone in the Emergency Services Building for the duration of their tenancy.

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion 35 Be it resolved that staff be advised to produce a report to install shade structures for guardians at the spray pad in Corunna Athletic Park and that it be considered at Capital Budget deliberations for 2021.

CARRIED

Councillor Myers

Councillor Myers reported that the uncapped wells within the McKeough Floodway have not yet been capped and asked staff to reach out to the SCRCA.

He also asked for an update on Property Standards files in Sombra.

Deputy Mayor Miller

Deputy Mayor Miller noted that he has fielded many calls related to the re-configuration of McDonald Park.

He advised that he attended County Council and Committee meetings as well as a Police Services Board meeting.

Mayor Arnold

Mayor Arnold reported that he met electronically with members of Enbridge related to their continued disregard for obtaining permits for sea cans.

He reminded Council that formal attire returns for the next meeting scheduled for September 21, 2020.

