



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR**

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**SESSION #2**

Electronic Meeting  
February 1, 2021  
3:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of Council was held Monday, February 1, 2021 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
J. De Gurse	Councillor
B. Myers	Councillor
T. Kingston	Councillor

Staff:	J. Rodey	CAO
	J. Baranek	Clerk

**AGENDA:**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
  - 3.1 Special Meeting of Council – January 14, 2021
  - 3.2 Regular Council Meeting - Session #1 – January 18, 2021
  - 3.3 Emergency Services Committee Meeting – January 21, 2021
  - 3.4 St. Clair Parkway Golf Committee Meeting – January 21, 2021
  - 3.5 Community Awareness Emergency Response – Board of Directors Meeting – November 25, 2020
4. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**
  - 4.1 - 3:15 p.m. – Enbridge Natural Gas Inc. – Projects in St. Clair Township – Steven Jelich, Director (Southwest Region Operations)
5. **CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**
  - 5.1 C.J. Campbell Memorial Plaque
6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
  - 6.1 Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry – Proposed Changes to Regulations – Oil, Gas & Salt Resources Act
  - 6.2 Statistics Canada – 2021 Census

6.3 St. Clair Region Conservation Authority – 2021 Approved Budget and General Levy

6.4 County of Lambton – Notice of Application and Public Meeting (File No. 38C-20004)

6.5 SWIFT Lambton Project Schedule

6.6 Lambton County Regional Trails – 2021 Granfondo Cycling Safety Campaign

6.7 News Release – Special Meeting of Lambton County Council Highlights – January 21, 2021

6.8 2021 Tentative Council Meeting Schedule

7. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND STAFF**

7.1 Clerk's Report – Revisions to Draft By-Law to Regulate Off-Road Vehicles on Township Roads

7.2 Deputy Clerk's Report – Approval of Site Plan Agreement – Xplornet Communications Inc. – Telecommunications Tower at 323 Buckingham Road

7.3 Coordinator of Engineering's Report – Queen Street and Riverside Drive Pump Station Rehabilitations – Design Services

7.4 Coordinator of Engineering's Report – St. Clair Heights Phase 5 – 2 Year Acceptance

7.5 Director of Community Services' Report - Information

7.6 Director of Community Services' Report – St. Clair Parkway Golf Course Projects

7.7 Director of Community Services' Report – Community Services Fees Errors

7.8 Director of Community Services' Report – Moore Sports Complex Arena Project – Rink Refurbishment

8. **BY-LAWS**

8.1 By-Law 1 of 2021 – Water Use Agreement – NOVA Rokeby Site

8.2 By-Law 2 of 2021 – To Authorize the Use of ORVs on Township Roads

8.3 By-Law 9 of 2021 – Site Plan Agreement Amendment – Xplornet – 323 Buckingham Road, Becher

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

10. **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

11. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

11.1 Regular Council Meeting - Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

11.2 Operating Budget Meeting – Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

11.3 Regular Council Meeting – Monday, March 1, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

12. **IN CAMERA SESSION**

12.1 Municipal Act – Section 239 (2) (e) Solicitor Client advice related to Pending Litigation over Property Standards at 2662 Burman Line

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

At the appointed time of 3:00 p.m., Mayor Arnold called the meeting to order and welcomed Council, staff and those watching on other platforms.

Mayor Arnold asked those participating to observe a moment of silence for the late Ron Johnston who was a past councillor of the former Sombra Township and who also served as Sombra Township's Roads Superintendent.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None declared.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by J. De Gurse

**Motion 1** Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting Session #1 held on January 18, 2021, be received and accepted as printed.

**CARRIED**

Moved by R. Atkins

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion 2** Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Special Meeting of Council held on January 14, 2021 be received and accepted as printed.

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by B. Myers

**Motion 3** Be it resolved that the Minutes from the following boards and committees be accepted as information:

- Emergency Services Committee – January 18, 2021
- St. Clair Parkway Golf Committee – January 21, 2021
- CAER Board Meeting – November 25, 2020

**CARRIED**

**4. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**4.1 Enbridge Natural Gas Inc. – Projects in St. Clair Township**

At the appointed time of 3:15 p.m., Mayor Arnold welcomed Brian Lennie, Darryl Arnold and Danijela Jelich of Enbridge to facilitate their presentation and current and proposed projects within the Township of St. Clair.

Enbridge remains focused on extending natural gas to locations where it is not currently available while continuing efforts to reduce their overall carbon footprint. Enbridge has committed to a sustainable pathway to emission reductions using conservation, cleaner technologies for heat, cleaner technologies for transport and investing in green fuels.

Enbridge continues to work on several projects in the area including the Corunna Compressor Station Meter Run Replacement Project, the Dawn Corunna Project, and the Sarnia Industrial Pipeline Reinforcement Project. Upcoming projects include updating the underground storage pools and the storage enhancement project. Enbridge was seeking a letter of resolution for the upcoming 2021-2022 Storage Project.

Mayor Arnold thanked the presenters for the valuable information and asked that a draft letter be submitted to the Clerk's office for inclusion and consideration during the next meeting.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**

Moved by J. De Gurse

Seconded by T. Kingston

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

5.1 C.J. Campbell Memorial Plaque

**CARRIED**

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion 5** Be it resolved that the family of Christopher Campbell contribute to the cost of the design and installation of the memorial plaque with the balance to be covered by the Environment and Education Fund.

**Motion 6** Be it resolved that Motion 5 be TABLED to allow staff to discuss a potential cost share with the municipality.

**TABLED**

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion 7** Be it resolved that the following items of information be dealt with as per Council's direction:

6.1 MNRF – Proposed Changes to Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act

6.2 Statistics Canada 2021 Census

6.3 SCRC 2021 Approved Budget and Levy

6.4 County of Lambton Notice of Application and Public Meeting (38C-20004)

6.5 SWIFT Lambton Project Schedule

6.6 LCRT Share the Road Campaign

6.7 Special Meeting of County Council Highlights – January 21, 2021

6.8 2021 Township Council Meeting schedule

**CARRIED**

**7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND STAFF**

7.1 Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by R. Atkins

**Motion 8** Be it resolved that the *Draft By-Law to Regulate Use of ORVs on Township Highways* report submitted by Clerk – Jeff Baranek be received as information.

**CARRIED**

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by T. Kingston

**Motion 9** Be it resolved that Draft By-Law 2 of 2021 be amended such that users be allowed to operate ORV's on Restricted Roads to access private property for the purposes of snow removal.

**CARRIED**

7.2 Moved by J. De Gurse

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion 10** Be it resolved that the *Xplornet Communications – Site Plan Agreement for 323 Buckingham Road* report as submitted by Deputy Clerk – Carlie McClemens be received as information and that By-Law number 5 of 2021, being a By-Law to Authorize a Site Plan Agreement with Xplornet Communications Inc. & 1596072 Ontario Limited for the installation of a telecommunications tower at 323 Buckingham Road be considered for approval.

**CARRIED**



**8. BY-LAWS:**

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion 18** 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:

- 8.3 By-Law 9 of 2021 – Site Plan Amendment – 323 Buckingham Road – Xplomet Communications Tower

**CARRIED**

- 8.1 By-Law 1 of 2021 was withdrawn for consideration during this meeting as revisions are needed prior to approval.

- 8.2 Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by J. De Gurse

**Motion 19** Be it resolved that By-Law 2 of 2021 – To Authorize the Use of ORVs on Township Roads as amended by Motion 9 receive all three readings and be thereby passed.

**DEFEATED**

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by T. Kingston

**Motion 20** Be it resolved that DRAFT By-Law 2 of 2021 be further amended and brought back for consideration at the meeting scheduled for March 1, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

Deputy Mayor Miller thanked the Port Lambton Athletic Association and specifically, Craig Bezaire, for installing a fence to restrict motor vehicles from accessing McDonald Park.

Deputy Mayor Miller asked staff to reconnect with the owners of the dock that is annually installed at the end of Second Street in Port Lambton to discuss plans for the 2021 season.

Deputy Mayor Miller also asked staff to reach out to the new owners of the former Sombra Ferry property to ensure they are undertaking the proper Planning Act applications to legalize their intended uses.

**10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Councillor Atkins**

Councillor Atkins participated in the recent Lambton Farm Safety meeting and announced that the Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on February 25, 2021.

Councillor Atkins also participated in the Jean Collective Program, the Golf Committee meeting, and the Tourism Sarnia Lambton meeting.

Councillor Atkins initiated a discussion on the future of the CSX Line in the southern part of the Township and the road crossings and asked staff to open a walkway along the north part of McDonald Park to allow pedestrians an avenue to pass.

Moved by R. Atkins

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion 21** Be it resolved the Letter of Support for the 2021 Granfondo Cycling Safety Campaign submitted by the Lambton County Regional Trails & Active Transportation Committee be referred to the St. Clair River Trail Committee for review.

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Brown**

Councillor Brown participated in the recent Golf Committee meeting and noted the recent attention to Enbridge's Line 5, echoing the importance of its continued operation for the local economy.

Councillor Brown asked staff to look into the installation of signs at Corunna Athletic Park reminding users to clean up after their animals.

**Councillor De Gurse**

Councillor De Gurse had nothing to report.

**Councillor Kingston**

Councillor Kingston had nothing to report.

**Councillor Myers**

Councillor Myers had nothing to report other than a personal health issue that he was faced with but, has overcome. He thanked all the health care workers who assisted with his procedure and recovery.

**Deputy Mayor Miller**

Deputy Mayor Miller reported he has participated in many Zoom meetings.

**Mayor Arnold**

Mayor Arnold reported that he has participated in many Zoom meetings and spoke with MPP Bob Bailey regarding a grant program that is available to many small businesses within the Township of St. Clair.

Mayor Arnold asked staff to place a priority on Dedecker Park for the next phase of shoreline rehabilitation.

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**12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

- 12.1 There was no in-camera session as an update was not provided by the Township solicitor in time for the meeting.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion 22** Be it resolved that the meeting do hereby adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

  
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Mayor – Steve Arnold

  
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Clerk – Jeff Baranek