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Development charge will help fund public projects

Council recently held a public meeting pursuant to The Development Charge Act, 1997, regarding proposed development charge rates and policies. At the Feb. 22 meeting of council, Jason Bevon of Hemson Consulting Ltd. presented the Development Charges Background Study for council's consideration and the new development charge by

-law was approved.

Development charges are levied against new development and are a primary source of funding for development-related capital expenditures such as sewers, roads, municipal buildings and equipment. St. Clair Township Clerk John DeMars points out this is not a tax.

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River pipeline project well underway

The Enbridge pipeline replacement project, which will see a new pipeline installed under the St. Clair River using a process called horizontal directional drilling (HDD), is well on the way to completion.

Since the beginning of February, on a site just north of Froomfield, the construction team has been assembling segments of the pipeline in preparation for it to be pulled through a tunnel that has been bored underneath the St. Clair River. Before the pipeline is installed, it will undergo hydrostatic testing which will reveal any leaks that may be present so that they can be addressed. Enbridge Pipelines Inc. spokesman Ken Hall says the tunnel under the river, which was originally to be drilled from the American side was, in fact, drilled from both sides to increase the accuracy of the tunnelling process. A pilot hole measuring nine inches in diameter was drilled first, then a larger tunnel was reamed to accommodate the newly-assembled 42-inch pipeline. Mr. Hall added the new pipeline will be pulled through the tunnel

in early March. It is hoped the pipeline "pull-back" will be completed by the end of March. This will be followed by the installation of new valves and the connection of the new pipeline to the existing pipeline.

Mr. Hall says the pipeline assembly is being done on some land owned by the adjacent Shell Canada facility. To accommodate the project, some trees had to be cut down, but Mr. Hall says the site is to be cleaned up and restored at the conclusion of the project. "For every tree taken down, five will be planted," he said.

It is hoped that the project will be completed by this spring.



Pipeline is assembled in preparation for installation.

Christ Anglican in Corunna amalgamates to become All Saints

Christ Anglican Church, a familiar sight at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets in Corunna, has amalgamated with two Samia churches, St. John's Anglican and St. George Anglican. The difficult decision to take this action has been attributed to dwindling membership. Spokesperson Gitte Montieth says this amalgamation will see St. George Anglican Church closed,

while St. John's and Corunna's Christ Church Anglican will take the name All Saints as part of the new All Saints parish. This is a stellar year for the Corunna church, which will celebrate its 150th anniversary this May. It is expected the Primate of Canada will attend the May 12 service as part of the anniversary celebration.

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The deadline for submissions is the third Monday of each month.



Council Notes

New charge will help support infrastructure

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It is a one-time charge levied when a building permit for a new building is purchased.

The study calculated the maximum rate St. Clair Township can charge is \$11,518 per residential unit. The increase from the current \$1,750 to the new \$3,500 will only apply to the traditional sewer-serviced areas of Courtright, Mooretown and Corunna. The rest of the township will see the charge go from \$0 to \$1,828 per new residential unit. Until May 1, when the new by-law comes into effect, the current charges, protocols and policies will prevail. This will allow time for those who already have a quote on a project to purchase a building permit that does not include the new development charge.

Mayor Steve Arnold says the new charge will support on-going municipal projects and infrastructure. "We felt it was time to increase our development charge to reflect what's going on in the community," he said. "We have some major things happening. For instance, we need to replace a ladder truck and the sewer system still has to be completed."

Copies of the Development Charges Background Study and draft Development Charge By-law and presentation are available on the Township's Website at: www.twp.stclair.on.ca.

MCR Foundation applications due

The Moore Community and Recreation Foundation, which provides grants to people who care about their community and the environment, is currently

accepting applications for funding. Community groups concerned with the promotion and maintenance of neighbourhood parks, recreational facilities, heritage and environmental programs, or community and social programs, may apply for financial assistance **until the May 31, 2011 deadline**. Grants are awarded for definite purposes and for projects covering a specific period of time with a specific defined benefit and outcome. Grants are awarded in the fall. Please visit the St. Clair Township Website at www.twp.stclair.on.ca for detailed information about the foundation along with the grant request form. Anyone requiring further information can contact Treasurer Charles Quenneville or Mayor Steve Arnold at 519-867-2021 or 1-800-809-0301.

Council meeting schedule

St. Clair Township council meetings will be held as follows: Monday, March 7 and Monday, March 21, both at 7 p.m. A third meeting may be convened on Monday, March 14 after the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:30 p.m. if there is any business requiring immediate resolution. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021.

Overnight parking on streets prohibited

All motorists are reminded that overnight parking on municipal streets is prohibited until April 1, 2011. This by-law ensures that snow plow crews will be able to do their job safely and efficiently. Vehicles left on the streets overnight will be ticketed.

Donation provides *Jaws Of Life* for Brigden firefighters

Volunteer firefighters from the St. Clair Township Fire Department's Brigden fire hall now have new extrication tools to use during an emergency.

The Brigden station recently received *Jaws of Life* equipment thanks to a donation of \$6,000 through the Enbridge *Safe Community Program*.

The program, now in its third year, provides financial support to firefighters, police departments, and other first

responders with the goal of helping them acquire new safety equipment, obtain professional training, or deliver educational programs.

To date, the Enbridge *Safe Communities Program* has provided funding in excess of \$2 million to emergency first responders across Canada.

The *Jaws of Life* are used to extricate victims of vehicle collisions when the vehicle's doors are too badly damaged to allow their removal.



At the donation presentation, from left: Mayor Steve Arnold; Brigden volunteer firefighter Tom Brown; Enbridge Gas employee Jason Japp; Brigden Deputy Fire Chief Russell Struck; St. Clair Township Fire Chief Roy Dewhirst.

Photo submitted

Mooretown Sports Complex offers relief for the winter blahs

Fight back against the *Winter blahs* while preparing your body to get the most out of summer by participating in one of the many great programs at the Mooretown Sports Complex.

Register for spring swim lessons

Registration for the spring swim lesson session has begun. The lessons begin the week of April 4.

March Break day camp

The March Break day camp gives children ages five through 12 the chance to swim, skate, do crafts, play games and meet special visitors. The program runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an early drop-off of 7:30 a.m. and a late pick-up of 5:30 p.m. available. The cost is \$25 per child per day or \$100 per week. A family plan is also available. To register, call the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.

March Break activities

There's lots of March Break fun for the whole family. A recreational swim will be held every day from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Or if you'd like to ice skate, enjoy a public skate each day from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$2.25 per child, \$3.25 per adult, or \$6.50 for the whole family.

Red Cross babysitting course planned

A Red Cross babysitting course will be held on Monday,

June 13 (PA day) from 8:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Children ages 11 and up are welcome to attend.

Women's Health evening

A FREE women's health evening is planned for Thursday, May 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. *Entitled Are We There Yet*, the subject of this informative session will be perimenopause and menopause. This session is presented in partnership with the West Lambton Community Health Centre.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, call the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651.

Ice Show 2011 coming to Mooretown

The Moore Skating Club's *Ice Show 2011* is coming to the Mooretown Sports Complex on Saturday, April 16, with a show at 2 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or at LaPier's Flowers in Sarnia. **Don't miss a chance to see Team Moore perform the skating routine that took first place in the recent *Rock The Ice Challenge*.**



Community Notices

The Workplace will hold its Interview Skills workshop on Wednesday, March 9 from 9:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The focus is to assist clients with disabilities in their job search. For more information or to register, call 519-337-7377 or email: info@theworkplacegroup.ca. *This is an Employment Ontario program funded in part by the Government of Ontario.*

The Mooretown Hockey Mothers are currently selling tickets for their Grocery Grab Raffle. There are three prizes of Foodland gift certificates up for grabs: first prize, \$750 in certificates; second prize, \$500 in certificates; third prize, \$250 in certificates. The draw will be held at Foodland on March 21 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available by calling Kerry at 519-867-3129. All proceeds are used to reduce the cost of hockey registration fees (house league or travel) in Mooretown.

The winner of the Sunset Rebekah Lodge #185 Sombra Christmas basket raffle was Jim Maw. In true Christmas spirit, Mr. Maw donated the basket to a family in need.

Veterans and their spouses may be eligible for

benefits such as disability pensions, hearing loss assistance and housekeeping. The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch can offer help in determining if such benefits are applicable. For more information, contact Corunna Branch 447 Service Officer Gerry Den Hartogh at 519-862-1613.

The Captain Kidd Days event in Corunna is in need of a new chairman. Call Pattie at 519-862-1314 for more information.

The Moore Agricultural Society is looking for a new Brigden Fair parade organizer. For more information, call the fair office at 519-864-1197.

Cinderella Story, an initiative helping girls obtain affordable dresses for prom night, is now accepting donations of gently-worn formal dresses at the following locations until March 31: Libro Financial in Sarnia; Sarnia Collegiate Institute & Technical School (SCITS) in Sarnia; YMCA Esso Learning Centre in Sarnia; Brooke Alvinston municipal office in Alvinston; and the Gamble Insurance office in Petrolia. The dresses will be sold at the Oil Heritage District Community Centre (OHDCC) in Petrolia on Saturday, April 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

K of C Sunday breakfast in Corunna

The Corunna/Courtright Knights of Columbus will host Sunday breakfast and meat raffle on March 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Lyndoch Street in Corunna. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, ham, home fries, rolls, orange juice, coffee and tea - all you wish to eat. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children six to 13, and no charge for children under six. Upcoming breakfasts will be held on April 3 and May 1.

Pancake supper at All Saints

Enjoy a pancake supper at All Saints Corunna (formerly Christ Anglican Church - see page 1) on Tuesday, **March 8** from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is by free will offering.

Euchre parties in Sombra

A series of euchre parties will be held at the Sombra Community Hall on Fridays at 1 p.m. on the following dates: March 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 29. For more information call 519-892-3964.

Corunna Legion hosting events

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a series of sport and entertainment events in the next few months. **March:** Open cribbage, Thursday, March 3 at 1 p.m.; Hank Strothers Memorial Cribbage Tournament will be played on Sunday, March 6; Lapier Flower Show on Wednesday, March 9; mixed darts will be played on Saturday, March 12; and jam session on Saturday, March 26 at 3 p.m. **April:** euchre will be placed on Sunday, April 10; Jeff Nutt open darts will be played on Saturday, April 23; Provincial Darts will be played on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. **May:** jam session on Saturday, May 28. **Reminder:** Everyone is invited to enjoy a cup of coffee and some lively conversation from Monday to Saturday at 9 a.m. The cost is \$1. For more information about any of these events, call the Legion hall at 519-862-1240.

Corunna Minor Baseball registration

Corunna Minor Baseball registration for both boys' hardball and girls' fastball will be held at the Corunna fire hall Wednesday, **March 9** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, **March 19** from 10 a.m. to noon, and final registration will be held at the Mooretown Sports Complex on Saturday, **March 26** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Beef stew dinner in Wilkesport

A beef stew dinner will be held at the Wilkesport United Church on Thursday, **March 10** from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. or until sold out. Admission will be by donation.

Corunna United Church to host events

Several events are slated for the Corunna United Church. *A ham and scalloped potato dinner will be served on Sunday, **March 20** from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$13 per adult, \$7 per child and no charge for children under six. For tickets call 519-862-3372 or 519-862-1052. *On **April 30** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., a basement sale will be held to benefit Med Outreach students traveling to Tanzania. *And enjoy, *Egyptian Splendors*, a travelogue dinner being presented Friday, **May 6** at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. For tickets, call Brenda at 519-344-8626.

Rebekah Lodge luncheons offered

Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324 luncheon and card party after-

noons at Thomson Gardens, 198 Beckwith Street in Corunna, will be held at noon on the following days: **March 28; April 11; May 30; Sept. 26.**

Chili luncheon to benefit Cancer Society

A chili luncheon to benefit the Canadian Cancer Society will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch hall on Thursday, **April 28** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door and takeouts will be available for \$5. (*To order takeout, call 519-862-1240.*)

Upland Game Bird Chapter NWTB banquet

The Lambton Upland Game Bird Chapter NWTB will host its 1st annual Wild Turkey Federation Banquet and Auction on **April 1** at the Wilkesport Community Centre. For more information, call 519-864-1465.

Crimes Against Seniors seminar set

A free Crimes Against Seniors information seminar will be held Monday, **April 4** from 9 a.m. to noon at Thompson Gardens in Corunna. Free refreshments will be available. To register, call 519-862-4680 or e-mail: ccpcmv@yahoo.ca. This event is sponsored by the Corunna Community Policing Committee and the Ontario Provincial Police St. Clair Township office.

Indoor walking sessions in Brigden

Free indoor walking sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall.

Cruikshank Centre activities planned

The Cruikshank Centre at Thompson Gardens in Corunna will hold **ongoing group games** as follows: euchre on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (\$3); cribbage on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.; bridge on Thursdays at 1 p.m. For more information call 519-862-1628.

LEO seniors' luncheons in Corunna

Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO) hosts a seniors' luncheon every third Wednesday of the month at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall. The cost is \$8 per person. For more information or to register, call LEO at 1-800-265-0203.

IODE flower orders now being taken

The Hon. L. Cathcart Chapter IODE is currently taking advance orders for the sale of geraniums and hanging baskets this spring for residents who are heading south. To order, call Marilyn at 519-862-1769.

Events slated for Brigden

The Moore Agricultural Society has several spring events planned at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall. *The March Country Jamboree is slated for Sunday, **March 13** beginning at 1 p.m. A ham and scalloped potato dinner will follow at 5 p.m. *On Thursday, **March 17**, celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a beef stew supper from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. *On Sunday, **March 27**, the annual Homecraft Moore Agricultural Society beef dinner will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. *Celebrate Easter with a delicious brunch on Sunday, **April 24**. *Enjoy Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, **May 8**. For more information about any of these events, go online to www.brigdenfair.ca. or call 519-864-1197.