

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 18**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
Monday, October 3, 2005
7:00 p.m.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of St. Clair was held this evening with the following members present:

	J. Dedecker,	Mayor
	S. Arnold	Deputy Mayor
	P. Alexander,	Councillor
	S. Miller,	“
	S. Warner,	“
	P. Gilliland,	“
	D. Randell,	“
Staff:	J. Rodey,	CAO
	J. DeMars,	Director of Administration/Clerk/ Deputy CAO

AGENDA:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Adopt Minutes:

Council Meetings of September 19 and September 28, 2005
Moore Museum Advisory Committee of September 7, 2005

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:15 p.m. – Terry Gray – Catalpa Way tenders, results and recommendations

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Calpine – Johnson Drain request
- b) The Royal Canadian Legion – “Remembrance Week”
- c) MADD – “Red Ribbon” campaign November 1, 2005 to January 2, 2006

INFORMATION:

- 1) Operation Christmas Tree
- 2) St. Clair River Trail – August 24 minutes
- 3) Lambton Kent District School Board – Thank You
- 4) Ron Skreptak – Cruickshank Centre report
- 5) Notice of Passing – By-law 77 of 2005
- 6) S.C.R.C.A. October 6th tour
- 7) Pettit family – thank you
- 8) Corunna Community Policing – September 6th Minutes
- 9) Invenergy – October 6th Open House
- 10) Duke Energy – St. Clair Pool
- 11) MPAC - Newsletter

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Committee of Adjustment-Decisions A 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28/05 and B 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36/05

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

- Roofing quotes Courtright Seniors Club & Courtright Library

LIVESTOCK VALUERS REPORT:

- J. Thomas

CLERK'S REPORT:

CAO'S REPORT:

- Lambton Generating Station

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

By-law 83 of 2005 – fencing draft
By-law 84 of 2005 – Confirming By-law

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked members of Council to declare any possible conflicts of interest at the appropriate time.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None declared.

MINUTES:

Council proceeded to review the minutes as listed on the agenda. Deputy Mayor Arnold pointed out that at the September 16th meeting John Rodey was present as CAO.

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #1 That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as printed and circulated:

Council Meeting of September 19, 2005, as corrected

Special Meeting of Council September 28, 2005

Moore Museum Advisory Committee Minutes of September 7, 2005

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed the Correspondence received from Calpine regarding an amended Engineer's Report for the Johnson Drain to address land use issues relative to the Drainage Act and a verbal report from the Clerk advising that the Engineering Department is recommending approval of the request and the appointment of Dillon Consulting to prepare the required Engineer's report.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #2 That the request of Calpine on behalf of the Greenfield Energy Centre for an update of the Drainage Report on the Johnson Drain be accepted and that Dillon Consulting be appointed as the engineering consultant to prepare the required report.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #3 That the request for support from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna for “Remembrance Week” activities be supported and that similar support be granted to the Brigden and Wallaceburg Branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and that past practice in providing funding for the purchase of wreaths and the Poppy Fund donation be continued for 2005.

CARRIED

The Mayor advised that he would check his availability to attend the various Legion celebrations including the November 11th ceremony and the November 6th dinner. Deputy Mayor Arnold also expressed his interest in attending.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #4 That the Township support and approve the request received on behalf of Mothers Against Drunk Driving for the placement of the Group’s 2005 white crosses and their campaign against drunk driving at the intersection of Highway 40 and the Petrolia Line and the Township’s Industrial Park at the location of the Industrial Park at the location of the Industrial Park promotional signage.

CARRIED

INFORMATION:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #5 That the Township financially support the Optimist Club of Moore 2005 Operation Christmas Tree to the same extent as the 2004 financial contribution.

CARRIED

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority have advised of an invitation for Township Officials to attend its October 6th Facilities Tour. The tour will be attended by Mayor Dedecker, Councillor Warner and CAO Rodey.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #6 That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council’s instructions as noted:

- a. Calpine – Johnson Drain request
Inst. See Motion #2
- b. Royal Canadian Legion – “Remembrance Week”
Inst. See Motion #3
- c. MADD – “Red Ribbon” campaign
Inst. See Motion #4

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Terry Gray of T.W. Gray & Associates was present to present to Council his report on the results of the recent tender closing for the Catalpa Way Extension Project. The tenders were as follows:

Murray Mills (Sarnia) Ltd.	\$125,297.53
Birnam Excavating	\$133,155.83
Brandon Contractors	\$140,914.61
Henry Heyink Construction Ltd.	\$147,446.00

Mr. Gray advised that based on the low tender amount and with engineering cost estimates and contingency allowance included the project would be estimated to cost about \$140,000.00. Mr. Gray has contacted and discussed the tender prices with Mr. John Roesgen, one of the original petitioners for the project who has consulted with his co-contributors and advised that the group is prepared to proceed. In response to the Clerk's question Mr. Gray advised that Mr. Roesgen and the other petitioners have finalized an agreement with the solicitors for the Emmons Whyte Group as far as a servicing buy in cost and further that T.W. Gray & Associates would file with the Clerk an Engineer's report on the project including the revised estimated costs and the cost share for completion of the local improvement by-law.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #7 That Council accept the bid of Murray Mills (Sarnia) Ltd. in the amount of \$125,297.53 including GST for the completion of the Catalpa Way Extension Project subject to the written concurrence of the original petitioners to proceed with the project and the receipt of the Ministry of the Environment Certificate of Approval.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Council reviewed the Decisions of the Committee of Adjustment as listed on the agenda and offered no comments.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

Council reviewed the report prepared by Mr. McClemens as to the quotes received for the replacement of the roof on the Courtright Seniors Club and Courtright Library building. Two quotes were received. The quotes were as follows:

Doug Wilson Construction	\$5,777.88	Plus \$1.50/sq. ft. for replacement of defective plywood
Bullock Roofing	\$6,766.00	Plus GST which includes sub roof replacement

Mr. McClemens is predicting that the sub roof will need to be replaced in its entirety and factored that cost into the Doug Wilson Construction tender to arrive at an adjusted estimate of \$6,625.32 which includes the full sub roof replacement.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #8 That the quote of Doug Wilson Construction in the adjusted amount of \$6,625.32 including taxes for the replacement of the roof including the sub roof on the Courtright Seniors Club and Courtright Library be accepted.

CARRIED

LIVESTOCK VALUERS REPORT:

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #9 That the Livestock Valuers Report dated September 25, 2005 in favour of Jim Thomas in the amount of \$477.00 be accepted and approved for payment.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #10 That the report from Donald E. Lougheed, CAO with respect to the Lambton Generating Station be received.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #11 That By-law Number 83 of 2005, being a by-law to authorize an amendment in Fencing by-law 5 of 2004, be given the necessary readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

A recorded vote was called for:

Councillor Randell	Yes
Councillor Warner	Yes
Deputy Mayor Arnold	No
Councillor Miller	No
Councillor Gilliland	Yes
Councillor Alexander	Yes
Mayor Dedecker	Yes

The motion was declared passed.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #12 That By-law Number 84 of 2005, the By-law for the Township of St. Clair to confirm the resolutions and motions of St. Clair Township which were adopted up to and including the September 28, 2005 Council meeting, having been given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Pat Alexander

Councillor Alexander questioned the status in response from the local community physicians regarding the Township's offer to meet to discuss local healthcare issues. The Clerk advised that no response has yet been received from the local physicians.

Also, Councillor Alexander advised that one of the Wilkesport Firefighters have advised of apparent new requirements for liquor licensing that includes insurance coverage that would be very difficult to obtain. Council instructed the Clerk to investigate the situation with a report back to Council.

Also, Councillor Alexander spoke with Mr. Jim Kutyba, Manager of Infrastructure and Development for Lambton County regarding the improvement of the traffic signal at the intersection of Modeland and Confederation in the City of Sarnia. The current traffic signal does not provide for advanced green for North bound traffic making an West bound turn on Confederation. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Kutyba with the request for improvement of this traffic signal.

The septic tank unit at 127 Church Street has been installed as per the original Property Standards Order. The restoration has not been included in the contract or completed at this time. Councillor Alexander advised of a physician willing to relocate in this area with a traveling practice to service various areas in the municipality if his wife was able to secure employment in the area.

Pete Gilliland

Councillor Gilliland advised of receiving a concern regarding the Moore Line bridge project relative to a catchbasin and subsurface drainage installed on the south side of the Moore Line and a problem with a low lying driveway on the north side of the Moore Line. Councillor Gilliland questioned if any holdback is still available to the Township to repair deficiencies. It was suggested that a staff report on the issue be made available to the October 12th meeting of the Public Works and Operations Committee.

Councillor Gilliland also advised of a request received for the establishment of a transit system between the City of Sarnia and Corunna that would be of assistance to the Nordia employees. Council was reminded that a staff report on the issue of local transit has been requested for consideration by Council by the end of the year.

Steve Miller

Councillor Miller advised that the contract between the Lambton municipalities serviced by the Group Contract and the Province has been recently signed and that the new costs associated with the contract will be invoiced accordingly.

Steve Arnold

Deputy Mayor Arnold requested staff to re-institute the CAO's report on the status of projects. Also, the Deputy Mayor reported that the stop sign at Albert Street and Cameron St. is subject to poor visibility due to vegetation growth. The Deputy Mayor requested information be obtained through Councillor Alexander as to an apparent protocol where physicians in Lambton County are paid a bonus through the Bluewater Health budget as an incentive to remain in the County. Councillor Alexander was asked to investigate the validity of this apparent protocol. Council also discussed the pending closure of the Corunna Lab and the closing several months ago of the diagnostic imaging facility in Corunna.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #13 That representatives of the Bluewater Health Alliance be invited to attend a future meeting of Council to discuss the apparent dwindling medical capabilities in the community of Corunna.

CARRIED

Shirley Warner

Councillor Warner questioned the status of the St. Clair Parkway Sanitary Sewer Extension Project. Council was advised that several of the owners have not agreed to the Township's acquisition of easement and are proceeding through expropriation to a hearing of necessity. Council was also advised that the sampling in the area required for a complete COMRIF grant application was unsuccessful due to several of the owners refusing entry to their property by the sampling crew.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell brought to Council's attention that a St. Clair Township resident participated on a Championship Canadian Senior Lacrosse team. It was suggested that a congratulatory letter be drafted for the Mayor's signature to the local athlete.

Councillor Randell advised that the Walpole Island Heritage Centre will probably request a Township representative to sit on an Environmental Committee. Councillor Randell advised that he will participate in this program in another capacity.

Steve Arnold

Joe Dedecker

Mayor Dedecker asked staff to investigate the status of the streetlight installation on Riverside Drive in the Marina Area south of Port Lambton.

Councillor Alexander requested her Councillor's Report be revisited.

In discussion of items arising from the minutes of the St. Clair River Trail, Council pointed out that final approval to proceed with the next phase of the construction of the River Trail has not been finally approved by Council or to Council's knowledge the Township

Engineering staff. Council directed that the St. Clair River Trail Committee be advised of Council's position in this regard.

Councillor Alexander led Council in a discussion of the need for a turning lane on Hill Street/Petrolia Line at Brooktree and Nash Drive.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #14 That the County of Lambton be requested to consider as a capital project the construction of a turning lane on the north side of Hill Street/Petrolia Line for traffic traveling in a westerly direction accessing Brooktree and Nash Drive.

CARRIED

Council also suggested that the appropriate recognition plaques for local industries making a major contribution to the Civic Square in Corunna be placed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #15 That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK