

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 22**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
Monday, December 5, 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 Meeting of November 21, 2005 – Session #21

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Lambton Sportsmen Ltd. – Local Improvement request
- b) Loblaws – site plan amendments

INFORMATION:

1. St. Clair Region Conservation Authority – 2006 budget
2. Lambton Group Police Services Board – October 19, 2005 minutes
3. Ontario Municipal Board – Case No. PL051080
4. Ontario Municipal Board – Case No. PL051029 – Jan. 11, 2006 hearing
5. Waste Diversion Ontario - 2004 blue box
6. Moore Museum – Lee Murdock Concert summary
7. County of Lambton – Council highlight

DRAINS:

Drainage Committee meeting dates – Taylor and Reid Drains

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

- Committee of Adjustment – Decisions A 30 / A 31, A 37 and A 40 / 05

CO-ORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES:

- Bickford Line watermain
- Riverside Drive bridge

CLERK'S REPORT:

Property Standards – 2525 Courtright Line
Accessory Structure – 342 Murray Street
Ladysmith Road closure

CAO'S REPORT:

Police Housing

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

By-law 98 of 2005 – Site Plan St. Clair Mechanical Inc. (Brigden)
By-law 99 of 2005 – Confirming By-law
By-law 100 of 2005 – Dedication of Public Road – Bunker Ave.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Members review for 2006 ?

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Special Committee of The Whole – Capital budget, Wed. December 14, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.
Regular Finance & Administration & Public Works and Operations to follow – Development
Charges report – 1:00 p.m.

Regular meeting of Council Monday, December 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular meeting of Council Monday, January 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Committee of The Whole – Finance & Administration & Public Works and
Operations – Wed. January 11, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. – Insurance review 4:00 p.m.

Regular meeting of Council Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

IN CAMERA:

Property issue

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Dedecker 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

Council proceeded to review the minutes of Council session #21 held November 21, 2005. Councillor Gilliland pointed out that on page 3 of the minutes the catchbasin requiring alteration near the Moore Line bridge reconstruction project is on the south side of the road as opposed to the minute reference to the north side. Also Councillor Gilliland stated that the property owner at the location thinks that the appropriate repair and improvement to the drainage in the area could be achieved by way of enclosing the road side ditch across the front yard of the adjacent property.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #1 That Resolution #1 from the November 21, 2005 Council minutes be referred to the December 14th meeting of the Public Works and Operations Committee.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #2 That the drainage concerns raised by Sharon Mooser for the area on and near Beckwith Street in Corunna be referred to the December 14th meeting of the Public Works and Operations Committee.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #3: That the minutes of the Council Meeting of November 21, 2005, Session #21 be adopted as printed, circulated and amended.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council proceeded to review the correspondence listed on the agenda.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #4 That the November 25, 2005 correspondence from the Lambton Sportsmen Ltd. be accepted as a petition in accordance with the local improvement sections of The Municipal Act, 2001 and further that a public hearing be scheduled for December 19th to consider the local improvement project.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #5 That the request of Loblaw's Properties Ltd. for the issuance of an occupancy permit for the No Frills Food Store be approved prior to the completion of items identified in Clause 9 (a) (b) and (c) of the development agreement for which security has been provided.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #6 That the Township's cost share from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority's 2006 Draft Budget in the amount of \$55,454.47 be referred to the 2006 Operating Budget deliberations.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the report prepared as to the financial status of the Lee Murdock Concert that was co-sponsored by the Township of St. Clair.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #7 That the net profit from the Lee Murdock concert co-sponsored by the Township of St. Clair from the Environment and Education Reserve Fund be returned to that Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

In review of the correspondence from the County of Lambton entitled Council Highlights Councillor Randell questioned if the aerial photography listed as having been approved by County Council will include the Industrial areas of St. Clair Township. Staff was asked to contact the County in this regard.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #8 That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Lambton Sportsmen Ltd.
Inst. See Motion #4
- b. Loblaw's Properties Ltd.
Inst. See Motion #5

CARRIED

DRAINS:

The Drainage Committee members of Council discussed the possible future Drainage Committee Meeting to consider the Engineer's Report on the Taylor and Reid Drains that are currently on file. The members stated that a date would be established at the December 19th meeting of Council.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Council reviewed the decisions of the Committee of Adjustment from its last session and offered no comments.

COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT:

Council reviewed Mr. Burnham's report on the Bickford Line watermain and the Riverside Drive bridge design. In the Bickford Line watermain extension report Mr. Burnham identified the two tenders received to complete this project. The tenders were as follows:

Robinson Farm Drainage Limited	\$18,657.50 plus GST
VanBree Drainage and Bulldozing Ltd.	\$40,421.00 plus GST

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #9 That the tender submitted by Robinson Farm Drainage Limited in the amount of \$18,657.50 plus GST, for the Rural Water Extension on Bickford Line (from 731 Bickford to 521 Bickford) be accepted and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign a contract and/or other related documents, subject to interim financial security being provided to the municipality prior to the local improvement by-law consideration.

CARRIED

Mr. Burnham is recommending Council consideration to issuing a request for proposal for the engineering design for the replacement of the Riverside Drive Bridge.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #10 That an RFP be issued to the appropriate engineering consultants for the engineering design for the replacement of the Riverside Drive Bridge.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #11 That the occupant and/or owner of 2525 Courtright Line be advised in writing, by the Property Standards Officer, that the property does not comply with the Property Standards By-law and be given 30 days to bring it in compliance or as an alternative an order will be written and served.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #12 That the Clerk's report on the Accessory Structure at 342 Murray Street be received.

CARRIED

Council discussed in detail the Clerk's report on the request to close a portion of the Ladysmith Road allowance through the Bickford Oak Woods Reserve as requested by the Ministry of Natural Resources. Council discussed in detailed the deviation from the current municipal property disposal policy in an effort to achieve the goal of maintaining that portion of the closed Ladysmith road allowance as part of the conservation reserve. Council also discussed in detail the recovery of cost incurred by the municipality for legal survey and advertising cost that could be involved in this road closure and transfer.

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #13 That the Township enter a long term lease agreement with the Minister of Natural Resources for the potentially closed portion of the Ladysmith Road Allowance with the Ministry of Natural Resources to be responsible for all costs in this transaction.

DEFEATED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #14 That Notice of Public Hearing be drafted and circulated for a 30 day period and that a Public Hearing be held at the earliest convenience to consider the request filed by the Ministry of Natural Resources dated October 6, 2005 to attempt to close and convey a portion of the Ladysmith Road allowance that bisects the Bickford Oak Woods Reserve.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Council reviewed the report prepared by the CAO regarding the issue of Police housing. At the conclusion of the discussion Council requested Mr. Rodey contact Mr. Frank Gare, Chairperson of the Lambton Group Police Services Board to discuss with Mr. Gare the Board's opinion as to space requirements and adequacy of such a proposed community policing facility.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #15 That the report of the Chief Administrative Officer on the Construction of a Building for the Police Services Board be received.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #16 That By-law Number 98 of 2005, a by-law to authorize execution of a Site Plan Agreement with St. Clair Mechanical Inc., geographic Township of Moore, Township of St. Clair, be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #17 That By-law Number 99 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 November 21, 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

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #18 That By-law Number 100 of 2005, a by-law to authorize the acceptance and dedication of the Bunker Avenue road allowance be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Pat Alexander

Councillor Alexander advised that she attended the recent Brigden Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony that was a successful well attended event. Also, she discussed with Corunna Firefighters, including the Corunna District Chief, the Corunna Association's request for forgiveness of a portion of the loan to finance the past purchase of a passenger van. The Corunna Firefighters group will attend the next meeting of Council. She also asked Staff to respond on the internet the Government's proposed emission testing protocol amendments that would require annual emissions testing for all commercial vehicles including vehicles as small as a pickup truck. Councillor Alexander also advised Council that the banner pole on the west side of Lyndoch Street was damaged and fell perhaps as a result of a poorly designed banner. Damage has probably occurred to the pole on the east side of the street that will probably require the replacement of both poles.

Pete Gilliland

Councillor Gilliland asked staff to investigate and follow up the project to construct streetlighting in the area of the St. Clair Parkway between Emily Street and the Rokeby Line.

Steve Arnold

Deputy Mayor Arnold questioned staff on any feedback from the meeting last month with MPP Caroline DiCocco on the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund. The CAO advised of a response from Ms. DiCocco's office stating that a meeting has been held by her office with Ministry staff with the proposed response to the Township's concern in early 2006. The Deputy Mayor also advised that he attended the recent Sterling Crane facility ribbon cutting.

Shirley Warner

Councillor Warner advised of receiving a ratepayer complaint regarding property assessment as well as explained to the ratepayer the status of the St. Clair Parkway sanitary sewer and waterline extension project for which the last property easement has been agreed to.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell advised of receiving a call from the Wilkesport librarian advising of a leaking roof. It was suggested that Community Services staff be instructed to proceed with repairs with a projected roof replacement in the spring or if that cannot be achieved to consider roof replacement now. In discussion of the Wilkesport Library Deputy Mayor Arnold made a comment as to possible consideration of consolidating such facilities in existing facilities such as Community Centres consolidating facilities and uses to eliminate free standing single purpose facilities.

Joe Dedecker

Mayor Dedecker had been approached by the Corunna Legion regarding the Legion's placement at the St. Clair Civic Square some commemoration to mark 2005 as the year of the Veteran. This group will approach Council with their request and have already approached the Director of Community Services in this regard. Community Services personnel was requested to replace the flags at the Sombra Community Services Building and to investigate the reported poor facility lighting at the front of the Sombra Community Hall. Mayor Dedecker advised of receiving complaints of trip and falls due to the poor lighting.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #19 That the appropriate Township's staff be instructed to investigate and improve the lighting in the vicinity of the Sombra Community Hall.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #20 That the meeting enter an in-camera session with the Mayor as Chair to discuss a property issue.

CARRIED

The meeting returned to order.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #21 That the recommendation contained within the report from John Rodey, CAO dated December 1, 2005 relative to a property transaction be approved.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #24 That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK