

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
SESSION # 23**

St. Clair Civic Centre  
Council Chambers  
Monday, December 19, 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 December 5, 2005  
Public Works & Operations Comm. of December 14, 2005  
Finance & Administration Comm. of December 14, 2005  
Sombra Museum Board meeting of November 17, 2005

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

7:15 p.m. – Blake Willock – Corunna Volunteer Firefighters  
7:30 p.m. – Public Hearing – Local Improvement – Bickford Line Waterline Extension

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**INFORMATION:**

1. St. Clair River Trail
2. County of Lambton – Deputy Warden Arnold
3. County of Lambton – Warden Burns
4. County of Lambton – Intersection of Confederation & Modeland Roads
5. AMO – Alert
6. Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce – OPG
7. L.A.W.S.S. – November 30 Minutes

**DRAINS:**

Drainage Committee date

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**

**DEPUTY TREATURER’S REPORT:**

- Mileage Allowance

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Council Approved Capital Budget Listing for 2006

**COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES:**

- Rural Water Extension on Bickford Line (from 731 Bickford to 521 Bickford)

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**CAO'S REPORT:**

**MOTIONS:**

**BY-LAWS:**

By-law 101 of 2005 – Bickford Waterline Extension – Local Improvement  
By-law 102 of 2005 – Deeming By-law

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Regular Council – Monday, January 9, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.  
Finance and Administration and Public Works and Operations – Wed., January 11, 2006  
2:00 p.m.

**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:**

Deputy Mayor Steve Arnold declared a conflict of interest regarding the Beresford Street property sale and vacated the Council Chambers.

**MINUTES:**

Council proceeded to review the minutes as listed on the agenda. The Clerk pointed out that in the minutes of the December 5<sup>th</sup> Session of Council the motion of Council to pass By-law Number 103, being a by-law to authorize the sale of the Beresford Street property was omitted. Deputy Mayor Arnold declared a conflict of interest and vacated the Council Chambers.

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 December 5, 2005, as corrected  
Sombra Museum Board Committee Minutes of November 17, 2005

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Alexander

**Motion #2** That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole (Combined meeting of Finance & Administration and Public Works & Operations) meeting of December 14, 2005 be adopted as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Arnold returned to his seat.

**DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

Mr. Blake Willock, District Chief for the Corunna Fire Station was present, along with several Corunna Volunteer Firefighters, to present to Council Corunna Firefighters Association request for a municipal donation in the amount of \$7,500.00 representing the last payment on the passenger van stationed at the Corunna Fire Station. Mr. Willock explained the usefulness of the passenger van and funds donated on behalf of the Corunna Volunteer Firefighters Association for various community events and causes.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

**Motion #3** That Council reconsider the grant request submitted on behalf of the Corunna Volunteer Firefighters Association.

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #4** That a grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 representing the balance of the funds owing to the municipality for the Corunna Volunteer Firefighters purchase of a passenger van be approved and funded from the St. Clair Township Environment and Education reserve fund.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Council proceeded to review the Correspondence/Information as listed on the agenda.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #5** That the items of correspondence/information as listed on the agenda are hereby received.

**CARRIED**

**DRAINAGE:**

The Drainage Committee set a tentative date of February 2, 2006 to consider the Engineer's Reports on the Taylor Drain and Reid Drain, but requested staff contact the engineering consultants to see timing of receipt for future reports to incorporate those considerations in the same meeting.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**

**DEPUTY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Council proceeded to review the Deputy Treasurer's report on the mileage allowance.

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #6** That the report with respect to mileage allowance be received and that the mileage allowance be increased from \$0.45 to \$0.50 per kilometer as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 and that this rate be reviewed again in January, 2007.

**CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Arnold called for a recorded vote on the question.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Council reviewed Mr. Quenneville's report on the revised draft 2006 capital budget.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

**Motion #7** That budget line item 66 funding the Fitness Centre preliminary engineering be tabled for further consideration.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #8** That the attached revised Exhibit A1 – A3 Council Approved Capital Budget Listing for the Year 2006 be received as amended.

**CARRIED**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Rodey advised that he had a issue for Council consideration to be considered in camera.

**BY-LAWS:**

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #9** That By-law Number 102 of 2005 a Deeming By-law, Blocks C & D, Plan 600, geographic Township of Moore, Township of St. Clair, be given the necessary readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**Steve Arnold**

Deputy Mayor Arnold advised that he attended the recent hospital funding announcement meeting, and asked for Council consideration for a Clerk's report on the appropriate size of St. Clair Township Council and alternate voting methods.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #10** That the Clerk be instructed to prepare a report for Council consideration dealing with the size of Council and alternate voting methods.

**DEFEATED**

The Clerk advised that he is preparing a report for Council on alternative voting methods.

**Pat Alexander**

Councillor Alexander advised of receiving a question from the Brigden Volunteer Firefighters Association concerned about liability insurance coverage for association sponsored fund raising efforts. Council was advised that the Township's insurance broker has been contacted in this regard, and that a written comment and answer to the question posed to Councillor Alexander would be requested. Also, Councillor Alexander requested staff to contact the appropriate authority to determine the status of the requested flashing light at the intersection of LaSalle Line and DeGurse Drive.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Warner

**Motion #11** That the issue of the grant funding to the Brigden Volunteer Firefighters be reconsidered.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #12** That a \$5,000.00 donation be made to the Brigden Volunteer Firefighters Association representing the 2005 passenger van repayment as an expense to the St. Clair Township Environment and Education fund be approved.

**CARRIED**

At the appointed time Mayor Dedecker called to order the public hearing to consider the local improvement that would authorize the construction and financing of the Bickford Line Waterline Extension.

The Clerk presented to the meeting the Engineer's Report on the issue dated December 19, 2005 and explained to those in attendance the scope of the work proposed and the financing as a local improvement. The Clerk also advised those in attendance that a petition has been received from the one benefiting owner, being the Lambton Sportsmen Limited, subject to withdrawal at this meeting, would be certified as sufficient under the provisions of the local improvement section of the Municipal Act 2001.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Ed Allin representing Lambton Sportsmen Limited, advised that his group is in favour of the work and the proposed funding and asked Council to proceed accordingly.

Hearing no further comments the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

**Motion #13** That By-law Number 101 of 2005, being a by-law to provide for the construction of a Potable Watermain Extension, as Authorized by Section 11 of the Municipal Act 2001, as a local improvement, be given the necessary readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

The Clerk advised that the Treasurer has scheduled a public hearing tentatively set for February 6, 2006 to consider the Township's draft Development Charges Act By-law.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded D. Randell

**Motion #14** 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. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #15** That the offer and agreement of purchase and sale for property known as Part 1, Plan 25R8667 to 1031132 Ontario Limited and Hildon Holdings, Sarnia and the agreement for the municipality to reacquire property known as Part 1, Plan 25R8762 be approved and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement and any other deed, transfer or document related to this property sale/purchase.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

That the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CLERK