

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 01**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
Monday, January 9, 2006
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,	“
	P. Gilliland,	“
	D. Randell,	“
Staff:	J. Rodey,	CAO
	J. DeMars,	Director of Administration/Clerk/ Deputy CAO
Absent	S. Warner,	Councillor

AGENDA:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Adopt Minutes:

Council Meeting of December 19, 2005

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Nicole Ballantyne – Property Standards

INFORMATION:

1. St. Clair Region Conservation Authority award
2. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Respect for Municipal Act
3. MOE – water system funding
4. City of Kawartha Lakes – resolution
5. Town of Niagara on the Lake – resolution
6. Operation Christmas Tree – Thank you
7. Lambton 4-H Association – fundraiser
8. AMO Alert – Planning Act
9. AMO Alert – OMERS Bill 206
10. AMO Alert – MOU Meeting
11. AMO – Legislation Summary
12. AMO Alert – Waste Management
13. AMO Alert – Land Ambulance Funding
14. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
15. Corunna Community Policing – January 3 minutes
16. T. Selman – letter to S. Miller

DRAINS:

Drainage Committee meeting date - February 2, 2006

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

CLERK'S REPORT:

CAO'S REPORT:

Communication to Public
Queen Street – proposed road closing
Community Policing Office

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

By-law 1 of 2006 – Borrowing By-law
By-law 2 of 2006 – Ontario Power Generation Inc. – pipeline crossing
By-law 3 of 2006 – Confirming By-law

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 11, 2006 – Public Works and Finance and Administration – 2:00
p.m.; Insurance Review – 4:00 p.m.
Regular Council – **Tuesday**, January 24, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

IN CAMERA

Property Matter

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.

Councillor Alexander took exception to Motion #12 passed at the regular meeting of Council held December 19, 2005.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #1 That the minutes of the Council Meeting of December 19, 2005, Session #23 be adopted as printed and circulated:

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Councillor Alexander explained to Council that the Brigden Volunteer Firefighters Association would like additional time to reconsider their position relative to the action taken by Council directed by Motion #12 passed December 19th, 2005.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #2 That the action authorized by resolution #12 passed by Council December 19, 2005 relative to grant funding to the Brigden Volunteer Firefighters be tabled pending further consideration by Council between now and Council's second regular meeting in February 2006.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed the property standards complaint received by way of Correspondence from Nicole Ballantyne relative to property known as 811 Holt Line, Port Lambton. The Clerk responded that due to the relatively serious nature of the housing deficiency, the Property Standards Officer was asked to investigate the complaint prior to this meeting of Council. Council was referred to Mr. Weerdenburg's report on the subject dated January 9, 2006. In his report Mr. Weerdenburg is recommending that an Unsafe Order under Section 15.9 of the Ontario Building Code Act should be issued since it is in a condition that could be hazardous to the health or safety of persons in the normal use of the building.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #3 That Council support the recommendation of the Building Inspector to issue an appropriate order under Section 15.9 of the Ontario Building Code Act to address the condition that could be hazardous to the health or safety of persons in the normal use of the building relative to the complaint received on property known as 811 Holt Line.

CARRIED

Council also reviewed the items of Information as listed on the agenda. Council acknowledged receipt from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, for the Conservation Award granted to St. Clair Township for its participation in the purchase and development of the Bickford Oak Woods Conservation Area. Mayor Dedecker is to accept the award on behalf of the municipality at the general meeting of the Conservation Authority scheduled for February 16th.

Council reviewed the information received from the Ministry of the Environment regarding funding available for technical studies for source water protection. Council directed staff to investigate the program to see if the technical studies required for the possible Wilkesport and Froomfield wastewater systems would be eligible for funding through the Conservation Authority.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #4 That a donation of a "Family Pass" to the Museum and a "Family Pass" to an open swim event be offered to the Lambton County 4-H Group in their upcoming February 3rd auction.

CARRIED

In the January 3rd minutes of the Corunna Community Policing Committee, reference was made to the use of the Township's Fitness Club for interested Officers stationed at the Township's Community Policing Office. Councillor Gilliland spoke in favour of the request.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #5 That on duty OPP Officer's wishing to access the Moore Sports Complex fitness facilities be allowed to do so free of charge.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

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

- a. Nicole Ballantyne – Property Standards
Inst. See Motion #3

CARRIED

DRAINAGE:

Members of Council sitting on the Township's Drainage Committee confirmed a meeting of the Drainage Committee to be held Thursday, February 2, 2006 starting at 7:00 p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk verbally reported on a request received from Lambton County for support for the Lambton County Housing Department's application for grant funding under the Green Streets Canada Program.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #7 That St. Clair Township support the application of the County of Lambton Housing Dept. for grant funding under the Green Streets Canada Program for tree planting and urban forestry improvements for the County's property at 3548 St. Clair Parkway, Sombra.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

The CAO briefed Council on a meeting held with Mayor Dedecker and a representative from the Sarnia Observer regarding the possibility of the Observer staff developing in conjunction with the municipality a monthly newsletter on local community events and Council's highlights as a vehicle for information to the public to be distributed free of charge at local retail facilities within the municipality. A further report would be made to Council on this issue once the proposal is further developed.

Also, reviewed the CAO's report on the proposed closure of a portion of the Nash Drive (Queen Street) road allowance.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #8 That Council initiate the closing of a portion of the Queen Street Road allowance between Brooktree and Beckwith and that Council's intention to close this portion of the road be advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act. Upon closing of the road, that Council, declare this portion of the Road surplus to their needs and advertise in accordance with Council Policy. That Council also obtain an appraisal of the property to determine the fair market value. That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to negotiate an agreement of purchase and sale with Mr. DeSena's client based on the appraised value and report back to Council.

CARRIED

The CAO advised of other issues that he would prefer addressed from a legal and property nature at an in camera session.

BY-LAWS:

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #9 That By-law Number 1 of 2006 being a by-law to authorize general borrowing on behalf of the municipality be read the required number of times and be finally passed, signed and sealed.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #10 That By-law Number 2 of 2006 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a pipeline crossing with Ontario Power Generation Inc. for crossing certain roads and drains in St. Clair Township, be given the necessary readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #11 That By-law Number 3 of 2006, 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 December 19, 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:

Steve Arnold

Deputy Mayor Arnold filed with staff a copy of the City of Sarnia Newsletter that sent the property owners in the City. Also, Deputy Mayor Arnold presented to staff a copy of the Lambton County Accessibility Plan as well as the minutes from the Sombra Parks and Recreation Committee with the request that these minutes be circulated at the next meeting of Council. Also, Deputy Mayor Arnold offered a copy of the Lambton County Affordable Housing Strategy Report.

Pat Alexander

Councillor Alexander as well as Mayor Dedecker attended the recent Health Care Worker Recruitment Committee meeting which allowed the opportunity for Committee members to greet medical students who may be interested in establishing a practice in Lambton County. Councillor Alexander felt the meeting was not productive.

Councillor Alexander also provided members of council information received from the VON regarding Family Health Teams. There is a local group hoping to apply for the establishment of such a team by the February 15th deadline, and it was suggested that the support of St. Clair Township Council would be advantageous. The VON has requested an opportunity to meet with Mayor Dedecker, Councillor Alexander and interested members of the public and local healthcare practitioners. Councillor Alexander asked for suggested names of interested people from members of Council and staff.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #12 That St. Clair Township support the VON in principle and their initiative to develop a Family Health Team in St. Clair Township and that they make a presentation to Council with the details of the application prior to submission.

CARRIED

Councillor Alexander asked staff to be prepared to provide information at the next meeting of the Public Works and Operations Committee on the status of the Hay Road on site meeting and the response to the drainage problem in the area of Beckwith and Astor Court. Discussion of the proposed date for the review by Council of the draft 2006 Operating Budget, Council directed that the meeting be rescheduled to Monday, February 13, 2006 commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Pete Gilliland

Councillor Gilliland asked staff to investigate with Public Works staff when the streetlights being installed on the St. Clair Parkway and in the Nash Landing Development would be operational. Also, Councillor Gilliland suggested that Mr. Charlie Nesbit be invited to attend the January 19th meeting of the Moore Foundation.

Councillor Gilliland also suggested that the existence and the address of the St. Clair Township Web Site be advertised and displayed at a conspicuous place in the Civic Centre and as well possibly, a notice could be placed in the tax bill or water billing of the existence and the address of the site.

Joe Dedecker

Mayor Dedecker advised of a complaint received in his area of the garbage collector picking up material properly packaged and bundled that should have been collected by the blue box collector. Mayor Dedecker asked for a report from the Director of Public Works on this subject at the next Public Works meeting.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #13 That the meeting enter a session of the Committee of Whole to discuss a property and legal issue.

CARRIED

The meeting returned to order.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #14 That the report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated December 28, 2005 regarding Industrial Park lands be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #15 That the Lambton Group Police Services Board be advised that St. Clair Township is prepared to consider the construction of a new Police Station and that the Board be requested to support such a facility in the 2500 to 3000 sq. ft. range and that the Police Services Board be requested to communicate this information to the Ontario Provincial Police and if appropriate enter into required negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT:

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #16 That the meeting due hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK