

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 3**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 24, 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,	“
	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 January 9, 2006 and January 19, 2006
Public Works & Operations Comm. of January 11, 2006
Finance & Administration Comm. of January 11, 2006

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:15 p.m. – Jane Marsh, Jim Houston, Mac Redmond – West Lambton Community Health Centre

CORRESPONDENCE:

INFORMATION:

1. St. Clair Region Conservation – December 8, 2005 minutes
2. County of Lambton – Credit Rating
3. OGRA/ROMA – Conference
4. Ontario Power Authority – Conference
5. Ontario Municipal Board – Prehearing conference – February 8, 2006
6. Ontario Municipal Board – Hearing – January 26 & 27, 2006 – Greenfield Energy
7. AMO – OMERS – Bill 206
8. Mooretown-Courtright School – Thank You
9. John McCharles – Appreciation
10. Lambton Farm Safety Association – November 7th minutes
11. Sombra Sports & Recreation – November 16, 2006 minutes
12. Jeff Coleman – firefighters liability coverage
13. Ministry of Transportation – Intersection of Highway 40 and Confederation Line

DRAINS:

By-law #1 of 2006 – Chowen Blind Line Drain

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Pre-budget presentation

CLERK'S REPORT:

Civil Marriages
Pet Licensing
Year End Building Statistics

CAO'S REPORT:

Property issue – in camera

BY-LAWS:

By-law 7 of 2006 – Nash Dr. parking
By-law 8 of 2006 – Agreement with Robert and Nettie Marsh

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****NEW BUSINESS:**

OGRA Delegates

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Council – Monday, February 6, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
Committee of the Whole – Wednesday, February 8, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.
Finance and Administration – budget – Monday, February 13, 2006 – 1:00 p.m.
Regular Council – February ??

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.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #1 That the minutes of the Council meeting of January 9, 2006 and Special Council meeting of January 19, 2006 be adopted as printed and circulated:

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #2 That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole (Combined meeting of Finance & Administration and Public Works & Operations) meeting of January 11, 2006 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Councillor Gilliland advised Council that the streetlighting on the St. Clair Parkway from Emily Street to the Rokeby Line have not been lit as was reported at the last meeting of the Public Works and Operations Committee. Council also requested the status of the Engineering Department's report on the drainage in the area of Beckwith and Astor Court. Council was advised that the report will be available for the next Committee of the Whole.

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

At the appointed time Mayor Dedecker welcomed Mr. Jim Houston, Chairperson of the West Lambton Community Health Centre and Mac Redmond the Executive Director of the North Lambton Community Health Centre and Jane Marsh, Township Representative on the Health Centre Committee who were present to update Council on the status of the West Lambton Health Centre being built in Point Edward that will be affiliated with the North Lambton Health Centre. Mr. Redmond explained the healthcare void that will be improved once the Health Centre in Point Edward is open, probably by June of 2006. He also advised that the Health Centre's mandate is to provide healthcare services to a specific targeted population such as low income families, senior citizens, persons with mental illnesses and youth. Health Centres also provide outreach programs that may be of benefit to St. Clair Township citizens.

Mr. Houston is requesting assistance from the municipality in identifying healthcare needs where the West Lambton Health Centre may be of assistance. Mr. Houston also advised that it would be a goal of the West Lambton Centre to provide improved services particularly in the area of South St. Clair Township.

At the conclusion of the presentation Mayor Dedecker thanked the representatives for the information provided and wished them continued success in their endeavours to complete the West Lambton Health Centre.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed the items of Correspondence as listed on the agenda.

DRAINS:

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #3 That Drainage By-law #1 of 2006, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$8,010.00 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance to the Chowen Blind Line Drain be given the necessary readings and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Council reviewed Mr. Quenneville's report and a meeting scheduled for January 31st at 11:20 a.m. to make a presentation to the Provincial Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs and pre-budget consultations. It is proposed that the Mayor, the CAO and the Treasurer attend this meeting to present the Township's position on the Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding Formula.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #4 That the report on the St. Clair delegation to the Provincial Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs for pre-budget consultation in Sarnia on January 31, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk provided a verbal report on the request that will be forthcoming from the Moore Museum Advisory Board for the Township to obtain authority to perform civil marriages, with the authority to be then delegated to Mr. Gary Smith, who has expressed a willingness to provide civil marriage ceremonies at the non-denominational church located on the Museum grounds. After considerable discussion, it was;

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #5 That the Clerk be requested to draft for Council consideration a report on the issue of civil marriages.

CARRIED

Council reviewed with the Clerk his report on the proposal to purchase appropriate software to assist in the Township's Animal Control procedures

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #6 That staff be authorized to purchase the iCity Pet License software at an estimated initial cost of \$4,360.00 to be financed out of the general equipment reserve and the annual support service cost of \$720.00 per year to be financed from the Animal Control budget.

CARRIED

The Clerk provided to Council the summary of the 2005 building statistics for Council's information.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rodey advised that he had a verbal report for consideration by Council at an in camera session.

BY-LAWS:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #7 That By-law Number 7 of 2006, being a by-law to regulate vehicular parking and authorize the placement of the appropriate signs on a portion of Nash Drive, Corunna, 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 P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #8 That By-law Number 8 of 2006, being a by-law to authorize an Agreement with Robert Marsh and Nettie Marsh to sever an existing home and drive shed on a .8 hectare lot, the North $\frac{3}{4}$ of the West $\frac{2}{3}$ of Lot 12, Concession 6, geographic Township of Moore, Township of St. Clair, 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 requested staff to confirm Council's 1/3 tax exemption was still in effect.

Deputy Mayor Arnold led Council in a discussion on the Hay Road situation and the results of his discussions with Mr. Charlie Grant, a property owner who accesses a portion of his property by way of the Hay Road. Deputy Mayor Arnold was of the opinion that the Township should make an effort initially to secure the property that would be required from the affected owner to improve and widen the Hay Road.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #9 That staff be instructed to contact Mr. Jim Hay by way of a letter of intent to determine his willingness to either donate or sell property required to widen and improve the Hay Road.

CARRIED

Council also asked for a report from staff and the status of the road relative to granting of consents affecting the properties in question several years ago.

Deputy Mayor Arnold also discussed with Council the issue of the Bill Miller request relative to roadside drainage of the Moore Line in the vicinity of where the new bridge was constructed last year. After considerable discussion, it was;

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #10 That Public Works staff be instructed to install appropriately sized lawn piping adjacent to the Bill Miller property on the Moore Line from a location east of the driveway entrance to the existing catchbasin at Township expense.

CARRIED

Pat Alexander

Councillor Alexander presented to Council a letter received from the Brigden Volunteer Firefighters Association relative to previous commitment by Council to forgive the 2005 annual payment to the Township of the \$5,000.00 indebtedness for the loan to purchase the passenger van.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #11 That the issue of the donation to the Brigden Volunteer Firefighters Association in the amount of \$5,000.00 to finance the 2005 passenger van payment be lifted from the table.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #12 That the letter from the Brigden Volunteer Firefighters Association withdrawing their request for a \$5,000.00 forgiveness representing the 2005 passenger van loan repayment be acknowledged and that the earlier Council approval to grant the forgiveness be rescinded.

CARRIED

The response to Councillor Alexander's question, the Clerk advised that the flood damage claim submitted by Mr. Bob Nisbet on Beresford Street in Corunna has been referred to the Township's general insurance company and is being investigated by the appointed insurance adjuster.

Councillor Alexander also advised Council of the numerous noise complaints being received relative to the "Bad Dog" establishment in Corunna.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #13 That a letter of thanks be forwarded to MP Roger Gallaway and a letter of congratulations be sent to MP Elect Pat Davidson on behalf of the municipality.

CARRIED

Council discussed the presentation made earlier in the meeting by representatives of the West Lambton Community Health Centre and their request for Council consideration on establishing satellite services perhaps in South St. Clair Township.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #14 That a letter of request be sent through the North Lambton Community Health Centre for assistance and consideration of establishing satellite health services in St. Clair Township based on demographically demonstrated needs.

CARRIED

Pete Gilliland

Councillor Gilliland advised of a request received for the re-establishment of the No Parking signs adjacent to the Corunna United Church driveway. Councillor Gilliland advised that the signs designating No Parking for approximately three car lengths in the area have been removed, and the County should be asked to re-establish the signage.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #15 That Lambton County be asked to re-establish the Handicapped Parking regulation on Hill Street in the area adjacent to the Corunna United Church entrance.

CARRIED

Joe Dedecker

In response to Mayor Dedecker's question, staff advised that the letter from the Township to the Lambton Group Police Services Board relative to the proposed Corunna facility has been forwarded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council provided to staff a listing of delegates that would be attending various functions at the upcoming ROMA/OGRA Conference. Discussion of future meetings Council directed that the regularly scheduled meeting on February 20th be cancelled, and that a regular meeting of Council be scheduled for Monday, February 13 following the budget deliberation meeting.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #16 That the meeting enter an in camera session to discuss a property issue with the Mayor as Chair.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #17 That staff be authorized to respond to the appropriate parties in the affirmative relative to the draft agreement identified in the CAO's verbal report, including the request for assistance to the municipality in the 2006 operations as well as retention of legal counsel.

CARRIED

Councillor Gilliland requested Council consideration at its next meeting of July and August meeting schedules.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK