

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 4**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
Monday, February 6, 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 24, 2006
Moore Museum Advisory Committee of January 11, 2006
Sombra Museum Board Committee Minutes of January 19, 2006
Drainage Committee – February 2, 2006

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 p.m. – St. Clair Extrication Team – Joe Card, Trevor Preece
7:15 p.m. – Hemson Consulting Ltd. – Development Charge Study – Notice of Public Meeting
7:45 p.m. – Charlotte’s Task Force – Norm Sutherland

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Sombra Museum Board – appointments
- b) Moore Museum – February 1, 2006 meeting

INFORMATION:

- 1) Ministry of Finance and Municipal Affairs and Housing – OMPF
- 2) Robert Murray – OMB
- 3) Norm Sutherland – Charlotte’s Task Force
- 4) Bluewater Health – Press Release
- 5) Road Closing – public meeting notice
- 6) AMO – Alert – OMPF
- 7) AMO – News Release
- 8) Ministry of Natural Resources – Bickford Oak Woods – Open House
- 9) Grace White – Thank You
- 10) Moore Skating Club – Request
- 11) L.G.P.S.B. – November 16, 2005 – meeting minutes
- 12) Shirley Warner – Tank You
- 13) Canadian Cancer Society – September 24th, 2006 Walk
- 14) County of Lambton – Council Highlights

DRAINS:

By-law 2 of 2006 – Reid Dr. – 1st and 2nd reading

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Committee of Adjustment - Decisions A 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 and B 1 and B 2/06

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- 2006 Annual Repayment Limit for Long Term Debt Financing
- OSIFA's Offer to Purchase Debentures
- Approval of Development Charge By-law 4 of 2006

CLERK'S REPORT:

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

- By-law 4 of 2006 – Establish Development Charges
- By-law 5 of 2006 – Authorize Borrowing upon Debentures – Stag Island Water Supply
- By-law 6 of 2006 – Authorize Borrowing upon Debentures – Corunna Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade
- By-law 9 of 2006 – Interim Tax Levies for the year 2006
- By-law 10 of 2006 – Encroachment Agreement, Pt. Lot B & C, Con. 11 (Sombra)
- By-law 11 of 2006 – Water Agreement Dawn-Euphemia

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Family Health Team - update

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Public Works & Operations – Finance & Administration – Wed. Feb. 8, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.
- Special Finance & Administration – Monday, February 13, 2006 – 1:00 p.m.
- Regular Council – Monday, February 13, 2006 (Following Finance & Administration)
- Regular Council – Monday, March 6, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #1 That the meeting do hereby convene at 6:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Dedecker asked any members to declare conflicts of interest at the appropriate time.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None declared.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Dedecker welcomed Mr. Joe Card and Mr. Trevor Preece and several other members of the St. Clair Auto Extrication Team present to detail to Council the Team's competitive success in 2005, and the Team's plans for 2006. Mr. Card advised that the Team finished second in regional competition and 12th overall in the World Competition hosted in Florida.

The 2006 Team has been invited to participate in the World Competition hosted by the City of Burlington. Also, Mr. Card pointed out that the Lambton County Municipal Trainers Association is hosting the Southwest Ontario Vehicle Rescue Challenge and Symposium hosted in Pt. Edward in July of 2006. Mr. Card pointed out that the total expenditures for the Team in 2005 were \$11,998.94 and projected that the 2006 expenditures are \$7,629.93. In total four competitions will be attended in 2006. District Chief Card presented to Mayor Dedecker a thank you plaque to St. Clair Township Council for their support in the Team's efforts and successes to this point.

Mayor Dedecker on behalf of himself and Council thanked District Chief Card and his Team for their many long hours of volunteer services to the people of St. Clair Township and expressed his pride in the success and the area recognition granted to the Extrication Team.

MINUTES:

Council proceeded to review the minutes as listed on the agenda. Councillor Gilliland pointed out that Motion #10 from the last minutes incorrectly referred to the Bill Miller property and that the property in question is actually owned by Steve Miller. Also, Councillor Gilliland offered a correction to the minutes stating that the No Parking restriction requested by the United Church is three car widths and not three car lengths as reported. In response to a list of Council's questions, the Mayor and CAO advised that the Township presentation to the Provincial Standing Committee on pre-budget consultations went very well, but no response has yet been received from the Ministry of Finance.

As noted in the review of the Sombra Museum minutes that Curator Glenda Young is retiring from that position in May of 2006.

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #2 That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as printed and circulated:

Council Meeting of January 24, 2006, as amended

Moore Museum Advisory Committee of January 11, 2006

Sombra Museum Board Committee Minutes of January 19, 2006

CARRIED

Council proceeded to review the minutes of the Drainage Committee meeting. Council was advised that further information has been received from Mr. Dennis McCready of Todgham and Case stating that the Drainage Report on the Taylor Drain actually did provide for the subsurface tile at the depth and grade requested by Mr. Duncan, and that the Taylor Drain report would not require reference back to the Engineer for amendment.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #3 That the Engineer's report on the Taylor Drain dated September 23, 2005 be adopted.

CARRIED

Council discussed the issue of the Reid Drain move off proposal relative to items raised by the ratepayers at the February 2nd Drainage Committee meeting. Council directed staff to contact Mr. Dennis McCready of Todgham and Case Associates author of the Reid Drain Report dated June 20, 2005 with the request to investigate and report to Council on the concerns raised by the ratepayers at the Drainage Committee meeting with a report to Council no later than the end of June 2006.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #4 That the Engineer's report on the Reid Drain dated June 20, 2005 be tabled pending consideration and review of the report of the Engineer on the concerns raised by the ratepayers and attendance at the February 2nd consideration meeting.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #5 That with the exception of the recommendation relative to the Taylor Drain and the Reid Drain the report of the February 2nd meeting of the Drainage Committee and the recommendations contained therein be accepted and approved.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #6 That the following appointments to the Sombra Museum Board be approved by Council.

Chair	David Lee
Secretary	Allan Anderson
Mayor	Joe Dedecker
Member	Eldon Grant
Member	Eric Lumley
Member	Charles Grant
Member	Guy Dion
Member	Catherine Bouman
Member	Katherine Elliott
Member	Murray McAllister
Member	Jim Goodman

CARRIED

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #7 That permission be granted to the Moore Museum Advisory Committee to circulate the Adopt a Project Circulation List to area service clubs and industry seeking donations and further that permission be granted to use \$1,000.00 from the Moore Museum Reserve Fund to work on refurbishing the 1925 LaSalle Fire Truck on display at the museum.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #8 That a one quarter page ad costing \$100.00 be placed in the Moore Skating Club's program of the Skating Club's upcoming event.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #9 That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a) Sombra Museum Board – appointments
Inst. See Motion #7
- b) Moore Museum –February 1, 2006 meeting
Inst. See Motion #8

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

At the appointed time Mayor Dedecker called to order the public hearing called to consider the consultant's report and draft by-law under the Development Charges Act. Mayor Dedecker called upon Stefan Krzeczunowicz, Hemson Consulting Ltd. author of the Background Study present to present an overview of the study and the provisions of the draft by-law before Council tonight. Mr. Krzeczunowicz advised the meeting that the Development Charges Act area proposed are those urban areas identified in the original Moore Township by-law being the communities of Corunna, Mooretown and Courtright with the expansion of the Courtright area to the South along the St. Clair Parkway to coincide with the area proposed to benefit from the sanitary sewer extension.

The Consultant advised that in some cases the Development Charges could be justified at a rate of approximately \$9,000.00 per lot, however, Council is proposing to continue the practice established by Moore Township in its 1999 Development Charges By-law establishing such fees as \$1,750.00 per lot for the urban areas identified in 1999 plus the expanded Courtright area.

At the conclusion of the discussion and hearing no further questions or input from those in attendance the Mayor declared the public meeting closed. The Mayor thanked Mr. Krzeczunowicz for his report and attendance at this meeting.

At the appointed time Mayor Dedecker welcomed Mr. Norm Sutherland and Mary Pat Gleason members of the Charlotte's Taskforce present to detail to Council status of the CEE Hospital in Petrolia and its relationship with Bluewater Health. Mr. Sutherland stated that since amalgamation with Bluewater Health in 2003 services have been cut at the Hospital including the loss of a fulltime pharmacist, delay in medical report to the Petrolia area doctors and the loss of an in house fulltime social worker. Mr. Sutherland stated that his taskforce fears that with the affiliation with Bluewater Health and media reported budget cuts services at CEE will continue to deteriorate and access to high quality hospital services for central and rural Lambton will be adversely affected.

At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Sutherland requested on behalf of the Charlotte's Task Force for St. Clair Township Council to consider placing a referendum question on the 2006 Municipal Ballot requesting that the Minister of Health sever the relationship between CEE Hospital and Bluewater Health and allow CEE to return to its former status as a stand alone self governed hospital facility. Mayor Dedecker advised that Council would take the request under consideration and that the group would be advised of Council's decision.

DRAINS:

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #10 That By-law Number 3 of 2006 being a by-law to authorize the financing and construction of the Taylor Drain be read the first and second time and be provisionally adopted.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Council reviewed the decisions for the January meeting of the Committee of Adjustment and offered no comment.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #11 That the report of the Director of Finance dated January 31, 2006 on St. Clair 2006 Annual Repayment Limit for Long Term Debt Financing be received and that the revised St. Clair 2006 Annual Repayment Limit for Long Term Debt Financing after By-law 5 of 2006 and By-law 6 of 2006 as of February 6, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Arnold requested the Treasurer to prepare for the budget deliberation meeting a listing of all of the Township's outstanding capital debt and the purpose for which the debt was incurred.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #12 That the report of the Director of Finance dated January 31, 2006 regarding OSIFA's Offer to Purchase Debentures be received.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #13 That the report of the Director of Finance dated February 2, 2006 regarding Approval of the Development Charges By-law 4 of 2006 be received.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rodey advised that he had a report to Council on a property issue that should be addressed in camera.

BY-LAWS:

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #14 That By-law Number 4 of 2006, a by-law to establish development charges for the Corporation of the 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

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #15 That By-law Number 5 of 2006, a By-law to authorize Borrowing upon Debentures – Stag Island Water Supply, 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. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #16 That By-law Number 6 of 2006, a By-law to authorize Borrowing upon Debentures – Corunna Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade, 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 D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #17 That By-law Number 9 of 2006, a by-law to provide for interim tax levies for the year 2006 for the Township of St. Clair having been given the necessary readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #18 That By-law Number 10 of 2006, being a by-law to authorize an Encroachment Agreement for Part Lot B and C, Concession 11, geographic Township of Sombra, Township of St. Clair, be given the necessary readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #19 That By-law Number 11 of 2006 being a by-law to authorize a waterline agreement with the Township of Dawn-Euphemia, be given the necessary readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Steve Arnold

In response to the Deputy Mayor's question the Clerk advised that a meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee has not been established.

Deputy Mayor Arnold requested staff, in response to a ratepayer request, contact Mr. Dick Workman regarding a drain in his area on the St. Clair Parkway near the Corunna Garden Centre. Mr. Workman would like to discuss enclosing the drain and questioned the status of the drain as a municipal drain or roadside drain.

Deputy Mayor Arnold also advised Council of a complaint received from a property owner on Moore Line regarding a drain that was possibly damaged during waterline construction on the Moore Line. Deputy Mayor Arnold is to provide to staff the exact municipal address and location of the drain in question.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #20 That staff be instructed to install approximately 400 feet of 4 inch subsurface drain into the existing catchbasin in the roadside drain adjacent to the Russ Marsh property on the Moore Line.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #21 That staff be requested to report on the Steve Miller drainage problem on the Moore Line with methods of repair and costs.

CARRIED

Pat Alexander

Councillor Alexander advised Council that Mr. Wayne Romphf, the Township's Animal Control Officer in Ward 1 has passed away. In response to Councillor Alexander's questions, the Clerk advised that in the interim time, Mr. Romphf's son and partner have offered to continue animal control services for the municipality until other arrangements can be made.

Councillor Alexander advised Council of an issue of the previous Council granting to the Community Health Centre a forgivable \$5,000.00 loan to promote the establishment of an area Community Health Centre. The Community Health Centre Group are now asking the municipality to forgive this loan.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #22 That the loan granted, to the Community Health Centre Task Force to facilitate and submit an application for Provincial funding, in the amount of \$5,000.00 be written off and forgiven.

Recorded vote was requested:

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

CARRIED

Councillor Alexander briefed Council on the recent meeting of the Family Health Team Committee to be discussed later in the meeting. Councillor Alexander also reminded Council of information received many years ago from the Medical Officer of Health regarding the relatively high statistical incidence of cancer and other diseases in the Lambton County area. Council requested staff to contact the Office of the Medical Officer of Health for statistical information on the incidence of various diseases and opinions on possible remedial action, and if available the Medical Officer of Health be invited to attend a future meeting of Council.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #23 That the issue of a 2006 grant to the St. Clair Township Auto Extrication Team be referred to budget deliberations.

CARRIED

The Deputy Mayor questioned, in the submission received from the Team, how much funding the Team is actually requesting for 2006. Councillor Alexander volunteered to

contact the Team and ask for a specific written financial request. Councillor Alexander also advised Council that relative to Council's decision regarding the drainage repair adjacent to the Steve Miller property, she has been made aware that two other property owners have made similar requests that were denied and felt this should be taken into consideration relative to the Miller request.

Joe Dedecker

Mayor Dedecker advised of receiving a call from Mr. Ted Helbin requesting an opportunity to discuss various road needs with one or both of the Ward 2 Councillors. Mayor Dedecker briefed Council on the presentation that was made by himself, the CAO and the Treasurer to the Ministry of Finance pre-budget taskforce. Also, the Mayor has been invited to attend the Taskforce on Energy meeting scheduled for February 13th exact time and details of the meeting will be known on February 8th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed with staff a draft application for the Wave 3 Family Health Team. In regards to the item of identifying a location for the proposed site the St. Clair Township Community Services Building in Sombra was identified as a possible site. Also, in regards to the Identification of Funding Partners, Council advised that it may consider a one time initial funding to launch the program, but was unable to commit to ongoing operating costs due to its inability to financially commit future Councils. Council also discussed in detail the provision in the application that stated that the municipality would be prepared to move forward to establish a facility within six months of final program approval. Several members of Council stated that they felt the application process was to demonstrate the municipality's interest in establishing a Family Health Team and that logistics such as facilities and timing could be renegotiated if necessary at a later date.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #24 That the Township send a letter of support for the establishment of a Family Health Team.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #25 That the meeting enter an in camera session with the Mayor as Chair to discuss a property issue.

CARRIED

The meeting returned to order.

The CAO advised that Denise Thibeault of the Sarnia Observer has provided information as to the estimated cost of creating a news stand publication in the volume of approximately 2500 to 3000 copies per month available at appropriate retail outlets within the municipality. Ms. Thibeault felt that such a publication could be accomplished with a municipal contribution of approximately \$900 to \$1,200 per month. Council stated that in its opinion that if such a publication is produced the St. Clair Beacon name could be resurrected.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #26 That approval be given to staff to negotiate a three month trial period for a monthly news stand edition of an information newspaper highlighting Council activities and items of major news in the municipality for distribution to all appropriate retail outlets in the municipality.

CARRIED

The response to the Mayor's question the Clerk advised that the letter regarding the Corunna Community Policing Facility has been sent to the Lambton Group Police Services Board and Councillor Miller advised that the issue, he anticipates, will be on the next meeting agenda scheduled for March. Also, Council engaged with the CAO discussion on Provincial proposed changes to the OMERS pension plan system.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #27 That the meeting adjourn

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK