

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

St. Clair Civic Centre  
Sombra Room  
April 12, 2006  
1:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Wednesday, April 12, 2006 with the following people present:

S. Miller,	Chairperson, Public Works and Operations
S. Warner,	Chairperson, Finance & Administration
J. Dedecker,	Mayor
S. Arnold,	Deputy Mayor
D. Randell,	Councillor
P. Alexander,	“
P. Gilliland	“
Staff J. DeMars,	Director of Administration/Clerk
R. Kerr,	Director of Public Works
C. Quenneville,	Director of Finance/Treasurer
Absent: J. Rodey,	CAO

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA:**

**1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

**2. GENERAL ACCOUNTS: Month ending March 31, 2006**

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

A-1 Repair to Banner Poles & Wilkesport Extrication Team  
A-2 Monthly Statement of Financial Position period ending March 31, 2006  
A-3 MFOA Property Tax and Assessment Update  
A-4 2006 Property Tax Policy Study  
A-5 Provincial Budget One time Road and Bridge Funding  
A-6 Photocopier quotes

**4. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

B-1 Monthly Report dated March 9, 2006

**5. BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

C-1 Building Permit Reports for the month ending March 31, 2006

**6. CLERK'S REPORTS:**

- Alcohol policy  
- Alternative voting methods

**7. C.A.O.'S REPORTS:**

D-1 Property Lease

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

## **10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Dedecker called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and asked members to declare any conflict of interest at the appropriate time.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

None declared.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Frank Gare, Chair, Mayor Cam Ivy and Liz Welsh representing the Lambton Group Police Services Board, together with Inspector Fred Wessels, Staff Sgt. Scott Janssens and Sgt. Paul Futers of the local OPP Detachment and Nancy Fabbro, Facilities Management Coordinator for the OPP to this joint meeting to discuss the concept of a municipal policing facility proposed to be built by the municipality and leased to the Lambton Group Police Services Board.

Mr. Gare provided an overview of the project to date and expressed to the Committee the relative urgency of an improved facility for the St. Clair Township Community Policing. He then turned over the meeting to Nancy Fabbro who detailed to the Committee provincial guidelines as to space requirements. Ms. Fabbro advised that approximately 6,000 sq. feet is needed to adequately house the approximate 20 officers that are currently stationed out of the Corunna Community Policing Office. A proposed new building should include 3 cells and a sallyport, however, it was pointed out that to meet local needs the space requirement could be reduced somewhat.

Inspector Wessels suggested that, for example, the three cells could be reduced to two, but the establishment of cells in a new facility would be extremely important. Inspector Wessels also stated that the decision to proceed with the project and the ultimate location of a facility, if the project progresses, would be completely up to the municipality. In response to Councillor Gilliland's question, Inspector Wessels stated that in his opinion the location of a proposed new facility attached to or adjacent to the Township Civic Centre would be appropriate and provide adequate coverage to all areas of St. Clair Township. Inspector Wessels drew the Committee's attention to the recent report drafted by Sgt. Paul Futers, the St. Clair Township Community Sergeant highlighting the pros and cons of two possible site locations. Mayor Dedecker pointed out that St. Clair Township is not obligated to create a facility for the use by the Community Policing, but that that did not diminish the will of St. Clair Township to do so. Inspector Wessels suggested that a subcommittee established with representatives of the OPP and the municipality with a liaison to the Police Services Board be established to move the proposal ahead if that is Council's will.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Warner

**Motion #1** That it be recommended to Council that a subcommittee be established to investigate options and alternatives for the proposed establishment of a St. Clair Township Community Policing Facility attached to or adjacent to the Township Civic Centre in Mooretown.

**CARRIED**

The Police Services Board agreed at the Committee's request to provide to the municipality information on the current rental arrangements in place for the existing Corunna facility. In response to the Clerk's questions Mr. Gare advised that the current landlord has been advised of the discussions of the Police Services Board and is aware that the Board is seeking other alternatives such as a municipality owned facilities.

Ms. Fabbro advised that she would be willing to provide consultation services to the municipality initially to examine the architectural feasibility of an expansion to the current Civic Centre. The Committee agreed that staff would forward to Ms. Fabbro plans and layout of the Civic Centre.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Committee agreed that it would be the municipalities' intention to investigate, and if appropriate, advance the proposal to create a municipally owned facility, as soon as possible with hopefully construction to start by this fall. The

Committee thanked Mr. Gare and his Committee, as well as the OPP representatives for their attendance at this meeting and the information provided.

Chairperson Shirley Warner assumed the Chair.

**GENERAL ACCOUNTS:** Month ending March, 2006

The Committee proceeded to review the General Accounts for the month of March 2006. The Treasurer was requested to provide information as to the account for the Golf Course listed on Page 3 for supplies.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #2** That this Committee recommend to Council that General Accounts for the new accounting system starting with supplier number 407001 to XER002, totaling, \$4,686,045.60 be approved for the month of March, 2006.

**CARRIED**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #3** That it be recommended to Council that the reports identified as A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4 be received and that the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

**CARRIED**

The Committee discussed in detail the issue of funding provided to the St. Clair Township Auto Extrication Team and possible policy confusions in the past.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Arnold

**Motion #4** That it be recommended to Council that the Clerk be instructed to draft a policy relative to the activities and financing of Township sponsored Auto Extrication Teams.

**CARRIED**

The Committee discussed in detail report number A-4 regarding the 2006 Property Tax Policy Study.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Alexander

**Motion #5** That it be recommended to Council that the report on the allocation of the \$441,067. for road and bridge funding be tabled for approximately one month and brought to Council once the 2006 capital projects tender results are known.

**CARRIED**

The Committee reviewed with the Treasurer his report on the possible purchase or lease of photocopier equipment. Mr. Quenneville has summarized for the Committee the results of the quotations received and the relative financial merits of purchasing or leasing such equipment. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was;

Moved by J. Dedecker

Seconded by P. Alexander

**Motion #6** That it be recommended to Council that the Treasurer be given the authority to purchase two Xerox 255 Model photocopiers for \$33,706.50 to be financed initially from the general equipment reserve then replenish this reserve over the customary lease term.

**CARRIED**

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

The Committee discussed in detail Mr. Hackett's report on various items relating to the Township's Community Services Department.

Moved by J. Dedecker

Seconded by S. Arnold

**Motion #7** That it be recommended to Council that the Director of Community Services along with the Sombra Museum Board to interview and hire a new Curator for the Sombra Museum by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CARRIED**

The Committee reviewed the staffing requirements report prepared by Mr. Hackett showing the personnel needs for the former St. Clair Parkway assets compared with a revised staffing program.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #8** That it be recommended to Council that the Director of Community Services be authorized to hire senior and student staff as required based on the guideline detailed in his report dated March 9, 2006 for the operation of the Campgrounds and Parks formerly operated by the St. Clair Parkway Commission.

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #9** That it be recommended to Council that Council authorize the change in status of the front desk reception position to go from regular part-time to full-time and to fill the position following all existing requirements of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

**Motion #10** That it be recommended to Council that Council approve the Sombra Athletic Association's proposal to proceed with their project based on pricing and the provision of financial assistance for their share for up to sixty months.

**CARRIED**

In response to questions Mr. Hackett advised that a portion of the Athletic Associations 50% cost share could be made up by way of donated labour, equipment and materials. The Committee reviewed the tenders called by former St. Clair Parks Commission staff for the provision of the purchase of twenty-five golf carts. The tenders were as follows:

Club Car	\$100,847.50
E-Z Go Textron Canada	\$101,917.50
Yamaha	\$ 96,300.00 (did not meet spec)

Moved by J. Dedecker

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion 11** That it be recommended to Council that the tender price from Club Car in the amount of \$100,847.50 for the purchase of twenty-five golf carts be accepted, with the purchase to be financed over five years by the municipality and paid back through revenue from the golf course.

**CARRIED**

Mr. Hackett pointed out that Club Car has offered to provide to the municipality, at no cost, a used golf cart scheduled to be converted to solar power on an experimental basis. Also, on discussion of the golf course, Mr. Hackett suggested that perhaps Council may want to consider, perhaps in May, a grand reopening of the golf course facilities under the Township's name. It was suggested that a Committee be struck on an ad hoc basis to assist Mr. Hackett in the organization of such a celebration. Several members of Council including Councillor Alexander, Councillor Gilliland and Councillor Miller volunteered to sit on the Committee. It was suggested that the Committee be appointed as suggested by the Mayor at the next meeting of Council.

The Committee reviewed quotes received on behalf of the former St. Clair Parks Commission employees for the purchase of a triplex greens mower. Tenders were as follows:

G. C. Duke Equipment (Jacobson)	\$27,025.00
Podilinsky (John Deere)	\$30,179.45
Turf Care (Toro)	\$29,417.00

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #12** That it be recommended to Council that Council accept the tendered price of \$27,025.00 from G. C. Duke Equipment for the purchase of the specified triplex greens mover financed over five years by the municipality and paid back through revenue from the golf course.

**CARRIED**

Council discussed with Mr. Hackett the agreement for leasing for a chip truck at Gutherie Park. In accordance with Mr. Hackett's recommendation the Committee concurred with a recommendation to offer a leasing agreement to the first person to have approached the municipality requesting such an agreement.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #13** That it be recommended to Council that a leasing agreement be executed for the establishment of a chip truck at Gutherie Park, and further that a policy be developed on tendering or leasing space in river front parks for food vending.

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #14** That it be recommended to Council that the monthly report of the Director of Community Services report be received and accepted.

**CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Arnold requested comments from Mr. Hackett as to his opinion on the break even costs based on the menu prices for meals offered at the dining room at the golf course.

#### **BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #15** That it be recommended to Council that the Lambton County Building Inspector's report for the month ending March 31, 2006 be accepted.

**CARRIED**

#### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk provided a verbal report to the Committee on discussions with the OPP regarding increased efforts by the OPP to enforce liquor licensing in the County of Lambton. The Committee entered into a general discussion as to the merits of revisiting the Township's Alcohol Management. The Clerk was directed to draft a report for the Committee's or Council's consideration on a revised Alcohol Policy to be prepared in consultation with the traditional groups that request Council permission for Special Occasion Permits.

The Clerk also discussed with the Committee earlier direction provided by Council for the investigation of alternate voting methods. Research has been done and information has been obtained regarding an alternative method of voting by a process known as "Vote by Mail" with the use of automated vote tabulating machines. The Clerk discussed with the Committee the relative costs and the pros and cons of such a system and at the conclusion of the discussion the Committee directed the Clerk to complete his report on the issue of alternative voting methods concentrating on the Vote by Mail process. The Committee was generally encouraging in the Vote by Mail system with the use of automated tabulating machines.

#### **CAO'S REPORT:**

The Committee reviewed Mr. Rodey's report regarding the request for the lease of the Township boat docking facilities formerly owned by Mr. Beauchamp. The Committee detailed several disadvantages of a lease to a private individual not the least of which may be the potential to lease the property to the OPP for their marine unit to assist the OPP's effort in providing service to the residents of St. Clair Township.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #16** That it be recommended to Council that the request to lease the Township boat docking facilities on property formerly owned by Mr. Jacques Beauchamp to private individuals be denied.

**CARRIED**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councillor Randell advised of Mr. Ralph Campbell, a resident of Sombra Village, as being the recipient of the Scouts Canada Silver Acorn Award which is the second highest award that

could be awarded by Scouts Canada. It was suggested that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Mr. Campbell on behalf of the municipality.

Councillor Alexander advised of several initiatives by the Corunna Community Policing Committee such as Shred-it-day that is available to all citizens in St. Clair Township for shredding of sensitive personal documents.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

**Motion #17** That it be recommended to Council that MPP Caroline DiCocco the newly appointed Minister of Culture and Recreation be contacted for her assistance in soliciting funding for a proposed Police Station for the municipality and assistance in determining the status of recent Trillium Fund Grant applications made on behalf of several volunteer community groups.

**CARRIED**

It was suggested that a separate letter could be also sent to MPP DiCocco regarding the provinces response to the presentation made by the Mayor, CAO and Treasurer regarding provincial grant funding.

Councillor Miller advised of a April 19<sup>th</sup> invitation regarding the Watson Timber Mart facility in Courtright.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #18** That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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S. Warner,  
Chairperson

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J. DeMars  
Secretary

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA:**

#### **1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

#### **2. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

- Monthly Report dated April 6, 2006
- Waste Water Budget Changes
- Courtright Waste Water Tenders
- NOVA Corunna Request for Wastewater Connection

#### **3. COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT:**

- Monthly Report dated April 5, 2006

#### **4. COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES:**

- Monthly Report dated April 6, 2006
- St. Clair Parkway Sanitary Sewer/Water – CSX Easements
- Moore Line/Burton Creek Bridge Replacement – Private Lawn Piping

#### **5. DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDENT:**

- Monthly Report dated April 6, 2006

#### **6. CLERK'S REPORT:**

#### **7. CAO'S REPORT:**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. and asked members to declare any conflict of interest at the appropriate time.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Deputy Mayor Arnold declared a conflict of interest during discussions of the Nova Corunna request for waste water connection as detailed in the report of the Director of Public Works.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Council reviewed the monthly report of the Director of Public Works. Council discussed item #2 on the report relative to the Bell Mobility Tower request.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by J. Dedecker

**Motion #19** That it be recommended to Council that the issue of the Bell Mobility Tower request for a location of a facility at the Courtright Sewage Treatment Plant property be tabled.

**CARRIED**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

**Motion #20** That it be recommended to Council that with the exception of the report item #2 regarding the Bell Mobility Tower that the report and the recommendations of the Director of Public Works dated April 10, 2006 be received and approved.

**CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Arnold questioned Mr. Kerr on the current policy of circle checks on vehicles and it was suggested that a daily circle check be instituted for all vehicles including pickup trucks.

The Committee discussed in detail Mr. Kerr's report on the 2006 Water and Wastewater Budget Changes. Mr. Kerr pointed out that a billing error has been identified with the LAWSS system from September 2001 to present with possibly an inaccurate allocation of the percentage of the systems usage for the various partner municipalities. It is estimated that the St. Clair Township additional billing for 2006 could be approximately \$270,000.00. In the course of the discussion Councillor Alexander questioned whether the error on the billing protocol by the system manager could be construed as an insurable item under an errors or omissions policy. Mr. Kerr detailed the cause of the confusion and stated that the issue has been under considerable scrutiny by the Lambton Area Water Supply Systems Management Committee for the last several months and that the item would be the centre of discussion at an upcoming meeting of the LAWSS Committee. After considerable discussion it was:

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by P. Alexander

**Motion #21** That it be recommended to Council that the 2006 water budget be increased as of the report dated April 5, 2006.

1. That the 2006 water budget be increased by an estimated \$270,000.00 to accommodate corrections to the 2006 LSWAA cost allocation and that water consumption rates be increased by approximately 11.4% as shown on the attached rate table effective April 1, 2006;
2. That the 2006 wastewater percentage rates remain unchanged and that any surplus revenues generated be applied to the wastewater reserve fund; and,
3. That the proposed rate change be advertised and that a public meeting be held May 1, 2006 to receive public input concerning the proposed rates.

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

**Motion #22** That it be recommended to Council that the full additional cost for an anticipated extra water usage levy to St. Clair Township for the year 2006 be accommodated in a rate increase for 2006.

**CARRIED**

The Committee directed Mr. Kerr to have water and waste water usage bills prepared to reflect the new rate but to hold the bills until after the proposed May 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing on the issue. It was also suggested that if the rates are increased, appropriate advertising be placed including an insert in the water billing explaining the increase.

The Committee reviewed Mr. Kerr's report dated April 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the subject of the Corunna Wastewater Treatment Plant tenders. Mr. Kerr circulated to the Committee a preliminary report prepared by Mac Viro investigating options available to the municipality for waste water treatment for the communities of Courtright, Mooretown and Corunna. Mr. Kerr advised that the report would be expanded in a more comprehensive fashion for review by Council or Committee.

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by S. Arnold

**Motion #23** That it be recommended to Council that the decision to award a contract for an expansion of the Courtright Wastewater Treatment Plan be deferred while alternatives are being reviewed.

**CARRIED**

The Committee reviewed Mr. Kerr's report dated April 5, 2006 regarding the request by Nova Corunna for connection into the Courtright wastewater system. Deputy Mayor Arnold identified himself as an employee of Nova Chemicals and did not participate in the discussion on the request and vacated the Committee room.

Moved by J. Dedecker

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #24** That it be recommended to Council that:

1. That the request to discharge the Nova Corunna domestic wastewater effluent to the Corunna wastewater system be approved in principal;
2. That further testing be completed to ensure that there will be no detrimental impact on the wastewater collection and treatment facilities and processes;
3. That an agreement be prepared to provide wastewater treatment services, subject to an up front "buy in" charge of \$273,000 for existing facilities and capacity and payment of monthly industrial wastewater service rates.

**CARRIED**

#### **COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT:**

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #25** That this Committee recommend to Council that the monthly report of the Coordinator of Operations dated April 5, 2006, be received and accepted.

**CARRIED**

#### **CO-ORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT:**

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #26** That it be recommended to Council that the monthly report of the Coordinator of Engineering Services dated April 6, 2006 be received and accepted.

**CARRIED**

In discussion of the report item 4 regarding the Hay Road, in response to the Committee's questions it was anticipated that a report on the Hay Road issue would be available for Council consideration at its next meeting.

The Committee reviewed Mr. Burnham's report on the St. Clair Parkway sanitary sewer and water project relative to the CSX easements. The report detailed the recent information



received from CSX regarding their proposed 25 year licensed term and the fee it hoped to impose for this license. As well it was pointed out that part of the CSX offer in granting the license would be the elimination of the CSX assessment in the amount of approximately \$108,000.00 as its share of the local improvement. The Committee was advised by Council that subject to repeal by Council the local improvement by-law already in place would require an appropriate cost share to the CSX property estimated at this time to be approximately \$108,000.00.

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by S. Arnold

**Motion #27** That it be recommended to Council that the Township authorize Patton Cormier to commence expropriation proceedings immediately for the three (3) properties owned by CSX on the proposed St. Clair Parkway Sanitary and Water Extension Project.

**CARRIED**

It was highlighted in the report that the need to expropriate the CSX property could delay commencement of the project for approximately 4 months.

Council reviewed the report prepared by Mr. Ken Graham dated April 4, 2006 regarding the Moore Line / Burton Creek Bridge Replacement and the Private Lawn Piping request.

Moved by J. Dedecker

Seconded by S. Warner

**Motion #28** That it be recommended to Council that Mr. Graham's report dated April 4, 2006 regarding the Moore Line / Burton Creek Bridge Replacement – Private Lawn Piping request be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Moved by J. Dedecker

Seconded by S. Warner

**Motion #29** That it be recommended to Council that the issue of the Moore Line / Burton Creek Bridge Replacement – Private Lawn Piping request be re-opened for reconsideration.

**CARRIED**

Moved by J. Dedecker

Seconded by S. Warner

**Motion #30** That it be recommended to Council that Staff be authorized to negotiate a Mutual Agreement Drain between Jack Cunningham, Ronald McBean and St. Clair Township for the construction of a suitably sized tile drain between the Jack Cunningham and the outlet into the McBean Drain #2.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #31** That it be recommended to Council that it authorize the re-sloping of the roadside ditch adjacent to the Miller property to a 4:1 side slope to allow a more convenient maintenance to the roadside ditch, subject to an agreement by the property owner to allow the municipality to accomplish the required re-grading and restoration at the municipality's expense.

**CARRIED**

In discussion of the concept of legally acquiring the property the Committee directed that it did not wish to pursue this avenue but would prefer to enter into a mutual acceptable agreement with the adjacent property owner to encroach on his property.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Warner

**Motion #32** That resolution #10 from the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting of Council that stated “that the Public Works Staff be instructed to install appropriately sized lawn piping adjacent to the Steve Miller property on the Moore Line from a location east of the driveway entrance to the existing catch basin at Township expense” be rescinded.

**CARRIED**

**DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Alexander

**Motion #33** That the monthly report of the Drainage Superintendent dated April 6, 2006 be received and accepted including the recommendation to install at 100% private installation

costs and maintenance costs the extension of the existing access culvert at 1122 Moore Line into Lot 19 on the north side of the Moore Line across from the Long Drain.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Gilliland questioned the status of the receipt of the Penrise Street Drain and was advised that it was reported in error that the report had been received. The Drainage Superintendent has advised that it is anticipated that the report will be received from the Consultant for review by the municipality and affected ratepayers later in April.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kerr advised of a request received earlier to-day from Pollard Bros. regarding the use of Township roads as haul roads to haul brine material from the Enbridge Gas wellhead located on Waterworks Road to the Pollard Bros. storage facility off Greenfield Road. Mr. Kerr advised that the request was filed due to necessity based on the fact that the pipeline from the wellhead to the storage facility is currently not available to Pollard Bros. The Committee, in appreciation of the potential hardship to Pollard Bros., suggested several possible haul road routes. It was also pointed out that the time is somewhat of the essence because a relatively large quantity of the material is scheduled for shipment from the storage facility starting on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #34** That it be recommended to Council that the Director of Public Works be authorized to meet with Enbridge and Pollard Bros. to discuss and negotiate the use of Township roads to be used as haul roads for the transportation of brine material from the Enbridge Gas wellhead on Waterworks Road to the Pollard Bros. storage facility off Greenfield Road subject to a restoration and repair agreement and security by way of the leased disruptive route.

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Dedecker advised of receiving a call from Mr. Allan Brandon regarding a “truck turning sign” that he feels is inappropriately located adjacent to his property. The Mayor asked Mr. Kerr to investigate the placement of the sign, the necessity of the sign and consideration for relocating the sign.

Councillor Alexander advised of receiving a ratepayer complaint regarding speeding on the St. Clair Parkway. The Committee discussed the placement of speed warning signs similar to those on County Road #80 through Brigden. The Committee directed staff to contact the O.P.P. with a request for additional traffic speeding enforcement on the St. Clair Parkway.

Councillor Alexander also advised of a request received from the Corunna Community Policing Committee to use Municipal Committee rooms for regular month committee meetings. The Committee was advised that these meetings are attended by Councillor Alexander and Councillor Gilliland who could access the building and secure it appropriately at the end of the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Arnold requested Staff to contact the appropriate Lambton County Officials for a report as to the status of any plans to construct rumble strips at appropriate intersections on the Bentpath Line.

Councillor Gilliland led the Committee into a discussion of a comment raised by himself at the last meeting of Council regarding south bound traffic on the St. Clair Parkway driving on the paved shoulder adjacent to the No Frills Store. The Committee requested a report from Public Works on the appropriateness and the costs of dedicating the paved shoulder in this location to a through traffic lane.

The Clerk advised of a request received from Fire Chief Dewhirst for a Citizens Group planning a mid May “Plebiscite” to garner public opinion as to the proposal to close coal fired generating stations including the Lambton Generating Station. A request was for consideration for the use of some or all the St. Clair Township fire halls as a host centre for the Plebiscite voting. The Committee suggested that this unusual activity at the fire halls may

hamper the volunteers response capabilities due to traffic congestion and the use of fire hall space for this activity. The Committee did, however, express an appreciation on the possible local importance of such a citizens effort and expressed a willingness to assist the lobby group in its effort. It was suggested that a requesting party be asked to contact the Clerk to discuss possible appropriate ways to provide municipal assistance.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #35** That the meeting enter a session of the Committee of the Whole, chaired by Steve Miller to discuss a personnel issue.

**CARRIED**

The meeting returned to order.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

**Motion #36** That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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S. Miller,  
Chairperson

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J. DeMars  
Secretary