

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 9**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
Monday, April 17, 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 April 3, 2006
Public Works & Operations Comm. of April 12, 2006
Finance & Administration Comm. of April 12, 2006
Sombra Museum Board Committee minutes of March 23, 2006

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:15 p.m. – Wm McCully and Richard Brown – Chip Truck License

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters – Sunday hunting
- b) Corunna Volunteer Firefighter’s Association - permission
- c) Wm. McCully and Richard Brown – Chip Truck License
- d) Pat Leveille – Property Standards
- e) John Scott – Pull & Shine June 2nd and 3rd permission

INFORMATION:

- 1) Moore Museum- Thank You
- 2) Corunna Community Policing Committee – April Minutes
- 3) Lambton Kent District School Board – representation
- 4) Moore Women’s Institute – Thank You
- 5) GMSB – Invenergy application
- 6) S.C.R.C.A. – March Conservation Update
- 7) County of Lambton – 2006 budget
- 8) A.M.O. Alert – Land Ambulance Service
- 9) A.M.O. Alert – Fiscal Imbalance
- 10) County of Lambton – Wood lot permit
- 11) Ministry of Health – Family Health Team

DRAINS:

By-law #5 of 2006 – Devon Drain
By-law #6 of 2006 – Dagneau Drain
By-law #7 of 2006 – Frye Drain

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT:

Tender results: a) supply of granular to dock and
 b) supply haul and spread granular
 c) dust suppressant
 d) sidewalk replacement

COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES:

- “Hay Road” - options

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/FIRE CHIEF:

- Tender Results: breathing apparatus

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

- 2006 Water & Wastewater Budget Changes

CLERK'S REPORT:

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

- Reappointment as Commissioner of Oaths – M. Monteith

BY-LAWS:

By-law 21 of 2006 – Confirming by-law
By-law 22 of 2006 – Property acquisition – Lukey Drain

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

L.C.R.G.P.A. – Thursday, April 20, 2006 – Forest Legion
Regular Meeting of Council – Monday, May 1, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
Committee of the Whole – F&A and PWO – Wednesday, May 10, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.
Regular Council – Monday, May 15, 2006 – 7:00 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:

None declared

MINUTES:

Council proceeded to review the minutes as listed on the agenda. Councillor Randell pointed out that Motion #2 on Page 3 was not carried, but rather superceded by a tabling motion.

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #1 That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as printed and circulated and amended:

Council Meeting of April 3, 2006, Session 38
Sombra Museum Board Committee minutes of March 23, 2006.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #2 That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole (Combined meeting of Finance & Administration and Public Works & Operations) meeting of April 12, 2005 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #3 That the funding request submitted by Denise Cuthbertson on behalf of the new Moore Gymnastics Club be tabled until the next meeting of Council.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Council welcomed Mr. William McCully and Richard Brown present to discuss their request with Council for the issuance of a vendors permit to permit the location of a French Fry Truck in the Corunna IGA parking lot adjacent to the L.C.B.O. facility. Mr. McCully advised that this would be a new venture for he and his partner at this location, but he has had past experience in such food vending enterprises. Mr. McCully also responded to several questions posed by Council and the licensing requirements were explained to the applicants.

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #4 That the Clerk be authorized to issue a vending permit to Mr. William McCully and Mr. Richard Brown to locate a chip truck on the Corunna IGA parking lot property subject to compliance with the standard licensing requirements.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed the information received from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters relative to recent applications received from various conservation and sportsmen's Clubs requesting application by the municipality to the Ministry of Natural Resources to allow Sunday gun hunting. Council was reminded that this issue was subject to a tabling motion at its last session.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #5 That Council lift the tabling motion established April 3rd relative to Sunday gun hunting.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #6 That the Township of St. Clair apply to the Ministry of Natural Resources to allow Sunday gun hunting within the municipality.

A recorded vote was requested:

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

DEFEATED

Councillor Alexander suggested a public meeting on the issue but did not get the support of Council.

Council reviewed the request from the Corunna Volunteer Firefighters for permission to locate a refreshment tent during the Corunna Volunteer Firefighter Field Days to be held June 9th and 10th.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #7 That the Annual Corunna Volunteer Firefighters Field Day to be held on June 9th and 10th, 2006 be declared as a community festival and that permission be granted for the refreshment tent license as per established Township policy subject to paid duty police officers, and further that the request to close a portion of Hill St. be referred to the County of Lambton.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #8 That the Property Standards complaint filed relative to property known as 2040 Burman Line and a property at the intersection of Burman Line and Pretty Road be forwarded to the Property Standards Officer for investigation and report.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #9 That permission be granted for the establishment of a beer refreshment tent at the Brigden Pull and Shine Community Festival to be held at the Moore Agricultural property in Brigden on June 2nd and 3rd provided that the organizers use paid duty police officers as security.

CARRIED

INFORMATION:

In response to Council's questions the Clerk advised that a Township proposal for alternate voting methods such as Vote By Mail would have no affect on School Board elections for which the Clerk of St. Clair Township is the Chief Returning Officer. Council discussed the letter received from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care advising that the Townships application for a Family Health Team has been denied. Councillor Alexander advised Council that she was aware of a Nurse Practitioner Program with a possible mid June application deadline.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #10 That staff be instructed to contact the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to solicit information on a possible future application for a Community Health Team and for possible participation in the Nurse Practitioner Recruitment Program.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #11 That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters – Sunday hunting
Inst. See Motion #6
- b. Corunna Volunteer Firefighter's Association - permission
Inst. See Motion #7

- c. Wm. McCully and Richard Brown – Chip Truck License
Inst. See Motion #4
- d. Pat Leveille – Property Standards
Inst. See Motion #8
- e. John Scott – Pull & Shine June 2nd and 3rd permission
Inst. See Motion #9

CARRIED

DRAINS:

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #12 That Drainage By-law #5 of 2006, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$2,573.27 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance to the Devon Drain be given the necessary readings and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #13 That Drainage By-law #6 of 2006, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$1,680.00 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance to the Dagneau Drain be given the necessary readings and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #14 That Drainage By-law #7 of 2006, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$1,129.01 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance to the Frye Drain be given the necessary readings and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT:

Council reviewed Mr. Selman's report on various tender results and his recommendation. The tender results were as follows:

SUPPLY AND APPLY CHLORIDE BASED LIQUIDS FOR DUST CONTROL 2006

2006 Budget estimate: \$143,000

Da-Lee Dust Control, 513125 Ontario Ltd.	\$189,556.92
Den-Mar Brines Ltd.	\$68,646.06
Pollard Highway Products Ltd.	\$123,585.00

**MISCELLANEOUS SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT CATCH BASIN & CURB
REPAIR 2006**

2006 Budget estimate \$55,600

Sarnia Paving Stone	\$89,088.20
RBM Contractors	\$84,915.20

SUPPLY GRANULAR MATERIAL ON TOWNSHIP DOCKS 2006

2006 Budget estimate \$399,500

LaFarge North America	\$426,190.00
Southwestern Sales Corporation	\$417,588.00

SUPPLY, HAUL AND SPREAD GRANULAR MATERIAL 2006

2006 Budget estimate \$154,000

LaFarge North America	\$164,565.00
McKenzie & Henderson Ltd.	\$170,770.00
Southwestern Sales Corporation	\$168,320.45
Johnson Bros. Ltd.	\$170,088.00

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #15 That the Council of the Township of St. Clair accept the tender of Southwest Sales Ltd. for supply of Granular 'M' on the Sombra and Mooretown docks be accepted in the amount of \$417,588.00.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #16 That the Council of the Township of St. Clair accept the tender of LaFarge North America Ltd. in the amount of \$164,565.00 to Supply, Haul, and Spread Granular M on Township Roads 2006.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #17 That the Council of the Township of St. Clair accept the tender of Den-Mar Brines Ltd. in the amount of \$68,646.06 to Supply and Apply Chloride Based Liquids for Dust Control on Township Roads 2006.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #18 That the Council of the Township of St. Clair accept the tender of RBM Contractors to the 2006 budgeted amount for miscellaneous sidewalk replacement and catchbasin & curb repair 2006.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES:

Council reviewed Mr. DePooter's report and recommendation relative to the issue of possible improvement of the Hay Road. In his report Mr. DePooter has identified and provided cost estimates for four options. Council discussed the repair options in detail including possible required evidence of Township ownership of the property and the Townships authority to provide any widening from the existing prescriptive road allowance. It was pointed out that Option 1 did not require property acquisition or widening.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #19 That Council authorize Option 1 as detailed in Mr. DePooter's report dated April 13th on the issue of the Hay Road at an estimated cost of \$12,800.00 to improve the existing lane in its current location by removing the brush to a width of six metres adding 50 millimeters of stone and completing miscellaneous improvement to the existing drainage system, and the future of the lane will be added to the annual road maintenance system and will include stone application grading, brushing and drain maintenance as conditions require.

A recorded vote was requested:

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

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Council reviewed the report prepared by Chief Dewhirst on the tender results for the purchase of self contained breathing apparatus, and further, a pick-up truck to be added to the Fire Services fleet to accommodate the use of a vehicle as a delivery system for replacement air bottles from the Courtright Station to fire scenes. The qualified tenders for the self contained breathing apparatus were as follows:

Acklands Grainger Inc.	\$346,303.18
Century Vallen	\$381,072.40

It was pointed out that the budgeted amount for this equipment including grant was \$385,000.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #20 That it be recommended that the tender for 78 self contained breathing apparatuses plus accessories be accepted from Acklands Grainger at a quoted amount of \$346,303.18.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #21 That Council approved the recommendation to proceed with the tendering for acquisition of a new pick-up truck to make available existing truck to carry spare bottles that will be stored in the Courtright Fire Station.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Council reviewed Mr. Kerr's report dated April 5th regarding proposed amendments to the 2006 water budget relative to the reconciliation of a billing error as reported to and discussed by Committee at its last session. It was pointed out that rate increases such as those proposed are subject to a public hearing which with Council approval will be advertised for Council's May 1st meeting.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #22 That the 2006 water budget be further amended by increasing projected revenues by \$113,500.00 as a result of new development, increasing the contribution to reserves by \$59,000. and eliminating the \$54,500. operating deficit and that the appropriate public meeting be scheduled for May 1st meeting of Council.

CARRIED

MOTIONS:

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #23 That application be made to extend the Commissioner of Oaths Certificate to Mavis Monteith for an additional three year period.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #24 That By-law Number 21 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 April 3, 2006 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

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #25 That By-law Number 22 of 2006, a By-law to authorize a Property Acquisition Agreement for the purchase of the real estate property legally described as Part

of Lot 25, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Moore, Township of St. Clair, County of Lambton, designated as Parts 12 – 16 inclusive on Reference Plan 25R-9035, 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 encouraged staff to proceed with the request for proposals for Animal Control services, also questioned whether the new dug out at CAP park will be screened. Deputy Mayor Arnold also expressed his concerns that the air conditioning units at the Courtright Community Hall have not been covered to protect the units from vandalism.

Shirley Warner

Councillor Warner advised Council of an April 25th card party at Thompson Gardens, and as well she attended the Paul and Joan Bogaert 50th Wedding Anniversary Ceremony and presented Mr. and Mrs. Bogaert a commemorative plaque on behalf of Council.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell advised of receiving an invitation to attend a Prosperity and Sustainability Workshop on May 9th and 10th. It was determined that no other member of Council has been invited to this workshop and if attended by Mr. Randell he will be unable to attend the May meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Pat Alexander

Councillor Alexander requested that staff draft a possible summer meeting schedule for discussion by Council at its next meeting.

Pete Gilliland

Councillor Gilliland questioned if the Mayor or Deputy Mayor or any member of Council have been invited to participate in the April 20th Chili Luncheon at the Corunna Legion. No member of Council has been invited. Councillor Gilliland also questioned the status of the request to Lambton County to establish a No Parking Area adjacent to the Corunna United Church handicapped parking. Mayor Dedecker advised that this item was scheduled to be on the agenda for the April 19th meeting of the County Infrastructure Committee.

Also, Councillor Gilliland advised of receiving numerous complaints regarding noise at a Corunna business establishment on Lyndoch Street. Council suggested that complaints received for such occurrences should be filed in writing. It was suggested that the site plan of the subject property be investigated to see if any sound litigation measures that may have been required were omitted.

Steve Miller

Councillor Miller advised of receiving questions from area ratepayers regarding disposal of wood from damaged trees relative to the quarantine imposed due to the Emerald Ash Bore in the western section of St. Clair Township. It was suggest that such requests be referred to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council was briefed by Town Crier Gary Smith on his planned Spring activities as the St. Clair Township Crier. Mr. Smith will participate in the Seniors Fair hosted in Point Edward on May 2nd and also will attend at the Riverview School on May 3rd to participate

in the Ceremonies sponsored by the St. Clair River Trail Committee for the next phase of the River Trail on the St. Clair Parkway North of the Riverview School. As a promotion it was suggested that the students be asked to write cries to be used by the Town Crier at that function and as well at the World Championships being sponsored in Victoria, B.C. during the period of May 20th to 28th. It was suggested that prizes to the winning entrance be provided.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #26 That cash prizes in the amount of \$100.00 to be financed from the St. Clair Township Environmental and Education Reserve be granted to participants whose town cries were selected by the Town Crier to be incorporated in his 2006 hometown cry.

CARRIED

It was suggested that Mr. Smith make the appropriate arrangements.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #27 That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK