

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 11**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
Monday, May 15, 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 May 5, 2006
Committee of the Whole – May 10, 2006
Sombra Museum Board Committee Minutes – April 20, 2006

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:30 p.m. Mary Alderson – Sarnia/Lambton Business Development

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Clive & Bev Hamilton - permission
- b) 4-H Lambton County – donation request
- c) Capt Kidd Days – permission
- d) Gala Days – permission
- e) Connie Russel – yard sales
- f) Colleen Ellis – speed limit & Community Safety Zone

INFORMATION:

- 1. Mary Alderson – Sarnia/Lambton Business Development
- 2. Twp of Essa – support for farmers
- 3. County of Lambton – Council highlights
- 4. County of Lambton - Public Health
- 5. County of Lambton - Museum Month
- 6. Min. of Natural Resources – River Trail
- 7. O.M.E.R.S. – nominations
- 9. Susan Simpson – by-law enforcement
- 10. Sarnia-Lambton – by-law enforcement
- 11. Sarnia-Lambton Taskforce – thank you
- 12. Steadmen Brothers – open house

DRAINS:

By-law #12 of 2006 - Green Drain
By-law #13 of 2006 - Vancouver Drain
By-law #14 of 2006 - Pray Tap Drain
By-law #15 of 2006 - Churcher Drain

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Committee of Adjustment-Applications A 11/06, B 11 – B 16/06

CLERK'S REPORT:

- Alternative voting
- Summer meeting schedule
- Property sale request
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CO-ORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES:

- Brigden Road reconstruction - tender

CAO'S REPORT:

Personnel – in camera

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

By-law 25 of 2006 – Development Agreement with Robert K. Gladwish, Part of Lots 50 and 51, Front Concession

By-law 26 of 2006 - Alternative Voting

By-law 27 of 2006 – Electronic Vote tabulation

By-law 28 of 2006 – deeming by-law, Plan 5 Lot A 4, Courtright, (Fred and Carole McLaughlin)

By-law 29 of 2006 – collective agreement with OPSEU

By-law 30 of 2006 – sale to 1031132 Ontario Ltd. – Hildon Holdings

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Regular Council – Monday, June 5, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
- Committee of the Whole – Wednesday, June 14, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.
- Regular Council – Monday, June 19, 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, in discussion of the minutes of the May 5th meeting of Council. The Clerk advised that as reported on Page 8 of the minutes an error was made in the water connect/disconnect fee proposed to be raised to \$50.00 as opposed to the increase in fees to \$75.00 as reported.

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

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

Council Meeting of May 5, 2006, Session #10 as amended
Sombra Museum Board Committee minutes of April 20, 2006

CARRIED

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #2 That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole (Combined meeting of Finance & Administration and Public Works & Operations) meeting of May 10, 2005 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Council was advised that Mary Alderson from the Sarnia Lambton Business Development Group advised that she would be unable to attend this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #3 That the request from Clive and Bev Hamilton regarding permission to establish temporary living facilities be tabled until the next meeting of Council pending further information.

CARRIED

A motion by Councillor Warner to receive and file the information from the 4-H Club relative to a donation request failed to get a seconder and was defeated.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #4 That a grant in the amount of \$200.00 be provided to each 4-H Club in St. Clair Township to be financed from the St. Clair Township Education and Environmental Reserve.

Prior to the calling a vote, and after discussion on the issue, it was;

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #5 That the request from the 4-H Lambton County for a donation be tabled until the next meeting of Council pending further information.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #6 That the Annual Captain Kidd Days to be held on Friday, August 4th and Saturday August 5th, 2006 at the Corunna Athletic Park, be declared as a community festival and that permission be granted for the refreshment tent licensed as per established Township policy subject to paid duty police officers.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #7 That the Port Lambton Gala Days be declared a Community Festival on August 4th to August 6th, 2006, and permission be granted for the refreshment tent license as per established Township policy subject to paid duty police officers.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the Information received from a ratepayer regarding yard sale activities on the Courtright Line.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #8 That the complaint regarding a possible Zoning By-law infraction relative to yard sales on the Courtright Line be referred to the appropriate By-law Enforcement Officer for investigation and report.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #9 That the request received from Colleen Ellis regarding speed limits and the establishment of Community Safety Zones in the Paddock Green Subdivision be tabled pending further information.

CARRIED

INFORMATION:

Council discussed the communication received from the County of Lambton regarding a proposal to amalgamate Community Health Services with those in Lambton County, Chatham Kent and Windsor and Essex.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #10 That the Township of St. Clair express its support against the amalgamation of Community Health Services for the areas of Lambton County, Chatham Kent and Windsor and Essex.

CARRIED

Council discussed the letter received from Susan Simpson regarding by-law enforcement of a No Parking restricting in the area of Brander Park. The Mayor suggested members of Council investigate the area to better able understand the issue.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #11 That the request of Susan Simpson for increased by-law enforcement in the area of Brander Park be tabled until the next meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #12 That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Clive & Bev Hamilton - permission
Inst. Motion to table
- b. 4-H Lambton County – donation request
Inst. Motion to table
- c. Captain Kidd Days - permission
Inst. See Motion #6
- d. Gala Days - permission
Inst. See Motion #7
- e. Connie Russel – yard sales
Inst. See Motion #8
- f) Colleen Ellis – speed limit & Community Safety Zone
Inst. Motion to table

CARRIED

DRAINS:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Alexander

Motion #13 That Drainage By-law #12 of 2006, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$20,710.85 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for maintenance repairs on the Green Drain be given the necessary readings and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #14 That Drainage By-law #13 of 2006, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$3,557.82 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Vancouver Drain be given the necessary readings and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #15 That Drainage By-law #14 of 2006, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$1,595.82 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Pray Tap Drain be given the necessary readings and 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 #16 That Drainage By-law #15 of 2006, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$2,798.40 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Churcher Drain be given the necessary readings and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Council reviewed applications to the Committee of Adjustment identified as A 11/06 and B 11/06 to B 16/06 and offered no comments.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Alternative Voting Method

Council reviewed the Clerk's report dated May 12, 2006 regarding alternative voting. After a discussion and response by the Clerk of several questions, it was;

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #17

1. That Council endorse and approve the alternative voting method known as "Vote by Mail".
2. That Council endorse and approve the use of an electronic vote tabulation system.
3. That the Clerk as Chief Returning Officer be given the authority to contract for the "vote by mail" and electronic tabulation systems with the most cost effective and appropriate suppliers and the procurement policies we waived where necessary.
4. That Council pass and adopt the corresponding authorization by-laws.

CARRIED

Summer Meeting Schedule

Councillor Alexander advised that she would be unable to attend the regularly scheduled July 12th meeting of Finance and Administration and Public Works and Councillor Randell also advised that he would be unable to attend the June meeting of the same Committee.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #18 That the following summer meeting schedule be approved:

Committee of the Whole –

Finance and Administration

Public Works & Operations

- Wed., July 12, 2006 – 2:00 p.m. (Regular date)

- Wed., Aug. 9, 2006 – 2:00 p.m. ”

Regular Council

- Mon., July 17, 2006 – 7:00 p.m. (Regular date)

- Mon., Aug. 21, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

- Tues., Sept., 5, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

Special meetings as required at the call of the Mayor

CARRIED

Disposal of Property

Council reviewed the Clerk's report prepared regarding the request to purchase property known as 135 St. Clair St. in Sombra.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #19 That the property known municipally as 135 St. Clair St., Sombra Village be:

- a) declared surplus to the Township's needs
- b) offered for sale in accordance with the provisions of Property Disposal By-law 58 of 2003 by way of sealed tender.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES:

Council reviewed Mr. Burnham's report regarding the recently received tenders for the reconstruction of the Brigden Road between Bentpath Line and McCallum Line. Tenders were as follows:

1. Henry Heyink Construction Ltd.	\$518,500.00
2. Van Bree Drainage & Bulldozing Limited	\$527,704.00
3. Wm. Johnson Construction	\$537,008.00
4. Birnam Excavating	\$556,875.99
5. Murray Mills Excavating & Trucking Ltd.	\$581,810.25
6. Seal on Paving	\$625,370.51

The response to Council's questions, Council was advised that the paving materials to be used on the project is hot laid asphalt.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #20 That the tender submitted by Henry Heyink Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$518,500.00 plus GST, for the Brigden Road Reconstruction project be accepted and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents.

CARRIED

The Clerk advised the meeting that it was proposed by Mr. Burnham that the increased costs relative to the approved budget for this project could be taken out other project savings or perhaps from the onetime funding provided by the Province for roads and bridge projects that has been dedicated to a capital projects reserve.

BY-LAWS:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #21 That By-law 25 of 2006, a by-law to authorize execution of a Development Agreement with Robert K. Gladwish, for Part of Lots 50 and 51, Front Concession, geographic Township of Moore, Township of St. Clair, designated as Parts 1 and 2, on Reference Plan 25R-9123, be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

CAO'S REPORT:

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #21 That the meeting enter an in camera session with the Mayor as Chair to discuss a personnel issue.

CARRIED

The meeting returned to order.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #22 That the recommendations contained in the report of the Chief Administrator dated May 8, 2006 be approved.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

Motion #23 That By-law Number 26 of 2006, being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for the 2006 Municipal Election and the entering into of an agreement with a supplier to provide Vote By Mail services, 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 #24 That By-law Number 27 of 2006, being a by-law to authorize the use of optical scanning vote tabulators at Municipal Elections, 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 #25 That By-law Number 28 of 2006 a Deeming By-law, Lot A4, Plan 5, geographic Township of Moore, Township of St. Clair, (127 Main St., Courtright), 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 P. Alexander

Motion #26 That By-law Number 29 of 2006, being a by-law to authorize the acceptance and execution of a Collective Agreement with the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, 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 #27 That By-law 30 of 2006, a by-law to authorize the sale to 1031132 Ontario Limited/Hildon Holdings Sarnia Ltd., 4 acres of land more or less in Lot 25, Concession 10, geographic Township of Moore, Township of St. Clair, and the purchase by the Township of St. Clair, 2 acres more or less in Lot 25, Concession 10, geographic Township of Moore, Township of St. Clair from 1031132 Ontario Limited/Hildon Holdings Sarnia Ltd., be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Steve Arnold

Deputy Mayor Arnold advised of recent media reports regarding the reduction in the educational tax component of the property tax bill, and commented that due to the fiscal responsibility of St. Clair Township its ratepayers should see a tax decrease for the 2006 taxation year.

The Deputy Mayor also questioned the status of the Animal Control request for proposal.

Also, the Deputy Mayor suggested staff be instructed to prepare a comprehensive drainage survey for the community of Corunna to be discussed at the next meeting of the Public Works and Operations Committee. It was suggested that the overview could identify to members of Council, major watersheds and drainage outlets and hopefully identify areas that require improved drainage, for consideration in future year capital budget.

Shirley Warner

Councillor Warner advised that she attended the May 7th Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony for Bob Walton.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell advised that he attended the recent Annual Meeting of the Wilkesport Community Centre Board and advised that the Board remains intact for 2006 with the exception that Marnie Peters is no longer on the Board and has been replaced by Mr. Bernie Lajoie.

Pat Alexander

Councillor Alexander advised of a June 17th dinner dance at the Wilkesport Community Centre and a June 7th Drug Seminar sponsored by the Corunna Community Policing Committee at Sir John Moore School. The Shred-it-Day sponsored by the Corunna Community Policing Committee was a success and will be repeated again next year.

Pete Gilliland

Councillor Gilliland advised being contacted from a ratepayer on Alfred Street relative to the July 2005 flooding incident. Council requested engineering staff to contact Mr. Dan Churchill of Alfred Street to help Mr. Churchill identify possible remedies to potential drainage problems.

Councillor Gilliland also advised of receiving positive comments regarding the operation of the dining room at the golf course and advised that 300 patrons were served at the recent Mother's Day brunch.

Steve Miller

Councillor Miller advised that he has an upcoming meeting of the Lambton Group Police Services Board and questioned the status of the OPP review of the layout and blueprints for the St. Clair Civic Centre.

Mr. Rodey advised that the plans have been forwarded to Orillia OPP as requested with no comments received as yet.

Joe Dedecker

Mayor Dedecker questioned the status of the replanting of the Civic Centre flower beds and emphasized to staff the need to progress with the grass cutting and driveway and parking lot maintenance for the parks formerly operated by the St. Clair Parks Commission.

Deputy Mayor Arnold requested staff and Council to advise him for communication to MPP Caroline DiCocco, of any outstanding issues important to the Township.

The CAO advised that the Township is still waiting for Ms. DiCocco's response regarding the reduction to St. Clair Township of Provincial grant funding following a meeting with the MPP several months ago. It was also suggested that the Director of Community Services be asked to provide a list of outstanding Trillium Fund Grant applications.

The Deputy Mayor is to contact Ms. DiCocco to set up a meeting appointment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by S. Miller
That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

Seconded by P. Gilliland

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK