

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
SESSION #16**

St. Clair Civic Centre  
Council Chambers  
Tuesday, September 5, 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:

	S. Arnold	Mayor
	S. Miller,	Deputy Mayor
	P. Alexander,	Councillor
	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 August 21, 2006  
Drainage Committee meeting of August 22, 2006  
Moore Museum Advisory Committee meeting of August 2, 2006

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

7:15 p.m. - Bill Adams – hot dog cart

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Ron Skreptak – Property Standards
- b) Optimist Club of Moore – tournament
- c) Jake Buckingham – dock
- d) William Adams and Brenda Liscumb - + hot dog cart

**INFORMATION:**

- 1. Captain Kidd Committee – thank you
- 2. Stantec – Union Gas pipeline
- 3. O.M.B. – decision re: Anne Marie & Mark Lumley
- 4. Min. of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Condolences Mayor Joe Dedecker
- 5. Corunna Santa Claus Parade – contribution/invitation Santa parade November 25, 2006

**COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES:**

St. Clair Parkway sanitary sewers & watermain replacement  
Sidewalk tenders

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**

Committee of Adjustment-Decision A 13-06

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:**

Tenders – Civic Square

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**CAO'S REPORT:**

**MOTIONS:**

**BY-LAWS:**

By-law #54 of 2006 – road dedicated – Nash Drive

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Draft letter to OGLRF

**NEW BUSINESS:**

In camera – personnel

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Staff appreciation luncheon  
– Wednesday, September 13, 2006 – 12:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole – Finance & Administration & Public Works  
– Wednesday, September 13, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Council  
- Monday, September 18, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

Drainage Committee  
– Tuesday, September 26, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked members of Council to declare any possible conflicts of interest at the appropriate time.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

None declared.

**MINUTES:**

Council proceeded to review the minutes as listed on the agenda.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

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

Council Meeting of August 21, 2006

Drainage Committee meeting of August 22, 2006

Moore Museum Advisory Committee meeting of August 2, 2006.

**CARRIED**

It was pointed out that in review of the Museum Advisory Committee the Museum Board has requested Council consideration of passing a motion specific to an application for increased grant funding.

Moved by S. Warner

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #2** That the Township of St. Clair support the efforts by the Ontario Museum Association in its application to the Provincial Ministry of Culture for an improved funding formula for the Ontario Museum Operating Grant.

**CARRIED**

Mr. Gary Smith representing a local recreational divers association was present to discuss with Council the September 16<sup>th</sup> International Clean-up Day as an international effort to clean-up worldwide waterways. Mr. Smith advised that arrangements have been made to carryout this activity by the local group in front of the Port Lambton Park. A dumpster has been donated by a local collection company and will be located with the owners' permission on the George Bradley property. The event will involve divers from Sarnia, London and Chatham and an invitation has been extended to members of Council to attend, participate and observe. Mr. Smith advised that volunteers will be needed to assist on shore and that the event will start with registration at 9:00 a.m., and with the event commencing approximately 4:00 p.m. It was pointed out that safety for the event is the main concern and shore volunteers would be welcome.

Deputy Mayor Miller advised that he would contact the local Optimist Club and Firefighters to ask for their participation in this event. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was;

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Warner

**Motion #3** That the Township support and endorse the efforts of the project aware group for their River Clean-up Day to be held September 16, 2006 in the St. Clair River adjacent to the Port Lambton Park.

**CARRIED**

**DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

At the appointed time Mr. Bill Adams was present to present to Council his proposal to obtain a business license for a hot dog cart proposed to be located at the northwest corner of Lyndoch and Paget Streets in Corunna. It was pointed out that the property in Mr. Adam's request is municipal property, and the current by-law provides that any such facility be located on commercially zoned property with written permission from the owner. It was also pointed out that the Township has a similar facility located at Guthrie Park which was an agreement with the previous St. Clair Parkway Commission. Mr. Adams pointed out the protocols of his operation which stated that the cart would be located off site on a daily basis.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #4** That a vendors license be granted to Mr. Bill Adams for the location of a hot dog cart on municipal property located at the northwest corner of Lyndoch and Paget Streets in Corunna to October 31, 2006 on a trial basis subject to the otherwise normal licensing requirements.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Council reviewed the Correspondence received relative to a property standards complaint for property referred to as the southeast corner of Cameron and Murray Street in Corunna.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Alexander

**Motion #5** That the Property Standards complaint on the southeast corner of Cameron Street and Murray Street be referred to the Property Standards Officer for investigation and report.

**CARRIED**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #6** That the Moore Optimist Club that is to hold the annual Jessica Nethery Memorial two-pitch tournament on September 15<sup>th</sup> and September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 be granted permission for the refreshment tent license as per established Township policy.

**CARRIED**

Council discussed the request received from Mr. Jake Buckingham to locate a dock on the St. Clair River opposite his vacant property on the St. Clair Parkway. Mr. Buckingham pointed out that he would like to establish a dock facility now, pending the construction of a single family residence following the proposed sanitary sewer installation.

Council was advised that the establishment of such a dock would be contrary to Section 4.3.6 of the Township's current Zoning By-law. After a brief discussion, it was;

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

**Motion #7** That the request from Mr. Jake Buckingham to locate a dock opposite property known as Part Lot 22, RP25 R-4434 Part 1, on the St. Clair Parkway be received and filed.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION:**

Council reviewed the correspondence received regarding the Corunna Santa Clause Parade proposed to be held Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #8** That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Ron Skreptak – Property Standards  
**Inst.** See Motion #5
- b. Optimist Club of Moore – Jessica Nethery tournament  
**Inst.** See Motion #6
- c. Jake Buckingham - dock  
**Inst.** See Motion #7
- d. William Adams and Brenda Liscumb - hot dog cart  
**Inst.** See Motion #4

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**

Council reviewed Committee of Adjustment Decision A 13/06 and offered no comment.

**COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT:**

Council reviewed Mr. Burnham's report on the St. Clair Parkway Sanitary Sewer and Watermain Replacement tenders. In his report Mr. Burnham advised Council that the tenders were recently received for the proposed project and the portion for the cost of the sanitary sewer main extension was considerably higher than the original engineer's estimate. The engineer's budgeted estimate for this work was approximately \$1,150,000. for the entire work with \$410,000. of the estimated cost for the municipally financed watermain replacement. The report pointed out that the estimate for the construction of the sewer was approximately \$740,000. and the lowest bidder was \$1,220,000. for this section of work. In his report Mr. Burnham has recommended that due to the cost overage due to the apparent reluctance of the contractors who closed the bid to construct the project over the fall and winter months that the project be re-tendered in the early spring of 2007 in an attempt to secure a more favourable price.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #9** That the ratepayers affected by the proposed sanitary sewer extension on the St. Clair Parkway south of County Road 80 be invited to attend the next meeting of Council to discuss the tender results, the additional cost over the original estimate and several other aspects of the project including winter construction.

**CARRIED**

Council reviewed Mr. Burnham's report on the result of the tender call for the construction of various sidewalks throughout the Township.

Motion by P. Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #10** That the adjusted tender of Sarnia Paving Stone in the amount of \$136,382.50 plus GST be accepted by Council for the construction of various sidewalks throughout the Township and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents.

**CARRIED**

Council requested that the Coordinator of Engineering Services provide to the Public Works Committee a list of the changes to the sidewalk construction project proposed to achieve the accepted contract price.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:**

Mr. Rodey advised that in his report, Mr. Hackett has identified that the tenders closed for the completion of the current phase of the Civic Square in Corunna, and due to the fact that the tenders were considerably over estimate it was recommended that the project discussion be carried on to the next meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee.

**BY-LAWS:**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Warner

**Motion #11** That By-law Number 54 of 2006 being a by-law to dedicate properties known as Parts 10, 11 and 12, Plan 25R-9159 as part of a public road known as Nash Drive.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**Steve Miller**

Deputy Mayor Miller questioned the status of the progress on the proposal to construct a Community Policing Facility adjacent to the Township Civic Centre. Mr. Rodey advised that he is waiting for the release of the new OPP standards for such a building and that the draft request for proposal has been prepared for circulation to qualified architects to draft plans for the building.

**Shirley Warner**

Councillor Warner advised of receiving a comment from a ratepayer questioning possible use of Township vehicles by Township employees.

**Pete Gilliland**

Councillor Gilliland requested staff to contact the CSX Railway regarding a relatively dangerous rail crossing on Beckwith Street.

**Pat Alexander**

Councillor Alexander advised that the Brigden Firefighters Association have applied for a Lottery License and were charged an \$18.00 fee, and suggested this fee be reimbursed as per Township policy.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #12** That the lottery license fee paid by the Brigden Firefighters Association in the amount of \$18.00 be refunded.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Alexander requested information be received from Public Works regarding pavement crack sealing on various Township roads. Also, staff was to provide information

as to the possible capital budget priority for the reconstruction of the Brigden Road north of the community of Brigden. Also, the Physicians Recruitment Task Force and Bluewater Health is co-sponsoring a Gala Ball which will involve auction of door prizes.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #13** That the Director of Community Services be authorized to prepare a door prize gift package for the Physician Recruitment/Bluewater Health Gala Ball from golf course merchandise in the approximate retail amount of \$200.00.

**CARRIED**

**Steve Arnold**

Mayor Arnold advised that he attended with the majority of the Members of Council the Suncor Ethanol Plant opening on August 31, 2006 and provided information to Council on his discussion with Premier McGuinty on the provinces trial test on power from corn and as well discussion on the areas electric transmission capacity. Mayor Arnold also suggested Council consider its position relative to the US government's proposal to arm Coast Guard vessels on the Great Lakes and stage live ammunition firing tests.

Moved by P. Alexander

Seconded by S. Warner

**Motion #14** That the Federal Government be advised that St. Clair Township opposes the live ammunition firing from US Coast Guard vessels on the Great Lakes.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Arnold also requested the Director of Community Services provide Council with information relative to the local input protocol for applications for Trillium Grant Funding. Also, Mayor Arnold talked to MPP at Davidson regarding the post office proposal to locate community mail boxes for those ratepayers between Courtright and Mooretown. MPP Davidson was asked to intervene on behalf of the ratepayers and attempt a meeting between Canada Post officials and the affected ratepayers. Councillor Warner advised that this meeting to her knowledge has already taken place.

Mayor Arnold also briefed Council on a request received from a Chinook Chemicals employee for consideration of a joint sewage disposal project between Chinook Chemicals and the Township of St. Clair. Mayor Arnold is to provide to the appropriate staff a contact person at the Chinook Group.

Also, Mayor Arnold asked the Public Works Department to investigate the vehicular visibility at the intersection of the White Line and the Base Line Road in former Sombra Township. Mayor Arnold also advised that he has discussed with the Public Works Director, Ron Kerr, the request for additional stop signage on Bentinck Drive in the neighbourhood of Omaha. It was suggested that possibly traffic counts including speed information could be obtained with the existing Township equipment.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Council reviewed the draft letter proposed to be sent to the Ontario Great Lakes renewal fund, and Councillor Randell the author of the letter provided additional draft language. Council approved the text of the letter and its circulation. Council was reminded of the September 9<sup>th</sup> Terra 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration open house.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Town Crier, Gary Smith, addressed Council with the concept forwarded recently of the establishment of a County Town Crier whose duties could be shared with the St. Clair Township Town Crier and the Town of Petrolia Town Crier. It was suggested that a proposal be drafted in report form and forwarded to Warden Burns for possible inclusion in the County Council's October meeting agenda.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by S. Warner

**Motion #15** That the meeting enter an in camera session with the Mayor as Chair.

**CARRIED**

The meeting returned to order.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Arnold

**Motion #16** That the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CLERK