

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION #2**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
Monday, January 29, 2007
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:

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| | P. Gilliland, | Deputy Mayor |
| | P. Carswell-Alexander, | Councillor |
| | P. Brown, | “ |
| | P. Gilliland, | “ |
| | S. Miller, | “ |
| | J. Agar, | “ |
| Staff: | J. Rodey, | CAO |
| | J. DeMars, | Director of Administration/Clerk/ Deputy CAO |
| Absent | S. Arnold, Mayor | |

AGENDA:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Adopt Minutes:

Council Meeting of January 8, 2007
Committee of the Whole of January 10, 2007
Moore Museum Advisory Committee meeting of January 10, 2007

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:05 p.m. – Joe Card – St. Clair Auto Extrication Team

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Meadowview Villa – donation request
- b) Women’s’ Missionary Society – request for support

INFORMATION:

- 1) Brigden & District Horticultural Society
- 2) County of Lambton – Core Services Review
- 3) Optimist Club of Moore – Youth Appreciation Week
- 4) M.O.E. – Water taking permit
- 5) Corunna Community Policing Committee – January 9, 2007 minutes
- 6) Town of Tillsonburg – E.M.O. seminar
- 7) Warden Jim Burns – MPAC meeting
- 8) Laurie Mason – Museum projects
- 9) Brigden 4-H – Thank You
- 10) Warden Jim Burns – News Releases
- 11) Port Lambton Community hall Board – Thank You
- 12) Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. – Meeting Proposal

DRAINS:

By-law #1 of 2007 – Pt. Lambton Storm Sewer - Amending

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORTS:

- Bargain Shop Site Plan Amendment
- Suncor Ethanol Development Agreement

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Council Approved Capital Budget Listing for 2007

CLERK'S REPORT:

- Bill 130 – Amendment to the Municipal Act, 2001

CAO'S REPORT:

- In Camera - Property

MOTIONS:

- Draft M.T.O./Highway #40

BY-LAWS:

By-law 7 of 2007 – Agreement with Cameron Petroleum
By-law 8 of 2007 – Crossing Agreement – Austin Drain
By-law 9 of 2007 – Interim Tax Levies for the year 2007

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Council – Monday, February 5, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Committee of the Whole – Wednesday, February 14, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.
Regular Council – Monday, February 19, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

IN CAMERA:

To discuss a property issue

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Arnold was absent on Township business.

Deputy Mayor Gilliland 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. Council questioned the status of the staff review on the development plans for the former Colborne Street School. Also, Councillor Brown brought to the meeting's attention, two errors in the January 10th meeting of the Committee of the Whole, relative to budget items. It was pointed out that the Treasurer's summary of the Capital budget to be discussed later in the meeting was correct.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

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

Council Meeting of January 8, 2007, Session #1
Moore Museum Advisory Committee meeting of January 10, 2007

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #2 That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole (Combined meeting of Finance & Administration and Public Works & Operations) meeting of January 10, 2007 be adopted as printed and circulated and amended.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

At the appointed time Deputy Mayor Gilliland welcomed on behalf of Council, District Fire Chief Joe Card and members of the St. Clair Auto Extrication Team. District Chief Card detailed to Council the successes the team had in Regional and International Competition in 2006 and took the opportunity to present to Council the financial request for the team for 2007 to sponsor accommodations and registrations fees for Regional and International Competitions. The financial requests for the team for 2007 totals \$10,393.00. Council congratulated District Chief Card and his team on their success and thanked them for the presentation.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #3 That the financial request from the St. Clair Auto Extrication Competitive Team be referred to the Operating Budget deliberations.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #4 That a \$50.00 donation be made to the Meadowview Villa Auxiliary to sponsor a Social Event.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #5 That Council support the efforts of Women's Missionary Society for the Presbyterian Church in Canada relative to water issues.

CARRIED

Moved P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #6 That the funding request received from the Brigden and District Horticultural Society be referred to Operating Budget deliberations.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the letter received from the Moore Optimist Club regarding the Youth Appreciation Dinner scheduled for February 8th, five members of Council have indicated their availability to attend this dinner.

Council reviewed the invitation received from the Town of Tillisonburg to attend an Emergency Management Ontario Seminar for Elected Officials on March 8th.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #7 That members of the Township's Emergency Services Committee be authorized to attend the 1 day seminar sponsored by Emergency Management Ontario for Elected Officials on March 8th with the appropriate fees, expenses and allowances to be paid.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #8 That a letter of congratulations be sent to the Lambton County Warden Jim Burns on his election to the chair of the Western Warden Caucus.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

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

- a. Meadowview Villa - donation request
Inst. Motion #4
- b. Women's Missionary Society – request for support
Inst. Motion #5

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #10 That Drainage By-law #1 of 2007, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$7,382.16 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the expenditures to the Port Lambton Storm Sewer 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:

COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #11 That the Council of the Township of St. Clair release the \$60,000.00 refundable deposit held to ensure completion of the Bargain Shop site plan. It is also recommended that minor amendments to the site plan be approved by Council.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #12 That the Council of the Township of St. Clair authorize the release of the \$100,000.00 refundable deposit when payment of the \$52,295.00 outstanding invoice has been received from Suncor.

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by St. Miller

Motion #13 That the attached revised Exhibit A1-A4 Capital Budget listing for the Year 2007 be received.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #14 That the report of the Clerk on the provisions of Bill 130 be received.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

CAO Rodey provided to Council the verbal explanation of his report on the financial status of the St. Clair Township Industrial Park.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #15 That the CAO's report on the financial status of the St. Clair Township Industrial Park be received for information.

CARRIED

MOTIONS:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #16 **Whereas** Highway 40 serves an industrial corridor which includes significant Petrol Chemicals Plants; and

Whereas recent announcements including those by Shell, Suncor, Greenfield Energy and Invenegy indicate significant future private investment along the Highway 40 industrial corridor; and

Whereas the upgrade of Highway 40 between 402 and Churchill Line is long over due from both an economic and safety point of view; and

Whereas continued industrial investment in the industrial corridor along Highway 40 is dependent upon continued improvements to Highway 40;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of St. Clair supports not only this upgrade of Highway 40 between Highway 402 and Churchill Line, but the upgrade of Highway 40 south to as far as Bickford Line.

And further that this resolution be circulated to Hon. Donna Cansfield, Minister of Transportation, M.P.P. Caroline DiCocco and the City of Sarnia and the Sarnia and District Chamber of Commerce, and the Sarnia/Lambton Economic Partnership.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #17 That By-law Number 7 of 2007, being a By-law to authorize Cameron Petroleums Ltd. to construct, use and operate works required for the transmission of gas along certain roads in the Township, 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. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #18 That By-law Number 8 of 2007, being a By-law to authorize execution of a crossing/encroachment agreement with St. Clair Power LP for the Austin Municipal Drain in St. Clair Township, 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. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #19 That By-law Number 9 of 2007, a By-law to provide for interim tax levies for the Year 2007 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

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Steve Miller

Councillor Miller asked Council to consider transportation options for those delegates attending the OGRA/ROMA Conference in February. The issue to be further discussed at the next meeting of Council.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander questioned when the ratepayers involved in the proposed sanitary sewer extension south of Courtright Line would be invited to attend a meeting of Council. Council was advised that it was previously decided that the ratepayers would be invited when the results of the tender call are received and analyzed. Also, Councillor Carswell-Alexander questioned the new regulations imposed by the Township relative to accessory buildings. Councillor Carswell-Alexander advised that she would discuss this issue with the appropriate staff. Also, Council was made aware of a complaint received from a ratepayer regarding the condition of the floor at the Corunna Library. The Councillor also brought to Council's attention the cramped quarters for some of the municipal staff.

Pat Brown

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #20 That a letter of thanks be sent to Robert Murray and D'Arcy Bell of George, Murray, Shipley & Bell for hosting Township Council and Staff.

CARRIED

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell advised that Mr. Joe Vandenberg has filed his application for membership on the Trillium Grant Review Committee. Also, Councillor Randell led Council on a discussion of a possible name change for the Moore Foundation and efforts that should be made to make the group more pro-active. The CAO advised that the Councillor's request would be investigated. Councillor Randell also questioned that if a Trillium Grant Workshop similar to the one that is being hosted in Chatham/Kent will take place in the County of Lambton.

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar advised Council that he attended a recent meeting of the Moore Museum Committee and the Clean Harbours Community Committee.

Pete Gilliland

Councillor Gilliland questioned the Council representatives on the Clean Harbours Community Committee regarding information reported in the media regarding the abandonment of plans for a direct burn disposal system. Also, the Deputy Mayor congratulated Councillor Carswell-Alexander on the successful Cliff Ericson Concert held as a fund raiser for the Health Care Worker Recruitment efforts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council confirmed the February 22nd meeting schedule for 9:00 a.m. to review the draft 2007 Operating Budget. Also, it was directed that the general insurance review originally scheduled for February 14th be postponed until the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for March 14th.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

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

CARRIED

When in camera Council was advised by the CAO of the counter offer received to purchase a parcel of property in the Township's Industrial Park as well as possible offer to purchase a property in Corunna.

The meeting returned to order.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #22 That the counter offer to purchase a parcel of property in the Township's Industrial Park as presented by a report of the CAO be accepted and further that the CAO be authorized to contact the owner of property in Corunna with a possible offer to purchase.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

That the meeting due hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK