

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

St. Clair Civic Centre
Sombra Room
February 14, 2007
2:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Wednesday, February 14, 2007 with the following people present:

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND OPERATIONS

AGENDA:

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

2. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- Monthly Report dated February 7, 2007

3. COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT – WORKS:

- Monthly Report dated February 7, 2007

4. COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT – WATER/WASTEWATER:

- Monthly Report dated February 7, 2007

5. COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES:

- Monthly Report dated February 7, 2007
- Proposed Streetlight at Lambton Line and Highway 40

6. DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Monthly Report dated February 6, 2007

7. CLERK’S REPORT:

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8. CAO’S REPORT:

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9. NEW BUSINESS:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Miller called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked members to declare any conflict of interest at the appropriate time.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None declared.

The Committee was advised that M.P.P. Caroline Di Cocco was unable to attend to-day's session with the Committee due to inclement weather.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

The Committee proceeded to review the Director of Public Works monthly report.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #1 That this Committee recommend to Council that the monthly report of the Director of Public Works dated February 7, 1007, be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Business arising out of the Mr. Kerr's report, Mr. Kerr explained recruitment efforts that will be undertaken to fill the 2 vacant positions in Engineering and Public Works.

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS:

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #2 That this Committee recommend to Council that the report of the Coordinator of Operations – Works dated February 7, 2007, be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #3 That this Committee recommend to Council that the report of the Coordinator of Operations – Water/Wastewater dated February 7, 2007 be received and accepted.

CARRIED

In the review of Mr. Van Hyfte's report it was suggested that the reports in the future be expanded to include addresses and locations for areas where repairs were carried out. Also, Mayor Arnold requested a copy of the draft procedures for water and wastewater operations identified in Mr. Van Hyfte's report.

COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #4 That this Committee recommend to Council that the monthly report of the Coordinator of Engineering Services dated February 7, 2007, be received and accepted.

CARRIED

The Committee reviewed Mr. Burnham's report on the possibility of installing street lights at the intersection of Lambton Line and Highway #40. In discussion of the report it was pointed out that a portion of the Lambton Line west of Highway #40 is under County jurisdiction and the portion east of Highway #40 is under the jurisdiction of St. Clair Township and that a M.T.O. encroachment permit would be required for the installation of the proposed lighting. Mr. Burnham has estimated that the appropriate lighting at this intersection would cost approximately \$6,000.00.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #5 That this Committee recommend to Council that the report of the Coordinator of Engineering Services dated February 6, 2007, on the proposed streetlight at Lambton Line and

Highway #40 be received and accepted and that the intersection lighting estimated to cost approximately \$6,000.00 be installed by St. Clair Township once M.T.O. approvals are received.

CARRIED

In response to Staff questions, the Committee advised that a contribution from Lambton County would not be sought at this time for the portion effecting County Road #1.

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDENT:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #6 That this Committee recommend to Council that the monthly report of the Drainage Superintendent dated February 6, 2007, be received and accepted and the recommendation contained therein be approved.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar questioned the completion of the final course of asphalt on Bentinck through the Paddock Green Subdivision. It was felt that the final course of asphalt would probably be triggered by the next Phase of the Development proposed for 2007. Mr. Kerr offered to investigate the status of the completion of this work. Councillor Agar also circulated to members a draft letter regarding the Brownfield site on the north side of Hill Street in Corunna. It was suggested that members of Council review this letter for comment and discussion at the February 19th meeting of Council.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold advised the Committee of a Friday, February 16th Luncheon Meeting set up by M.P.P. Caroline Di Cocco with Infrastructure Minister Elenor Caplin and an opportunity to meet with Federal Health Minister Tony Clemment on Monday, February 26th, during the OGRA/ROMA Conference in Toronto. Mayor Arnold suggested that any members of Council should feel free to offer him discussion comments. Also, the Director of Public Works and the Treasurer would be asked for specific information to be incorporated into the presentation to Minister Clemment.

Pat Brown

Councillor Brown led the Committee in a discussion of the extension of the 50 km/hr speed limit south of Corunna past the relatively new commercial developments.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #7 That it be recommended to Council that the appropriate by-law be drafted to extend the 50 km/hr speed limit south of Corunna approximately 500 feet to the south, such that the 70 km/hr speed limit started south of the commercial developments in the area.

CARRIED

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander advised of a discussion at the recent Corunna Community Policing Committee regarding the establishment of a St. Clair Township Police facility. Also, there was some discussion of a vehicle to promote public information and awareness to replace the St. Clair Beacon.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #8 That it be recommended to Council that staff be instructed to contact experienced interested persons in an effort to re-establish a vehicle for distribution of Township information to ratepayers by way of a Township Newsletter.

CARRIED

Councillor Carswell-Alexander also voiced her disappointment on the recently installed crosswalk on Lyndoch Street and hoped that the warnings to motorists would have been more pronounced.

Steve Miller

Chairperson Miller expressed to the Committee comments received at a recent Sombra Park Board as to the need for drainage at the Sombra Park. It was suggested that possibly the Drainage Superintendent could be asked to investigate.

Hearing no further business it was:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #9 That the meeting due hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned 2:45 p.m.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

4:00 p.m. – Sarnia-Lambton Task Force for Health Care Worker Recruitment

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

2. GENERAL ACCOUNTS: Month ending January, 2007

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A-1 – 2006 Audit
- A-2 – 2007 Audit
- A-3 – Dedecker Park
- A-4 – Account Payable

4. BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

- B-1 - Building Permit Reports for the month ending December 31, 2006
- B-2 – County of Lambton – building statistics
- B-3 – Building permit reports – January 2007

5. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

- Health & Wellness Centre

6. CLERK'S REPORTS:

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

8. NEW BUSINESS:

9. ADJOURNMENT:

At the appointed time Chairperson Carswell-Alexander called to order the meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee and asked members to declare any conflicts of interest at the time.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS: Month of January 2007

The Committee proceeded to review the general accounts for the month of January 2007.

The Treasurer responded to several questions raised by the Committee members as to the expense items as listed.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #10 That this Committee recommend to Council that General Accounts for the new accounting system starting with supplier number 407001 to XER002, totaling, \$726,260.26 be approved for the month of January, 2007.

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Arnold

Motion #11 That the report of the Director of Finance dated January 15, 2007, on the Audit Planning for Year end 2006 be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #12 That the report of the Director of Finance dated January 31, 2007 regarding 2007 Annual Repayment Limit (ARL) for Long Term Debt Financing Offer be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P., Gilliland

Motion #13 That this Committee recommend to Council that the report on the Joe Dedecker Park be received and the shortfall in the amount of \$8,837.43 be financed from the St. Clair Education and Environment reserve.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #14 That this Committee recommend to Council that the report from the Treasurer on the Question pertaining to Accounts Payable Invoices be received.

CARRIED

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #15 That this Committee recommend to Council that the report from Lambton County on building statistics for the year ending December 31, 2006 be accepted.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #16 That this Committee recommend to Council that the Lambton County Building Permit Report for the year ending December 31, 2006 and the January 2007 building statistics be accepted.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

Mr. Hackett was present to detail to Council his report dated February 12, 2007 regarding the Health and Fitness Centre at the Complex. In his report Mr. Hackett detailed the number of memberships and an approximate revenue generation from the facility. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of a capital investment to purchase new more modern fitness equipment. Mr. Hackett pointed out that \$28,000.00 was identified in the draft 2007 capital budget for such equipment purchase. After considerable discussion it was:

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #17 That it be recommended to Council that the report dated February 12, 2007 on the Sports Complex Health and Fitness Centre be received for information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell led the Committee into a discussion of a proposal brought forward from various partners including the Rural Lambton Stewardship Network to develop a wetland enhancement area at the Branton Cundick Park. Councillor Randell responded to several questions raised by Committee members and advised that the group is seeking permission to use municipal lands but no municipal financial contribution is being sought.

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #18 That it be recommended to Council that the proposed wetland enhancement and fish habitat restoration project at the Branton Cundick Park as advanced by several bodies including the Rural Lambton Stewardship Network, Ministry of Natural Resources and Department of Fisheries and Oceans be approved in principle.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Arnold

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #19 That the meeting enter an in camera session to discuss a property issue.

CARRIED

The Committee received a verbal report from the C.A.O. from the status of possible property acquisition in Corunna. No written response has been received at this time from the vendor but it is hopeful that additional information will be available for discussion by Council at its next session.

The meeting returned to order.

Chairperson Alexander welcomed on behalf of the Committee, Sharon Crow, Mike Raes and Pat McArthur from the Sarnia-Lambton Task Force on Health Care Worker Recruitment. The Chairperson called on the representatives to brief the Committee on efforts made in the past by the Task Force and the need for recruitment efforts for health care workers in Sarnia-Lambton that has been identified as an under serviced area. Mr. Raes advised that the competition that is being experienced with other unserved communities and the Task Force estimates that approximately 20,000 Sarnia-Lambton residents are without the benefit of a family physician. It was pointed out that seven family physicians have been recruited to practice in Sarnia-Lambton in the past due to the efforts of the Task Force and that there are ten potential prospective family physicians expressing an interest in relocating in this area. Following the presentation in response to the Committee's questions Mr. McArthur advised that a typical annual budget for the Task Force is approximately \$225,000.00 and the cost to recruit a physician is approximately \$30,000.00. It was pointed out that St. Clair Township is being requested to contribute \$40,000.00 to the recruitment efforts for 2007. In response to the Mayor's question the representatives advised that the City of Sarnia has been asked to

contribute \$75,000.00 this year with the Village of Point Edward asked to contribute \$20,000.00. Mayor Arnold expressed to the representatives present his frustration and that shared by many in the community for what seems to be dwindling health care opportunities in St. Clair Township such as the limited availability of the Blood Clinic in Corunna and the loss of the x-ray services from the same Clinic. At the conclusion of the presentation and hearing no further comments, Chairperson Alexander thanked the Task Force representatives for their presentation.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #20 That the meeting due hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

P. Carswell-Alexander
Chairperson

J. DeMars
Secretary