

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
SESSION # 13**

St. Clair Civic Centre  
Council Chambers  
August 13, 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:

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

**AGENDA:**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:**

**Adopt Minutes:**

Council Meeting of July 16, 2007  
Committee of the Whole of August 8, 2007

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

7:15 p.m. – Dean Cox – sanitary sewer  
7:30 p.m. – Mike Nicholson - Shell– Site Plan Emergency oil spill response facility.  
7:40 p.m. – Katherine Wiggett – City Media – Marketing Strategy

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Linda Nethery – permission
- b) Corunna Giants – permission
- c) Courtright Firefighter Association - permission

**INFORMATION:**

- 1) St. Clair River Trail – June 28<sup>th</sup> minutes
- 2) County of Lambton – homeless report
- 3) Dean Cox – appointment
- 4) Brigden 4-H – thank you
- 5) St. Clair Conservation Authority – Guthrie Park
- 6) Dow – Legacy Project
- 7) Captain Kidd Committee – Thank you
- 8) Katherine Wiggett - marketing

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**

Committee of Adjustment-Decisions A 8, A 9, A 10 and A 11/07 and B 6 to 19/07 and Applications A 12 and A 13/07 and B 22 and 23/07.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**CAO'S REPORT:**

**MOTIONS:**

**BY-LAWS:**

By-law 45 of 2007 – Conservation Agreement with Ducks Unlimited – Branton-Cundick Park  
By-law 46 of 2007 - Site Plan Agr. – South West Ag. Partner Inc. – building replacement  
By-law 47 of 2007 - Site Plan Agr. – Shell Canada Products Inc. – oil spill response facility  
By-law 48 of 2007 – to abandon a portion of the Intercolonial Drain  
By-law 49 of 2007 – Encroachment Agreement – Chinook Group  
By-law 50 of 2007 – Encroachment Agreement – dock – Nick Robinson  
By-law 51 of 2007 – Encroachment Agreement – dock – Ken Garside  
By-law 52 of 2007 – Building and other fees

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Regular Council – **Tuesday, September 4, 2007** – 7:00 p.m.  
Committee of the Whole – Wednesday, September 12, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.  
Regular Council – Monday, September 17, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.  
Special Finance and Administration Committee – Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007 – 9:00 a.m.  
draft capital budget

**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:**

Councillor Darryl Randell declared a conflict of interest relative to by law #45 of 2007 as being a Ducks Unlimited employee and left the Council Chambers.

**MINUTES:**

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

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #1** That the minutes of the Council meeting of July 16, 2007 – Session #12 be adopted as printed and circulated:

**CARRIED**

Councillor Alexander asked staff how many of the service connections for the St. Clair Parkway Sanitary Sewer extension were single connections and how many were wide. Staff advised that an answer to the question would be obtained from the appropriate engineering staff.

Also members of Council asked the Mayor for circulation of the letter he co-authored with the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce regarding Pole Fire generation.

In discussion of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole, Deputy Mayor Gilliland pointed out that on page 4 the Committee of the Whole was incorrectly identified as an in camera session.

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 August 13, 2007, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

**Motion #3** That the Annual Jessica Nethery Two-Pitch Tournament to be held September 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 be granted permission for the refreshment tent license as per established Township policy.

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell

**Motion #4** That the Corunna Giants Senior Baseball Club Tournament to be held on August 31<sup>st</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 be granted permission for the refreshment tent license as per established Township policy.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Carswell

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #5** That the Courtright Volunteer Firefighters Association is planning on hosting a beer tent to be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007 be granted permission for the refreshment tent license as per established Township policy.

**CARRIED**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #6** The property standards complaint received relative to the former Colborne Street School be accepted and referred to the property standards officer for appropriate action.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION:**

Councillors reviewed the information received from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority regarding the shoreline protection for Guthrie Park.

Moved by P. Carswell

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #7** That the issue raised in the St. Clair Region Conservation Report on the status of the Guthrie Park shoreline protection relative to public safety for certain aspects of the shoreline be referred to staff for review and report.

**CARRIED**

At the appointed time Council welcomed Mr. Dean Cox owner of property known as 1586 First Street in Courtright to discuss with Council his request for compensation for expenses incurred clearing a sewer blockage on his property. Mr. Cox advised that in his opinion his sanitary sewer line was blocked on the municipal portion of the line. He incurred an expense of \$454.52 for investigation and repair of the blockage. Mr. Cox is seeking compensation from the municipality for 50% of his out of pocket costs.

Moved by P. Carswell

Seconded by J. Agar

**Motion #8** That Mr. Dean Cox, owner of property known as 1586 First Street, Courtright be granted the sum of \$227.26 as reimbursement for one half of the cost incurred to clear a sanitary sewer block.

**CARRIED**

Council reviewed the information received from Dow Chemical regarding its legacy project.

Moved by P. Carswell

Seconded by J. Agar

**Motion #9** That it be suggested to Dow Chemical that the funds allocated for the Dow Legacy Fund be invested in an interest bearing account with the interest generated be distributed annually for worthwhile community projects.

**DEFEATED**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #10** That it be suggested to Dow Chemical that as part of its legacy program, funds be provided to create permanent interpretive center on the property in St. Clair Township referred to as the Dow Wetlands

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

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

- a. Linda Nethery -Permission  
**Inst.** see motion #3
- b. Corunna Giants -Permission  
**Inst.** see motion #4
- c. Courtright Firefighter Association - Permission  
**Inst.** see motion #5

**CARRIED**

#### **DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

Council welcomed Mr. Mike Nicholson to answer any questions council may have regarding the proposed site plan for the emergency oil spill response facility. Council thanked for Mr. Nicholson for his attendance and advised that the issue would be addressed later in the meeting in consideration of By Law #47 of 2007.

Council welcomed Catherine Wigget of City Media to present to Council proposal to develop a strategic and marketing plan for St. Clair Township. Ms. Wigget identified other municipal clients in the services that her group has provided in that a main focus on her strategic and marketing plan would be directed toward business attraction and retention. Ms. Wigget also stated that her program would be website driven with the website as an ultimate communications tool. At the end of Ms. Wigget's presentation, council thanked her for the information provided and advised that her proposal would be further considered.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**

Council reviewed the recent decisions of the Committee of Adjustments and applications to be heard at the next meeting and offered no comment. Deputy Mayor Gilliland led council into a discussion of an upcoming application for a variance to allow a relatively large garage on the St. Clair Parkway.

#### **BY-LAWS:**

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #12** That By-law number 45 of 2007, a by-law to authorize, execution of a Conservation Agreement with Ducks Unlimited Canada for developments in Branton-Cundick Park St. Clair Township, be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Randell returned to his seat.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell

**Motion #13** That By-law number 46 of 2007, a by-law to authorize execution of a Site Plan Agreement with Southwest Ag Partners Inc., Geographic Township of Sombra, Township of St. Clair, be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #14** That By-law number 47 of 2007, a by-law to authorize execution of a Site Plan Agreement with Shell Canada Products Limited, Geographic Township of Moore, Township of St. Clair, be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Carswell

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion #15** That By-law number 48 of 2007, the By-law for the Township of St. Clair to abandon a portion of the Intercolonial Drain having been given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #16** That By-law number 49 of 2007, being a by-law to authorize an Encroachment Agreement for Holt Line Road allowance, geographic Township of Sombra, Township of St. Clair, be given the necessary readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #17** That By-law number 50 of 2007, being a by-law to authorize an Encroachment Agreement for a water lot, Township of St. Clair, be given the necessary readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

**Motion #18** That By-law number 51 of 2007, being a by-law to authorize an Encroachment Agreement for a water lot, West of St. Clair Parkway, Township of St. Clair, be given the necessary readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell

**Motion #19** That By-law number 52 of 2007, a by-law to establish building permit fees and other related fees for the Year 2007 for the Township of St. Clair having been given the necessary readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councillor Carswell advised council of attending the recently constructed splash pad at Tecumseh Park in Sarnia and suggested other members of council look at the new facility. Council was also advised by the Clerk of information received from the Deputy Fire Chief regarding the Port Lambton fire hall roof replacement. Mr. Boon advised that the contractor will be on site by mid-September and that the revised price did not include the cost of the steel beams required over the doors. It is estimated that these beams will cost and additional \$7000.00.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #20** Council approve the new amended cost to construct the Port Lambton fire hall roof and that the fire services be authorized to proceed with this work.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #21** That the meeting enter an in-camera session with the Mayor as chair to discuss a property issue. Council discussed the possible municipal purchase of a piece of property along the St. Clair Parkway. Mayor Arnold advised of information he has received that the property in question has already been sold. Meeting returned to order.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**Pat Carswell-Alexander**

Councillor Carswell reminded council of the upcoming Brigden community Festival in the fact that the county has reestablished appropriate no Parking signs on County Rd. 80 thru Brigden. Also Councillor Carswell advised of receiving a phone call last Friday from representatives of the CIBC bank in Sombra regarding traffic congestion due to delays at the ferry crossing. Council was advised by the Clerk that he has discussed the issue with Mr. Lowell Dalgety of the Bluewater Ferry Company and a meeting will be set up with staff to discuss the issue.

**Pete Gilliland**

The Deputy Mayor lead council into discussion of the presentation made at the last Public Works Committee regarding engineered wetlands as a method of sanitary sewage treatment. Deputy Mayor suggested that council should make an effort to tour one of the wetlands in operation.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Carswell

**Motion #20** That staff be requested to contact the consulting firm of Jacques Whitford to arrange for a site tour to an operational engineered wetlands facility.

**CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor advised council of attending onsite the start of construction today of the Bentinck Street reconstruction. Deputy Mayor advised that the current existing drainage on the street is by way of a pipe approximately 5" in diameter that will be replaced during the project. Also the Deputy Mayor questioned the Mayor of the issue of the closure of the Moore Landfill site has been brought forward to the appropriate county committee.

**Steve Miller**

Councillor Miller advised of attending the recent Port Lambton Gala Days festivities and thanked the Wallaceburg Legion for the honorable mention made to himself, Councillor Randell and MPP Caroline DiCocco. Also tenders are being prepared for access improvements to the Port Lambton Community Hall.

**Pat Brown**

Councillor Brown requested staff to investigate the missing Emily Street sign on the St. Clair Parkway. Also the Director of Community Services was asked to give capital budget consideration of a possibility of creating a toboggan hill in CAP Park in Corunna

**Darrell Randell**

Councillor Randell advised that the renovations at the Wilkesport Community Centre are substantially complete and the board is satisfied with the quality and progress of the work.

**Jeff Agar**

Councillor Agar advised of attending the recent Captain Kidd community festival and questioned the status of the recognition of the accomplishments of a local Corunna athlete.

**Steve Arnold**

Mayor Arnold cautioned council of a possible problem with the slope stability of the St. Clair Parkway just north of Seagar Park. Staff was asked to investigate the situation and report to council on a action plan and the timing for consideration at the nest meeting of council. Mayor Arnold also asked council to consider a possible aerial tour of the municipality and questioned the CAO on the status on his reorganizational report. Mr. Rodey advised that a report will be available for the next meeting of council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by P. Gilliland  
That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

Seconded by S. Miller

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CLERK