

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 17**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
October 1, 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-Alexander,	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 September 17, 2007, Session #15
Special Council Meeting of September 18, 2007, Session #16

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Courtright Friendship Club – request
- b) Chatham-Kent Lambton Services – bus zoning

INFORMATION:

- 1) County of Lambton – Draft plan of subdivision Blocks C & D, Plan 600
- 2) MMAH – Councillor’s guide
- 3) SCRCA – Branton-Cundick Park project
- 4) Jeff Clark – proposed Official Plan amendment
- 5) AMO – energy workshop
- 6) Operation Christmas Tree – 2007 Campaign
- 7) County of Lambton – tree policy and By-law
- 8) MMAH – 2007 Southwest Conference
- 9) Emmalene Lang – Agris Co-op development
- 10) Alisha Kraan –thank you
- 11) Nick Veriotes – thank you
- 12) Ministry of the Environment – conference attendance
- 13) J.K. McLachlan Realty Ltd. – commercial real estate development
- 14) Winnifred Hamilton – proposed Official Plan amendment
- 15) Morgan MacKenzie – thank you
- 16) WSIB – Community Workplace Health & Safety Charter
- 17) Rae Warren – Thank you

DRAINS:**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**

Committee of Adjustment-Decisions A3, A6, B24 & B25/07
 -Application A15 & B27/07 and B28/07

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDENT:

Tender

CO-ORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS – Public Works:

Tender

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING:

Slope Stability

CLERK'S REPORT:

Tony Robbins – refreshment vendor license

CAO'S REPORT:

In Camera session – property issue

MOTIONS:**BY-LAWS:**

By-law #61 of 2007 – Confirming By-law
 By-law #62 of 2007 – Parking-Colonel Cameron Public School

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****NEW BUSINESS:**

Jacques Whitford – engineered wetlands

UPCOMING MEETINGS:**ADJOURNMENT:****AGENDA:**

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.

It was noted that prior to the commencement of this meeting, members of Council participated with Fire Chief Dewhirst and Deputy Fire Chief Tom Boon in the ceremony to present long service awards to several Township Volunteer Fire Fighters

MINUTES:

Council proceeded to review the minutes as listed on the agenda. Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised that he was incorrectly identified as "mayor" in the September 17 minutes.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell

Motion #1 That the minutes of the Council meeting of September 17, 2007 – Session #15 be adopted as printed and circulated as amended and that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of September 18, 2007, Session #16 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

In discussion of business arising out of the minutes, Councillor Carswell briefed Council on the outcome of discussions she has had with Agris Co-op in Brigden relative to the Emmaline Lang concern about the new storage facility being constructed on the Co-op site. Councillor Carswell stated that the management of the Co-op have agreed to reorient the blowers for the silo facility away from the residents and are considering other noise abatement measures for the existing facilities.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed the request received from the Courtright Friendship Club regarding the possible placement of stone on the Township alley adjacent to the property being redeveloped for the new Courtright United Church. Council did not respond to this request pending a similar request from the Courtright United Church.

Council reviewed the communications from the Chatham-Kent Lambton Services regarding bus loading zone on Cameron Street in Corunna, adjacent to the Colonel Cameron School.

Moved by P. Carswell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion # 2 That the request filed by the Chatham-Kent Lambton Services regarding the placement of a bus loading and unloading zone on Cameron Street be accepted and that the Clerk be authorized to draft for Council consideration the appropriate authorization By-law.

DEFEATED

A recorded vote was requested:

Councillor Randell	no
Councillor Agar	no
Deputy Mayor Gilliland	yes
Councillor Miller	no
Councillor Carswell	yes
Councillor Brown	no
Mayor Arnold	no

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion # 3: That the request received from the Chatham-Kent Lambton Administrative School Services regarding a school bus loading zone for Colonel Cameron Public School on Cameron Street be tabled pending further information from the requesting group, the O.P.P. and the school board.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion # 4: That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Courtright Friendship Club – request
Inst. tabled pending further request
- b. Chatham-Kent Lambton Services – bus zoning
Inst. Motion #3

CARRIED

Council reviewed the information from the County of Lambton regarding the draft plan of subdivision for Block C & D Plan 600. Council noted that the proposed development will increase traffic in the area and staff was asked to investigate in its review of the plan the increased need for a traffic control light at the intersection of Lyndoch Street and St. Clair Blvd. and further staff was requested to investigate any obligations the developers of the Paddock Green subdivision may have towards a traffic control light.

In discussion of the communication received from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority regarding the Branton-Cundick Park project proposed by the Rural Lambton Stewardship Network, Councillor Randell advised that this project has been postponed until the spring of 2008.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion # 5: That the Township donate a similar amount to the donation in 2007 towards the Moore Optimist Operation Christmas Tree Project.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the communication received from the County of Lambton regarding its tree planting policy and by-law and asked for further clarification. Mayor Arnold also asked members of Council to indicate to the Clerk their interest in attending the Southwest Region Conference sponsored by AMO and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs scheduled for November 9, 2007 in London.

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Council reviewed the applications to and the decisions of the Committee of Adjustment as listed on the agenda and offered no comment.

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDANT'S REPORT:

Council reviewed the Drainage Superintendent's report regarding the tender results for construction of the O'Leary Drain West and the Hoskin's Drain. The tenders were as follows:

O'Leary Drain West

1) VanBree Drainage & Bulldozing Ltd.	\$60,329.80
2) BF Environmental Consultants Ltd.	\$70,673.80

The Engineer's estimate for this work was \$74,200.00

Hoskin Drain

1) J & L Henderson Ltd.	\$14,129.80
2) BF Environmental Consultants	\$19,378.92
3) Van Bree Drainage & Bulldozing Ltd.	\$19,822.00
4) Murray Mills Excavating & Trucking	\$22,252.37
5) McKenzie and Henderson Ltd.	\$24,454.20

The Engineer's estimate for this work was \$21,200.00

Moved by P. Carswell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion # 6: That the tender submitted by Van Bree Drainage and Bulldozing Ltd. in the amount of \$60,329.80 (including GST) for the O'Leary Drain West construction be accepted, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents and that the additional cost be financed from savings on recently tendered projects.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #7: That the tender submitted by J and L Henderson Ltd. in the amount of \$14,129.80 (including GST) for the Hoskin Drain construction be accepted, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents and that the additional cost be financed from savings on recently tendered projects.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING:

Council reviewed Mr. Burnham's report dated September 26, 2007 regarding the status of the slope stability project.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion # 8: That the report of the Director of Engineering Services dated September 26, 2007 from Trow regarding the Status of the Slope Stability Project and the recommendation, estimated in the amount of \$11,633.50 (plus disbursements and GST) for the monitoring over the next 2 year period be accepted and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk provided a verbal report as to the request of Mr. Tony Robbins who was present at the last meeting of Council to secure a refreshment vendor's permit to relocate his proposed operation from the parking lot of the Daisy Mart Variety Store to the vacant property on the southeast corner of Thomson Street and the St. Clair Parkway. Council was advised by the Clerk that a lease has been obtained with the owner of the vacant property proposed to be the host of the facility and that there was such a facility on this vacant property up until a few years ago.

Moved by P. Carswell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion # 9: That the Clerk be authorized to issue a vendor's permit to Mr. Tony Robbins to be located at the southeast corner of the intersection of the St. Clair Parkway and Thomson Street in Courtright for a one year period subject to the terms of the established municipal policy and subject to a site plan to be filed with staff. A recorded vote was requested:

CARRIED

Councillor Randell	yes
Councillor Agar	yes
Deputy Mayor Gilliland	yes
Councillor Miller	no
Councillor Carswell	yes
Councillor Brown	yes
Mayor Arnold	no

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rodey advised that he had a property and personnel issue to be discussed at an in-camera session.

BY-LAWS:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion # 10: That By-law #61 of 2007, the By-law for the Township of St. Clair to confirm the resolutions and motions of St. Clair Township which were adopted up to and including the September 18th, 2007 Council meeting, having been given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Gilliland

Deputy Mayor Gilliland brought forward for Council discussion and email received regarding a recreational trailer parked on Albert Blvd., Corunna. Council was advised by the Clerk that the current Township parking regulation By-law would not prohibit such overnight parking on a residential street except in the traditional winter control months commencing December 1 to April 1 of each year.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion # 11: That staff be instructed to prepare a report for Council consideration including a draft by-law that would regulate the parking of licensed unmotorized vehicles on municipal streets and highways.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised Council of the activities he has participated in since the last meeting of Council included County Committee meetings, the meeting of the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnerships and a site tour at the request of staff to Stag Island.

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar questioned the status of the recognition to the Corunna local athlete. The Clerk advised that his letter would be drafted for the Mayor's signature. He also requested that the Director of Community Services to report on the condition of dressing room #6 at the Complex and the status of the camera prohibited signage.

Steve Miller

Councillor Miller requested staff to investigate the status relative to a building permit for a garage being constructed on John Street, Port Lambton.

Pat Carswell

Councillor Carswell in reaction to a letter circulated by the Mayor from Steadman Brothers funeral home regarding the light at the Brigden Centopath. Staff was asked to investigate the ownership and responsibility for the lighting on this property.

Pat Brown

Councillor Brown led Council into a brief discussion of the establishment of a community safety zone on Hill Street, Corunna and also requested staff to order the appropriate name tags for himself and Councillor Agar.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold advised of attending a meeting with staff and representatives of MTO regarding detour routes and signage for next summer's closure of Highway #40. Also Mayor Arnold advised of receiving a complaint regarding the removal of the pile of earth at Paddock Green relative to the burm left at the end of the street by the contractor. Mayor Arnold advised that this issue has been brought to the attention of the CAO for possible remedy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed the communications received from Jacques Whitford regarding engineered wetlands. It was suggested that the communications provided by Jacques Whitford through the Mayor be referred to the next meeting of Public Works and Operations Committee.

Deputy Mayor Gilliland on behalf of Council thanked Bonnie Stevenson for her efforts in producing the first issue of the new St. Clair Beacon that is proposed to be circulated to Township residents later this week.

Council was reminded by Mayor Arnold that the October 10th meeting of Finance and Administration Committee will commence at 12 noon, for discussion of the latest draft of the 2008-2009 Capital Budget. Mayor Arnold also briefed Council on continuing

discussions with the County Chief Building Official relative to septic system issues raised for a property in Wilkesport that was subject to application for a detached accessory building.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion # 12: That the meeting enter into an in-camera session to discuss a property and personnel issue.

CARRIED

Council was briefed by the CAO of a request received from a property owner in the Township’s Industrial Park for an amendment to the original arrangement that a site plan for the vacant property would be applied for within 5 years of the purchase of the property from the Township. Council directed staff to offer the property owner an extension of the 5 year time frame to a 10 year time frame with the other conditions to remain in place. Council provided to the CAO direction as to organizational structure and staff recruitment.

The meeting returned to order.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK