

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 9**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
May 5, 2008
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. Brown,	Councillor
	D. Randell,	“
	J. Agar,	“
Staff:	J. Rodey,	CAO
	J. DeMars,	Director of Administration/Clerk/ Deputy CAO
Absent:	S. Miller	Councillor
	P. Carswell-Alexander	Councillor

AGENDA:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Adopt Minutes:

Council Meeting of April 21, 2008 Session#8

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:05pm – Timothy Cadotte - presentation
7:15 pm – Joe Card of the St. Clair Township Auto Extrication Team
7:30pm – VON – golf tournament fundraiser

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Captain Kidd Days – street closing for parade
- b) Port Lambton Gala Days – permission
- c) Property Standards – Pulteney Street
- d) Property Standards – Courtright Line
- e) VON – fundraising
- f) Lee Brandon – use of alley
- g) Paul & Leanne LaVigne
- h) Corunna Firemen Field Days - permission

INFORMATION:

- 1) L.A.S. – energy audit
- 2) County of Lambton – homeownership program
- 3) County of Lambton – emergency preparedness
- 4) Alvin Wanner family – thank you
- 5) St. Clair River Trail – June 7 dedication
- 6) Lakes Ecosystem Conference – Oct. 22-23, 2008
- 7) Environmental Review Tribunal – June 23 hearing
- 8) Moore Museum – Sampler

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DRAINS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Committee of Adjustment-Decisions A12/08 & A13/08
-Applications A14/08, A15/08, A16/08, A17/08 & A18/08,
B6/08 & B7/08

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WORKS/DRAINAGE):

Moore Line speed limit

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Campground grass cutting

COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Parkview Estates Subdivision (Colborne Street)

CLERK'S REPORT:

S.C.R.C.A – shoreline maintenance agreement revision

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

By-law # 28 of 2008 – Moore Line speed limit
By-law # 29 of 2008 – Confirming

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance & Administration, Public Works & Operations ~ Monday May 12, 2008 – 6pm
Regular Council ~ Tuesday May 20, 2008 – 7pm
Special Meeting of Council ~ Thursday May 29, 2008 (rezoning)
Special meeting – Joint meeting – Lambton County Council Wednesday May 7, 2008
12:30pm

IN-CAMERA:

Legal issue

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:

None declared.

MINUTES:

Council proceeded to review the minutes as listed on the agenda. Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised that it was his intention to further discuss motion #2 from the last Public Works and Operations that was tabled at the last meeting of Council.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #1: That the minutes of the Council meeting of April 21, 2008 – Session #7 be adopted as printed and circulated:

CARRIED

At the appointed time, the Mayor welcomed on behalf of Council, Mr. Tim Cadotte together with friends and family. Mr. Cadotte was present to receive from the Mayor, the Governor General's certificate of commendation for an act of bravery carried out by Mr. Cadotte and his brother in July of 2007. The Mayor outlined the purpose of the commendation which was intended to recognize Canadians who have committed exemplary acts of bravery on behalf of their fellow citizens. Mayor Arnold pointed out that Mr. Cadotte's selfless actions are an inspiration to others and represent a high form of citizenship for which Mr. Cadotte can be very proud of. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mayor Arnold also recognized Michael Cadotte, who assisted his brother in the rescue attempt. It was noted that Michael Cadotte will receive as a Sarnia city resident, his certificate of commendation from the City of Sarnia Council. Mr. Cadotte thanked Mayor Arnold for the presentation and the kind words.

Mr. Joe Card, District Deputy Chief for the Wilkesport Fire Station was present to present to Council his annual report on the St. Clair Township Auto Extrication Team activities. Chief Card advised that the team achieved considerable success in 2007 having finished 1st and 2nd place in regional and international competition. In total, the team spent \$7805.30 of which \$5855.30 was reimbursed from the Municipality from the allocated \$6000 budget. In 2008, the team hopes to participate in the USA National competition as well as a Southwest Regional competition. It is estimated that the teams' expenses for the 2008 season will be approximately \$5670. Chief Card is requesting the Municipality to continue its traditional funding level to the team in the amount of \$6000.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #2: That Council provide a budget for the year 2008 in the amount of \$6000 for the expenses involved incurred by the St. Clair Township Auto Extrication Team to be financed from the St. Clair Environmental and Education Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #3: That permission be granted to the Captain Kidd Days Committee for the conduct of the annual parade on August 2nd, 2008 with the parade route to be Beckwith to Lyndoch to Cameron to Colborne Streets with the parade commencing at 11am.

CARRIED

Mayor Arnold advised that he would attend the parade on behalf of the Municipality.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #4: That the annual Port Lambton Gala Days to be held August 1st, 2nd and 3rd 2008 be declared a community festival and that Municipal permission be granted for the establishment of a licensed refreshment tent subject to the Township's alcohol management policy and security provisions as required by the Liquor Licensing Board.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the two property standards complaints as listed on the agenda and the Clerk was instructed to forward the complaints to the Township's Property Standards Officer for investigation and report. Council reviewed the communication received from Mr. Lee Brandon regarding the use of an alley on Township property adjacent to his own

property. The letter pointed out the Coordinator of Operations (works) has attended the site and discussed the issue with Mr. Brandon.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by

Motion #5: That the letter from Mr. Lee Brandon regarding the use of the alley adjacent to his property be referred to the Coordinator of Operations (works and drainage) for a report for consideration at the next meeting of the Public Works and Operations Committee.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #6: That the request of Paul and Leanne LaVigne for the establishment of refreshment cart at the northwest corner of Lyndoch and Paget Streets in Corunna be denied.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #7: That the annual 2008 Corunna Firefighters Field Days to be held June 6 and 7th be declared a community festival and that permission be granted for a licensed refreshment tent subject to the provisions of the Township Alcohol Management Policy and the provision of security as identified in the Firefighters Association's April 18, 2008 letter.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by D. Randell

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

- a. Captain Kidd Days - permission
Inst. Motion #3
- b. Port Lambton Gala Days - permission
Inst. Motion #4
- c. Pulteney Street – Property standards
Inst. Referred to Property Standards Officer
- d. Courtright Line – Property standards
Inst. Referred to Property Standards Officer
- e. VON - fundraising
Inst. Motion #9
- f. Lee Brandon – use of alley
Inst. Motion #5
- g. Paul & Leanne LaVigne – license
Inst. Motion #6
- h.. Corunna Firemen Field Days – permission
Inst. Motion #7

CARRIED

At the appointed time, Mayor Arnold welcomed on behalf of Council, Mr. Dan O'Neil and Mr. Mark Faase representing the Victorian Order of Nurses. Mr. Faase provided a brief overview to Council of the activities of the VON such as home nursing, support, occupational therapy, adult day program, wellness clinics and a relatively new program called kids circle. It was also pointed out that the activities of the Von are heavily dependant on volunteers and local fundraising efforts. At this point the meeting was turned over to Mr. Dan O'Neil who detailed to Council several sponsorship opportunities that would be available in sponsorship of the June 13th golf fundraiser. Mr. O'Neil stated that for a minimum of a \$1000 contribution, the Township could be named as an event

sponsor which would sponsor a golf foursome on the day of the event. After the conclusion of the presentation, it was;

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #9: That St. Clair Township become a sponsor for the VON fundraising golf tournament to be held Friday June 13th with the Township to enter a foursome in the charity golf tournament.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #10: That the Township donate four rounds of golf at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course as a door prize for the VON charity golf tournament to be held June 13, 2008.

CARRIED

Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Fasse thanked Council for their commitment to sponsor this worthwhile charity event.

Council proceed to review the information correspondence as listed on the agenda. Council was advised that St. Clair Township was one of the successful applicants for the Energy Audit Grant Program sponsored by the AMO/LAS.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #11: That the Mayor be authorized to attend the State of the Lakes Eco System conference to be held October 22nd and 23rd, 2008 with the appropriate fees and expenses to be paid.

CARRIED

Council briefly discussed the invitation to participate in a joint meeting with Lambton County Council to hear a presentation from Shell relative to the proposed refinery project.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #12: That a special meeting of Council be held on Wednesday May 7, 2008 to be held as a joint meeting with Lambton County Council at the County building in Wyoming to discuss issues relative to the Shell Refinery proposal.

CARRIED

Council also received a verbal report as well as a written communication regarding the passing of former Moore Township Reeve Marg Stacey and former Plympton Township Reeve John King. Council instructed that the Township flag be lowered to half mast until after Ms. Stacey's funeral and an appropriate in memoriam tribute be made in accordance with the Township policy.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Council reviewed the decisions of the Committee of Adjustments and applications for the forthcoming meeting and offered no comment.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, WORKS/DRAINAGE:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #13: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Works) dated April 30, 2008 regarding the reduction of the speed limit on Moore Line from 80km to 60 km during the Highway #40 detour be received and accepted.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #14: That the report submitted by the Director of Community Services dated April 29, 2008 regarding campground grass cutting fees be accepted and received as information.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #15: That commencing for the 2008 camping season, grass cutting service will be provided to campers upon request by Township staff at the rate of \$20 per cut or \$100 for seasonal cutting and further that this protocol be established for all 3 Township operated campgrounds.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #16: That the County of Lambton be requested to consider the lowering of the speed limit on the Kimball Road from County Road 80 south to the Chatham-Kent Town Line from 90 km p/h to 80 km p/h during the duration of the detour necessitated by the reconstruction of Highway #40.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #17: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Planning dated May 1, 2008 be received and that Council consider permitting the developer of Parkview Estates Subdivision to proceed with the servicing of the 26 lot subdivision, provided cash security in the amount of \$79,469.64 is received and the Public Works Department approves construction drawings and servicing.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #18: That the Council of the Township of St. Clair approve the road name "Dallas Court" for the Parkview Estates Subdivision (Colborne/Cameron Street) and advise the County of Lambton accordingly.

CARRIED

In discussion of the proposed development of the former Colborne Street property, Councillor Agar expressed his displeasure on the deteriorated condition of the former Colborne Street School. Council advised Councillor Agar that a property standards investigation and report could be initiated upon receipt of a written complaint.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk verbally advised Council that the St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors has suggested an amendment to the recently approved contract between ST. Clair Township and the SCRCA relative to shoreline maintenance of former ST. Clair Parkway assets. The Conservation Authority is suggesting that a clause be added to the agreement to allow a cancellation of the agreement upon six months notice by either party.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #19: That the Township accept the amendment to the agreement with the SCRCA for shoreline maintenance on former St. Clair Parkway assets with possible cancellation of the agreement upon 6 months notice by either party.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rodey discussed with Council, Council's earlier decision for the rezoning of the property north of the civic Center. Normally, such decisions are deferred to a specific date or to obtain further information on the issue. In response to Council's questions, Mr. Rodey advised that the deadline for reconsideration in accordance with provisions in the Planning Act, is July 24, 2008. Failure to meet this deadline could result in an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board. Council stated part of their decision to defer was based on the fact that the strategic planning process has not been completed. After considerable discussion, it was;

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #20: That the proposed rezoning for the Municipal property north of the Civic Center be reconsidered by Council at its regular meeting scheduled for July 21, 2008.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #21: That By-law Number 28 of 2008, being a by-law to regulate traffic speed on the Moore Line 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 P. Brown

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #22: That By-law Number 29 of 2008, 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 April 21, 2008 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:

Pete Gilliland

Deputy Mayor Gilliland discussed with Council, motion #2 from the last Public Works & Operations meeting that was tabled at the last meeting of Council. This resolution dealt with the request to close the unopened portion of King Street in Sombra, east of John Street.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #23: That resolution #2 from the April meeting of the Public Works & Operations Committee tabled at the last meeting of Council be lifted from the table.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #24: That the unopened King Street road allowance in Sombra Village, east of John Street be declared surplus to Township needs and that staff be instructed to prepare a report for the disposal of the property in accordance with the Township's property disposal procedures.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Gilliland also thanked the CAO for the circulation of the Township's organizational chart.

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar expressed his condolences to the Stacey family on the recent passing of former Councillor and Reeve, Marg Stacey. Councillor Agar advised that he received comments from Corunna area residents regarding possible further public consultation prior to any parking protocol amendments. The Clerk advised from his recollection no such promise was made at the time the parking study was reviewed. Councillor Agar also received comments regarding the emergency siren coverage from a resident in Mooretown. Council instructed emergency services staff to report to Council on the siren coverage areas and notification protocols for those residents living outside the siren area.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell advised of receiving a complaint from the owner of the Pic'N Pay variety store in Sombra regarding ferry traffic marshalling and congestion that was experienced last summer season. Council instructed staff to invite Mr. Dalgety, owner/operator of Bluewater Ferry to the next meeting of the Public Works & Operations Committee. Councillor Randell also advised that upon review of the organizational chart, the chart incorrectly showed that the Sombra Museum curator reports to the Moore Museum curator, when in fact, she reports to the Director of Community Services.

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Councillor Randell also commented on the fact that the Sombra Museum information has not been incorporated in the Township's website. Councillor Randell discussed with Council, information received at a recent Sombra Museum meeting regarding property that has been requested to the Sombra Museum by the late Frank McMillan. The Clerk provided to Council information on the background of the property request and that the property in question is in fact a residential lot on John Street in Sombra Village.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #25: That the vacant residential property on John Street owned by the Municipality that was requested to the Sombra Museum by the late Frank McMillan be declared surplus and offered for sale as per Township property disposal policy.

CARRIED

Councillor Randell also brought to Council's attention, a newspaper ad regarding a public notice under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act for the proposed Shell Refinery development near Courtright. Since the proposed Shell Refinery development will have a major impact on St. Clair Township and Lambton County as a whole, Councillor Randell thought the Municipality should be involved in this process.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #26: That St. Clair Township apply for standing in the review of the proposed Shell Refinery project through the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act comprehensive study process.

CARRIED

Councillor Randell also advised of getting considerable complaints on the condition of the Burman Road. It was felt that the road has been damaged due to earlier heavy truck traffic to the Enbridge Compressor station on that road. Council asked for a report on the condition of that road and the repair options for consideration of the May 12 Public Works & Operations meeting.

Pat Brown

Councillor Brown visited with the Mayor, the Burman road and Councillor Randell is correct on his assessment of the poor road conditions. Councillor Brown also advised of receiving calls regarding the implementation of parking prohibitions in the vicinity of the Tim Horton's and license office on Lyndoch Street in Corunna. Councillor Brown is suggesting the curbs in these two locations could be painted yellow to delineate them as a no parking area. At the conclusion of the discussion, the issue was referred to Public Works for a report. Councillor Brown also observed a vacant lot in Corunna on Beresford Street, host site for approximately 10-12 unlicensed derelict vehicles. The Clerk advised that a written complaint has been received on the subject property.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #27: That the issue of the derelict cars on the vacant property on Beresford Street be referred to the Property Standards Officer for inspection and report.

CARRIED

Councillor Brown advised of an upcoming OPP sponsored document shredding day and the fact that he attended the recent Dawn-Euphemia Township fire vehicle ceremony. Councillor Brown also expressed condolences on the passing of former Moore Township Councillor and Reeve Marg Stacey.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold also expressed his condolences to the Stacey family. Also on behalf of the Township, the Mayor received a recognition award from the St. Clair Township 4-H Conservation Club and also participated in the Junior Optimist Clean up at the Courtright Park. The Mayor also attended recent meetings with MP Davidson and MPP Bailey and also attended an April 26 training exercise hosted at the Lambton County Fire College on LaSalle Line that several St. Clair Township volunteer firefighters participated. The Mayor also attended a Conservation Ontario meeting in Toronto and the recent local Day of Mourning observance. The Mayor also attended the Oil Springs Commemorative Stamp launch and as well the Dawn-Euphemia ceremony referred to in Councillor

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Brown's report. Mayor Arnold led Council in a discussion of a possible development of a data base for volunteers and other citizens who make considerable contributions to this community with the database to be used to assist Council when requested to do so, to nominate such citizens for Provincial or Federal Government recognition. The Mayor suggested that the St. Clair Township Beacon may be a vehicle to solicit names for such a database. At the conclusion of his report, the Mayor declared a special meeting of Council to be held Thursday May 29, 2008 at 7:00pm for the purpose of public meetings on two planning applications. At the conclusion of the Mayor's report, Councillor Agar and Councillor Brown brought up the issue of heavy truck traffic on Bentinck Street and Lyndoch Street.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #28: That the meeting enter an in-camera session with the Mayor as chair to discuss legal property and personnel issues.

CARRIED

Meeting returned to order.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK