

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

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
June 16, 2008
9:15 p.m.

A special 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:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNICARY INTEREST:

3. GUTHRIE PARK – Shoreline rehabilitation – project status

4. PROPOSED BOAT LAUNCH:

- Direction to S.C.R.C.A.

5. EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING:

- Tenders

6. REZONING – LOT 1, CON 15 – TERRA INTERNATIONAL:

- Envirofresh proposal

7. NEW BUSINESS:

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:15 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.

Mayor Arnold led Council into discussion of the efforts being made on the Township's behalf by the SCRCA relative to the Guthrie Park shoreline rehabilitation project. Council was reminded that the project scheduled to be completed in phases with the first phase completed this year with the aid of senior government grant funding has been delayed due to concerns of St. Clair River sediment. It was suggested that 2 possible construction methods could be used, the first being installing temporary seawall into the river to allow

the removal of the existing seawall and the placement of the appropriate armor stone material or the second method would be to excavate to the east and behind the existing seawall with the placement of the appropriate stone with the existing seawall to be removed when this work is completed.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #1: That the SCRCA be requested to proceed on the Guthrie Park shoreline rehabilitation project with the preferred method that the area behind the existing seawall be excavated for the placement of the appropriate armor stone with the existing seawall to be removed following the placement of this material.

CARRIED

Council also reviewed information received from the SCRCA regarding the possible establishment of a boat launch in the Mooretown area. Mayor Arnold advised that the Conservation Authority is optimistic of obtaining an initial \$12,000 grant from senior Governments for the project with a possible additional \$7500 later in the project. It was pointed out that the 2008 capital budget provided for \$60,000 funding for this proposal. In the discussion of the boat ramp issue, Councillor Miller advised of receiving numerous requests from rate payers in the Port Lambton area asking for a similar facility in the south end of the Township.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #2: That the SCRCA be requested to complete the design tender call and construction supervision for a possible boat launch facility on municipally owned property in Mooretown.

CARRIED

A recorded vote was requested:

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

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #3: That the Director of Community Services be requested to investigate and report to Council the possible costs and location of improving the boat ramp facility at the end of Princess Street in Port Lambton and also a recommendation as to the possible excavation and improvement of the existing boat launch facilities on property formerly owned by the St. Clair Parkway Commission.

CARRIED

CAO Rodey led Council into a discussion of the results of the recent tender call for the renovations to the building at the intersection of Hill Street and Lyndoch Street in Corunna proposed to be converted to an emergency services building to house the Township's fire services and the OPP. Mr. Rodey pointed out that the tenders received were higher than the original architect's estimate but that there is over \$100,000 in building costs that could be attributed to special features and security needs to satisfy the OPP adequacy standards that may be refundable by the province. Council also discussed issues identified by the Fire Chief as far as the adequacy and space allocation for the fire services portion of the building. After considerable discussion it was;

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #4: That Council accepts the tender of Westhoek Construction in the amount of \$1,260,237.74 for the renovations to the Township's Emergency Services Building and further that the architect be instructed to obtain a cost estimate to provide for the changes and amendments as suggested by the Fire Chief.

CARRIED

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A recorded vote requested:

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

In response to Council's questions, Council was advised that the information requested from the proponents of the Envirofresh greenhouse project as discussed at the May 29th meeting of Council has not yet been received. Mr. Rodey did advise of a discussion today with Mr. Uitvlugt who suggested Council could pass the zoning by-law amendment putting the subject area in a holding zone and therefore the appeal period could commence while the proponents complete the final information required for Council's consideration. Mr. Rodey pointed out that once the information is received, Council could lift the holding provision of the zone at the appropriate time without the need an additional public hearing. It was also pointed out that the lifting of the holding provision is subject to appeal. Councillor Alexander stated her opinion that she could not support the development with the only access for traffic to be on the St. Clair Parkway. Several members of Council also questioned both the setbacks from the St. Clair Parkway and the Stanley Line as proposed by the proponent.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #5: That By-law #39 of 2008 being a by-law to rezone property known as Lot 1, Con 15 to provide for setbacks from the St. Clair Parkway of approximately 96 m in the north and 60 m in the south and 30 m from the Stanley Line be read the required number of times and be finally passed signed and sealed.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Agar brought to Council's attention the concern he raised at the Public Works meeting regarding recreational vehicles parked overnight on Township road allowances. Council was advised by the Clerk that the Township has no prohibition on such overnight parking except in the winter control months, if Council wished to impose such a parking prohibition, it would have to do so by by-law. It was also pointed out by the Clerk that in an effort to make such parking a ticketable offense, application will have to be made to the Courts for a set fine procedure,

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #6: That staff be instructed to draft a by-law for Council's consideration that would provide for no parking between the hours of 12am and 6am for the parking non-motorized, recreational vehicles such as tent trailers, camping trailers, and boats and trailers.

CARRIED

Councillor Carswell-Alexander offered a motion that would require all emails dealing with Township business sent to members of Council and Township staff to be forwarded to all members of Council and included as information/correspondence on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council. It was pointed out that not all members of Council are on the Township's email system and such a logging of such emails would put the information contained by such electronic correspondence in the public domain.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #7: That emails and electronic communication from members of Council to other members of Council or staff be copied and placed as information/correspondence on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council.

DEFEATED

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A recorded vote was requested:

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

Hearing no further business, it was;

Moved by S. miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #8: That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:10p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK