

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION #7**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
April 20, 2009
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 April 6, 2009
Public Works & Operations meeting of April 13, 2009
Finance & Administration meeting of April 13, 2009
Drainage Committee meeting of April 14, 2009

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 p.m. MIG Engineering – presentation

CORRESPONDENCE:

INFORMATION:

- 1) AMO – 2009 Conference
- 2) Government of Canada – Infrastructure Stimulus Fund
- 3) AMO Alert – Intake 2 of BCF and IS Fund
- 4) AMO Alert – Bill 150
- 5) CCPC – April 7 minutes
- 6) LGPSB – January 21 minutes
- 7) St. John’s Ambulance – Thank you
- 8) SCRCA – Conservation update
- 9) Meadowview Villa – Thank you
- 10) Egg Farms of Ontario – Resolution
- 11) Mike Hurley & Helen Clark – Drainage issues

DRAINS:

Drainage By-law #5 of 2009 – Gibb Drain – amending
Drainage By-law #6 of 2009 – Lane Drain – amending
Drainage By-law #7 of 2009 – Bawden Drain & Pump – amending
Drainage By-law #8 of 2009 – Feddes Drain & Pump – amending

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Drainage By-law #9 of 2009 – De Mars Drain - amending

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PLANNER'S REPORT:

Telecommunications Tower
Viscount Subdivision – Removal of Holding Zone

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT:

Applications A8/09, A9/09, B6/09, B7/09 B8/09, and B9/09

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS:

St. Clair Boulevard – traffic count
Street Reconstruction – tender results
Water Meter Enhancement – installations

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Thompson Street Drain

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Storage Shed tender results

CLERK'S REPORT:

CAO'S REPORT:

Building Canada Fund

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

By-law #20 of 2009 – Remove a holding symbol ~ Plan 413 Lot 172

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Arnold welcomed Marty Raaymakers and Ken Graham of MIG present to make a presentation to Council in celebration of MIG Engineering's 50th year in business. Mr. Raaymakers pointed out the past relationships with Moore and Sombra Townships and now St. Clair Township and reviewed a brief list of major projects successfully completed with the assistance of MIG Engineering. At the conclusion of the

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presentation, Mr. Raaymakers presented to Mayor Arnold, a commemorative clock on behalf of MIG. On behalf of Council, Mayor Arnold thanked Mr. Raaymakers and Mr. Graham for their attendance and generous gift of a clock to be hung with pride in the Township Civic Center.

MINUTES:

Council proceeded to review the minutes as listed on the agenda. In review of the minutes of the April 6th Council meeting, it was pointed out that the Chamber of Commerce breakfast is scheduled for May 1st.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #1 That the minutes of the Council meeting held, April 6, 2009 – Session #6 be amended and adopted as corrected.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #2: That the minutes of the Public Works and Operations meeting held April 13, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #3: That the minutes of the Finance and Administration meeting held April 13, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

In discussion of the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee, Mayor Arnold pointed out that it was his intention to request that Councillor Carswell-Alexander contact Mr. Miller with a request that he contact the Mayor directly to discuss his concerns about the flag pole.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #4: That the minutes of the Drainage Committee meeting held April 14, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated including recommendations contained therein.

CARRIED

In discussion of the minutes of the April 14th Drainage Committee, Councillor Randell led Council into a discussion of the comments received relative to possible sanitary sewer deficiencies in the area of the St. Clair Parkway south of County Road 80. Mayor Arnold advised Council that he has requested staff to invite ratepayers in the area that do have concerns about the sanitary sewer to a Mayor's meeting scheduled for 6:30pm on Wednesday April 22nd. All members of Council were invited to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council proceeded to review the correspondence as listed on the agenda. Council instructed staff to make the appropriate registrations for 4 members of Council to attend the August AMO conference.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #5: That the resolution offered by the Egg Farmers Ontario Group by way of correspondence April 3rd be endorsed.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the letter received from Mike Hurley and Helen Clark regarding drainage issues along the St. Clair Parkway. Council instructed staff to communicate to Mr. Hurley and Ms. Clark that drainage projects are not eligible for funding under the Building Canada Fund or the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

Council reviewed the CAO's report with input from the Treasurer and the Director of Community Services of possible Township applications for the Building Canada Fund and the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #6: That application be made to the Building Canada Fund for funding in the amount of \$1,580,000.00 for improvements at the Moore Sports Complex and further that the Municipality commit to financing its share of the costs.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #7: That application be made to Infrastructure Stimulus Fund for the completion of the St. Clair River Trail in the amount of 1.1 million dollars with the further commitment that the Township is prepared to pay its cost share of the project.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #8: That an application be made to the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund for improvements to the Brigden Road totaling approximately \$2,770,000.00 with a commitment that the Township is prepared to pay its cost share of the project.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #9: That an application be made to the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund in the amount of \$1 million for golf course and clubhouse renovations and expansion with the commitment that the Township is prepared to pay its cost share of the project.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #10: That application be made to the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund in the amount of \$330,000 for the replacement of the McCallum Line bridge over Booth Creek with the commitment that the Township is prepared to pay its cost share of the project.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #11: That application be made to the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund in the amount of \$750,000 for the replacement of the Stanley Line Bridge over Bear Creek with the commitment that the Township is prepared to pay its cost share of the project.

CARRIED

At the conclusion of the discussion on the Building Canada Fund and the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, Mayor Arnold stated his opinion that perhaps a meeting should be scheduled with MPP Pat Davidson once the applications have been drafted to seek Ms. Davidson's support for the projects offered by the Municipality.

DRAINS:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #12: That Drainage By-law #5 of 2009, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$46,757.34 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Gibb Drain be given the necessary readings and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #13: That Drainage By-law #6 of 2009, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$10,359.43 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Lane Drain be given the necessary readings and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #14: That Drainage By-law #7 of 2009, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$6,672.36 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Bawden Drain & Pump be given the necessary readings

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and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #15: That Drainage By-law #8 of 2009, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$480.08 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Feddes Drain & Pump be given the necessary readings and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #16: That Drainage By-law #9 of 2009, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$1,093.14 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the DeMars Drain be given the necessary readings and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PLANNERS' REPORT:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #17: That the report submitted by Jeff Baranek, Planner dated April 15, 2009 regarding the current telecommunication policy be received and accepted as information.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #18: That the report submitted by Barry Uitvlugt, Planner dated April 16, 2009 recommending that Council pass the draft by-law #20 of 2009 to remove the holding symbol for Plan 413, Lot 1721 be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the applications to the Committee of Adjustment. Mayor Arnold questioned application B6/09 relative to the ability to reconstruct the existing house on the remnant property if the consent is granted.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Council reviewed the draft resolution relative to the report of the Director of Public Works & Operations as amended to include the provision of the establishment of the school crossing guard at the intersection of ST. Clair Parkway and St. Clair Boulevard.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #19: That the original motion be amended to include the provision of the establishment of a crossing guard at the intersection of St. Clair Parkway and St. Clair Boulevard. A recorded vote was requested:

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

The motion to amend the main motion was **CARRIED**.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #20: That the report submitted by the Director of Public Works and Operations dated April 17, 2009 regarding the proposed traffic signals in Corunna be received as information and that the project to install a traffic light at the intersection of the St. Clair

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Parkway and St. Clair Boulevard be deferred until required and that a school crossing guard be established at the intersection of the St. Clair Parkway and St. Clair Boulevard.

DEFEATED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #21: That the report submitted by the Director of Public Works and Operations dated April 17, 2009 recommending that the tender submitted by Wicks Construction in the amount of \$924,828.00 (excluding GST) for the reconstruction of Vroom Street from Hill to Paget, Alfred Street from Hill to Paget and Paget Street from Vroom to Alfred be accepted and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents be received and accepted.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WATER/WASTEWATER) REPORT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #22: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Water/Wastewater) dated April 15, 2009 recommending that Council allow the Public Works Department to hire 3 part-time operational staff – water employees as twelve month contract positions to compliment our five full time staff members during the installation procedure be received and accepted.

CARRIED

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDANT REPORT:

Council reviewed Mr. Neely's report based on the results of the three ratepayers meetings conducted last week by the Drainage Committee. Mr. Neely is recommending that the Township Road Authority be authorized to sign drainage petitions for the improved drainage along the St. Clair Parkway both north and south of Courtright. Mr. Neely pointed out in his report that Council had previously passed a resolution prohibiting the Road Authority to petition for a Municipal drain along the St. Clair Parkway south of County Road 80.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #23: That resolution #4 from October 20, 2008 Public Works & Operations Committee be rescinded.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #24: That the Township's Road Authority be authorized to sign drainage petitions for the St. Clair Parkway area north of Thomson Street for the St. Clair Parkway area south of County Road 80 and the Thomson Street watershed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #25: That Spriet Associates be appointed to prepare preliminary drainage reports under Section 4 of the Drainage Act to assess the drainage needs for the area of the St. Clair Parkway from Thomson Street to Baby Creek, the Thomson Street road allowance and the St. Clair Parkway area south of County Road 80 to the north limit of the OPG property.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #26: That the report submitted by the Director of Community Services dated April 20, 2009 recommending that the tender of Pickard Construction in the amount of \$40,351.50 for the construction of a new storage shed for the parks be received and accepted.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rodey advised Council of the need for an in-camera session to discuss a personnel issue. Councillor Carswell-Alexander also asked to have included in the in-camera meeting, discussion on a legal issue.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Pete Gilliland

Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised Council of attending his first meeting as a director on the SCRCA Board. At the meeting, Mr. Gilliland was presented a commemorative ground breaking shovel used by the St. Clair Parkway Commission. Council suggested that an appropriate display area for the commemorative shovel would be the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell stated his opinion that with the withdrawal of Shell Canada's further interest in retaining the option to purchase on several hundred acres south of Courtright, the Township's Official Plan should be reviewed in an effort to protect environmentally sensitive areas. The CAO advised that he would discuss the matter with Barry Uitvlugt and request a report on the subject.

Steve Miller

Councillor Miller advised of attending the recent St. Clair Region Conservation Authority's canoe race and also a request from Mr. Scott Cook, the Fawn Island caretaker, regarding possible parking lot development for the Fawn Island residents on property that may be owned by the Municipality south of the diversion channel.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander advised of attending a meeting earlier today with the Clean Harbors Community Committee. Clean Harbors officials advised that a public announcement would be made on April 21st regarding proposed activities at the Clean Harbors site.

Pat Brown

Councillor Brown advised of a request received from the Sombra Museum Board for Works Department assistance in the removal of a concrete pad in advance of improvements at the Museum. Councillor Brown asked Council's consideration in reconsidering the issue of the signage at the newly established Township's Emergency Services Building in Corunna.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #27: That the issue of display signage at the Township's Emergency Services Building in Corunna be reconsidered.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #28: That staff be instructed to proceed with the establishment of a display sign at the Township's Emergency Services Building in Corunna at the approximate cost of \$35,000 to be incorporated in the building's renovation costs.

CARRIED

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold asked for staff input for possible ribbons cuttings and grand openings for the Mooretown boat ramp, the Wilkesport sanitary sewer system and the Township's Emergency Services building. It was hoped that the grand opening of the Emergency

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Services Building could be tied in with attendance by senior OPP officials in commemoration of the OPP's 100th anniversary in 2009. Council discussed the upcoming meetings of Council and Committee. The next regularly scheduled meeting of Council would be Monday May 4th, Monday May 11th would be the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #29: that the regularly scheduled meeting of Council on May 18th be postponed until Tuesday May 19th in observation of Victoria Day.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #30: That the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss a legal and personnel issue.

CARRIED

Meeting returned to order.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK