

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
SESSION # 16**

St. Clair Civic Centre  
Council Chambers  
August 24, 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 July 20, 2009 Session #14 and August 10, 2009 Session #15  
Sombra Museum of July 23, 2009  
Finance & Administration Committee of August 10, 2009  
Public Works & Operations Committee of August 10, 2009

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

7:15 p.m. – Wright Drain – Court of Revision  
7:30 p.m. – Burns Drain – Court of Revision  
8:15 p.m. – John Wilmott and Bryan Spiegelberg  
8:30 p.m. – Malcolm Grant – Brigden Co-op and First Street

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Irene Biscaro – Water Street closing
- b) Joseph Fournie – Burns Drain appeal
- c) Moore Community Foundation – grant request
- d) Ron Kerr – Wright Drain appeal
- e) St. Clair Parkway – Property Standards complaint
- f) John Wilmott – Request
- g) Bryan Spiegelberg – Request
- h) Sombra Sports & Rec - Request
- i) Jeff Brooks – Parking restrictions
- j) Main Street, Courtright – Property Standards complaint
- k) Canadian Cystic Fibrosis – Permission
- l) London Health Sciences - Permission

**INFORMATION:**

- 1) Captain Kidds Committee – Thank you
- 2) Duthill Cemetery Board – Thank you

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- 3) Sombra Day Care – Thank you
- 4) A.M.O. – Alert – Tire stewardship
- 5) Lambton Historical – Sampler
- 6) Community Schools Alliance – Information
- 7) MPP Bob Bailey – Congratulations
- 8) Haldimand City Disaster Committee – Request
- 9) Carol Kant – Thank you
- 10) County of Lambton – Appointments
- 11) SCRCA – Conservation update
- 12) Corunna Volunteer Firefighters – Thank you

**DRAINS:**

Drainage By-law #43 of 2009 – Archer Drain – amending  
Drainage By-law #44 of 2009 – Mannen Drain Extension – amending  
Drainage By-law #45 of 2009 – Mannen Drain (Main Drain) – amending  
Drainage By-law #46 of 2009 – Brown Drain West – amending  
Drainage By-law #47 of 2009 – Johnston Drain – amending  
Drainage By-law #48 of 2009 – Pacific Branch Drain – amending  
Drainage By-law #49 of 2009 – Moffat Drain – amending

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**

Committee of Adjustment - Applications A21/09, A22/09, B21/09, B22/09

**DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES REPORT:**

- Fire vehicle
- Becher Fire Station roof
- Charity golf tournament

**LIVESTOCK VALUERS REPORT:**

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**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**CAO'S REPORT:**

**MOTIONS:**

**BY-LAWS:**

By-law #46 of 2009 – Declaration of road allowance – St. Clair Parkway north of Corunna  
By-law #47 of 2009 – Traffic Control – Sombra village  
By-law #51 of 2009 – Parking restriction – Boswell Street  
By-law #52 of 2009 – Confirming by-law  
By-law #53 of 2009 – Weight restriction – First Street, Brigden  
By-law #54 of 2009 – Authorizing the appointment of an agent – Nantais Subdivision

**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:**

The Mayor declared a conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers during Council's discussion of the information from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority regarding the establishment of the Mary Jo Arnold scholarship foundation.

**MINUTES:**

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

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #1:** That the minutes of the Council meeting held, July 20,2009 – Session #14 and August 10, 2009 Session #15 be adopted as printed and circulated

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion #2:** That the minutes of the Sombra Museum meeting held July 23, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

**Motion #3:** That the minutes of the Finance and Administration meeting held August 10, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #4:** That the minutes of the Public Works and Operations meeting held August 10, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

**DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:**

Deputy Fire Chief Steve Bicum was present to discuss with Council, the Fire Chief's report on the proposed purchase of a fire vehicle and the results of the tender call for the Becher roof as well as information on upcoming fundraising golf day sponsored by Enbridge Gas.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #5:** That the report received from the Director of Emergency Services with regards to the tendering process for demo fire rescue vehicle dated August 17, 2009 be received and the recommendation to forgo tendering process and purchase a demo fire rescue vehicle from Asphodel Fire Equipment at \$160,000 plus taxes be accepted.

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

**Motion #6:** That the report received from the Director of Emergency Services with regards to the Becher Fire Station roof dated August 18, 2009 be received and the recommendation that Pickard Construction to complete the re-roofing project at the cost of \$30,300 plus tax with both options quoted be accepted.

**CARRIED**

Mr. Bicum provided to Council the promotional material created in conjunction with Enbridge for what is being called the "First Annual St. Clair Township Emergency Services Golf Fundraiser". Mr. Bicum pointed out various levels of sponsorship for the event. It was projected that the fundraiser could generate between \$12000 and \$15000 with the proceeds to be used to assist in the financing of the construction of an emergency warning siren in the Mooretown area. Councillor Carswell-Alexander was critical that the Township seems to be taking a leading role in this project and the Township's involvement

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may seem inappropriate to certain groups. Mr. Bicum pointed out that notwithstanding Enbridge in recognition of their long relationship with the community and their desire to establish a legacy project, wanted to remain relatively low key in this endeavor. Councillor Carswell-Alexander stated in her opinion she would prefer the event to be known as the “Enbridge fundraising golf day” with the proceeds to be for the benefit of the Township’s emergency services. Council asked for a more detail explanation from the Fire Chief as to the background on this event.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

**Motion #7:** That Council support in principle, the initiative to host the first annual St. Clair Township Emergency Services golf fundraiser at the St. Clair Parkway golf course on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

**Motion #8:** That the Township sponsor a golf foursome at the cost of \$500 and be recognized as a primary sponsor in the amount of \$1000.

**CARRIED**

Council reconvened the Court of Revision on the Wright Drain. The court was advised by the Clerk that a repeal on the assessment of Basswood Farms has been received from Mr. Ron Kerr dated August 5<sup>th</sup> 2009. Mr. Kerr was duly sworn. Mr. Kerr stated in evidence that he feels that his property is taking water from the wood lot to the north and he resents the fact that he is paying what he considers a relatively high assessment to accommodate and provide drainage for the wood lot property. Mr. Kerr also asked the Court of Revision to hear evidence on his behalf from Mr. Joe Kerr and Mr. Doug McGee. Mr. Joe Kerr was duly sworn and spoke in support of Mr. Ron Kerr’s appeal. Mr. Kerr stated that he feels his brother’s property is at a disadvantage due to his close proximity to the woodlot since woodlots are wildlife habitats and wildlife typically causes considerable crop damage. Mr. Kerr later went on to read excerpts from the County’s Official Plan relative to woodlots and their value to society. He feels that his brother should not pay a higher drainage assessment and that society should pay a price for the existence of the woodlot. Mr. Doug McGee was duly sworn and spoke as well on the value of woodlots and read excerpts from the County of Lambton’s Official Plan and information from the SCRCA regarding the benefits of woodlots to the society in general who should be paying a portion of Mr. Ron Kerr’s drain assessment. In conclusion, Mr. Ron Kerr advised that he is willing to pay drainage outlet assessment for this property, take the drain on his property, take the spoil bank and suffer the crop damage during construction but did not feel his property was benefiting from the drain. Chairman Arnold called upon Mr. Mike Devos of Spriet & Associates, author of the Wright Drain report to provide an explanation to the court and those in attendance as to his break down of assessment. Mr. Devos explained what a benefit assessment is higher due to the fact that the bush lot does not need drainage and that in his opinion if the bush lot was farmable land; its benefit would be higher. Mr. Joe Kerr stated in his opinion that they area farmers should not have to pay higher drainage assessment for the benefit of the wood lot. After considerable discussion it was;

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

**Motion #9:** That the assessment on the Wright Drain as revised at the July 20<sup>th</sup> Court of Revision be confirmed and that the Court of Revision on the Wright Drain be closed.

**CARRIED**

After the closing of the Court, Mr. Doug McGee stated in his opinion that due to the value to society of woodlots, the Township should initiate a policy where no drainage assessment is charged to woodlot properties. Mayor Arnold stated his opinion that was the discussion for another day. The Court of Revision on the Burns Drain was reconvened. In response to Chairman Arnold’s question, the Clerk advised that a written appeal had been received from Joseph R. Fournie. Mr. Fournie was duly sworn. Mr. Fournie offered to the Court proof that he purchased drainage rights into the Stokes Award Drain when he purchased his property several years ago. The Court advised Mr. Fournie that they are not disputing his right to drain into the Stokes Drain. Mr. Fournie also questioned his possible future maintenance assessment costs if the drain is damaged during possible residential construction on the property currently owned by the McFadden’s. Mr. Fournie was

advised that damage caused to the drain by possible residential construction could be repaired under the provisions of the Drainage Act but in its present condition, no work is anticipated on the Burns Drain unless the Municipality is requested to do so by one of the effected rate payers. Also in response to Mr. Fournie's question, the Clerk advised that the current Township zoning by-law provision provide for a building setback of 15 meters from top of bank or 5 meters from centerline of an enclosed drain. Any deviation from this setback requirement would involve a successful application to the Township's Committee of Adjustment. Mr. Adam Sullo provided an explanation as to the rationale and assessing future maintenance costs. Hearing no further comments, it was;

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

**Motion #10:** That the Court of Revision confirms the assessment on the Burns Drain as amended by the Court at its meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and that the Court of Revision on the Burns Drain be closed.

**CARRIED**

At the conclusion of the Burns Drain Court of Revision as well as the Wright Drain Court of Revision, the ratepayers present were explained the procedures of the next possible appeal which would be to the Ontario Drainage Tribunal.

After a short recess, Council returned to order and proceeded to review the communications as listed on the agenda.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #11:** That the letter received from Irene Biscaro, River Crossing Committee member asking permission to close Water Street between King Street and Smith Street for one day on September 26, 2009 from 8:30am until 5:00pm be granted and the Director of Public Works and Operations advise his Crew Leader to arrange for barricades to be set up for that day.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #12:** That the request of the Moore Community & Recreation Foundation for a grant in the amount of \$5000 be denied. A recorded vote was requested:

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

The motion was defeated.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by J. Agar

**Motion #13:** That the request for the Moore Community & Recreation Foundation requesting a grant in the amount of \$5000 be approved with the grant to be financed from the St. Clair Township Education and Environment reserve fund.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

**Motion #14:** That the property standards complaint regarding a property on St. Clair Parkway, Sombra be forwarded on to the Property Standards Officer for further investigation.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #15:** That permission be granted to the Sombra Sports and Rec to host a volleyball tournament on August 29, 2009 and permission for a refreshment tent be approved subject to the Township Alcohol Management Policy.

**CARRIED**

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #16:** That no parking signs be posted in front of the EMS Station at 388 Baird Street in Corunna to help keep the street clear for emergency services vehicles to enter and exit the building in an emergency situation after the passing of the corresponding regulatory by-law.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

**Motion #17:** That the property standards complaint regarding 91 Main Street and 95 Main Street be forwarded on to the Property Standards Officer for further investigation.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

**Motion #18:** That the letter received from Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation indicating that they will be selling break open tickets at the Mac's 77 on Lyndoch Street in Corunna be received and accepted.

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion #19:** That the letter received from London Health Sciences Foundation asking permission to sell Millionaire Lottery tickets at the Corunna Shopper's Drug Mart be accepted and permission granted. Staff will forward a letter stating this decision.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #20:** Whereas communities across Ontario are concerned with the Accommodation Review Committee process and the impact this process has on the socio-economic fabric of our municipalities;

And Whereas many schools are the hubs of their communities, a better accommodation review system is needed to address the educational facility needs of our residents;

And Whereas a system to address the educational facility needs in Ontario must ensure that the school boards and municipal councils partner on decisions regarding education infrastructure;

And Whereas greater accountability for school board decisions is needed;

And Whereas a thorough review of the governance model for school accommodation decisions must include an opportunity to appeal these decisions;

And Whereas the accommodation review process should respect and value the input of students, parents, the community and municipality;

Therefore it be resolved that the Province of Ontario be petitioned to implement a "smart moratorium" on disputed school closings to provide the opportunity for the Ministry of Education, school boards and municipalities to work together to develop policies addressing such issues as planning for declining enrolments, a mutually agreed upon Accommodation Review Committee process, a review of funding to rural and small community schools, and transparency and accountability between municipalities and school boards.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #21:** That a donation in the amount of \$250 be made to the Haldimand County Disaster Relief Fund to be financed from the St. Clair Township Education and Environment Reserve Fund.

**CARRIED**

Prior to the information received from the SCRCA in their Conservation update, the Deputy Mayor suggested that Mayor Arnold may have a conflict of interest in discussion of one of the items detailed in the update and suggested the Mayor may wish to declare a

conflict of interest and leave the Chair. Mayor Arnold declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting room with Deputy Mayor Gilliland in the chair.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

**Motion #22:** That a donation in the amount of \$1000 be made to the Mary Jo Arnold Conservation Scholarship Foundation to be financed from the St. Clair Township Education and Environmental Reserve Fund.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Arnold returned to the meeting.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Arnold welcomed John Wilmott and Bryan Spiegelberg present to discuss with Council their request for the Township to seek Provincial permission to allow the Township to sell small river front properties. Mr. Wilmott advised Council that in discussion with the Clerk today and a review of his property deed, he feels that the property in question is in fact named on his deed. However, he did point out that the MPAC records show the property as being owned by St. Clair Township. As requested by Mr. Wilmott, MPAC will do a title search to determine the exact ownership. Mr. Spiegelberg did address Council to advance his request to purchase the property on the west side of the St. Clair Parkway opposite his residential property. Mr. Spiegelberg brought Council's attention to the correspondence received from the Ministry of Tourism, suggesting that any request to seek permission to sell the properties must come from the Municipality and be grounded in a compelling argument to be allowed to do so. In Mr. Spiegelberg's opinion that the property would not support a building site or provide public access point to the St. Clair River and if the Township did in fact sell the property it would no longer be responsible for maintenance or any possible liability for damages or injuries that may result. Mr. Spiegelberg stated that his ownership of the subject property would increase the value of his residential property. In response to Mr. Spiegelberg's question, the Mayor advised that the Township did not have an inventory of such isolated pieces of riverfront property. After considerable discussion, it was;

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #23:** That St. Clair Township approach the provincial Ministry of Tourism seeking permission to dispose of, if it should wish to do so, small riverfront properties that were part of the St. Clair Parkway assets transferred to St. Clair Township but with the provision that major waterfront assets such as the day use parks remain in Township ownership. A recorded vote was requested:

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

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

**Motion #24:** That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Irene Biscaro – Water Street closing  
**Inst.** Motion # 11
- b. Joseph Fournie – Burns Drain appeal  
**Inst.** Motion # 10
- c. Moore Community Foundation – grant request  
**Inst.** Motion # 13
- d. Ron Kerr – Wright Drain appeal  
**Inst.** Motion #9

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- e. St. Clair Parkway – Property Standards complaint  
**Inst.** Motion #14
- f. John Wilmott - request  
**Inst.** Motion #23
- g. Bryan Spiegelberg - request  
**Inst.** Motion #23
- h. Sombra Sports & Rec. - permission  
**Inst.** Motion #15
- i. Jeff Brooks – parking restrictions  
**Inst.** Motion #16
- j. Main Street, Courtright – property standards complaint  
**Inst.** Motion #17
- k. Canadian Cystic Fibrosis – permission  
**Inst.** Motion #18
- l. London Health Sciences - permission  
**Inst.** Motion #19

**CARRIED**

Mr. Malcolm Grant was present to discuss with Council, concerns he has with the operation at the Agris-Coop on James Street in Brigden. Mr. Grant advised Council that business has changed at the Coop with enlarged facilities, extra grain storage and increased activities. There is larger and more noisy equipment at the facility and traffic has greatly increased mainly by the way of heavy trucks. In his opinion, this poses a safety hazard for children in the area. He also has concerns about spills at the Co-op and the dust generated and the high speed the Co-op vehicles going to and from the facility. Mr. Grant is asking Council to intervene on behalf of himself and other concerned citizens in Brigden for improvements of activities at the Brigden Co-op. In response to Council's questions, Mr. Grant advised that he would provide to the Township copies of communications and correspondence he has had with the Co-op relative to these issues. The Mayor advised that once this material is received Council would review it and decide on the appropriate action.

**DRAINS:**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

**Motion #25:** That Drainage By-law #43 of 2009, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$3,842.70 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Archer 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. Brown

**Motion #26:** That Drainage By-law #44 of 2009, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$1,318.97 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Mannen 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 J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #27:** That Drainage By-law #45 of 2009, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$4,980.41 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Mannen Drain (Main 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 P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #28:** That Drainage By-law #46 of 2009, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$820.96 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Brown Drain West 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 #29:** That Drainage By-law #47 of 2009, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$2,747.19 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Johnston 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 P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

**Motion #30:** That Drainage By-law #48 of 2009, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$1,787.21 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Pacific Branch 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 J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #30:** That Drainage By-law #49 of 2009, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$877.86 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the maintenance repairs to the Moffat 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 P. Gilliland

**Motion #31:** That Drainage By-law #29 of 2009, being a by-law to authorize the financing and construction of the Wright Drain be read the third time and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #32:** That Drainage By-law #31 of 2009, being a by-law to authorize the financing and construction of the Burns Drain be read the third time and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

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

### **PLANNER'S REPORT:**

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #33:** That applications A21/09, A22/09 and B21/09 and B22/09 be received from the Planning Department be accepted as information.

**CARRIED**

Council reviewed the two reports of the Livestock Valuer determining the damage experienced by Chad Anderson with the loss of two steers on two separate occasions. The Livestock Valuer has set the value of the dead animals at \$500 each.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion #34:** That the report of the Livestock Valuer identifying damages suffered to the Chad Anderson herd at \$500 per incident for the 2 incidents investigated, be accepted approved for payment and further that a claim be filed with the Ministry of Agricultural and Food and Rural Affairs for reimbursement of the claim.

**CARRIED**

**MOTIONS:**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #35:** That the pipeline agreement between BP Canada and St. Clair Township to provide for the installation of a pipeline on various Township roads be accepted and approved for execution.

**CARRIED**

Further to this subject, Councillor Carswell-Alexander requested that a new protocol be developed where prior to the construction of such pipelines the adjacent property owners on the pipeline route be advised of the activities proposed.

**BY-LAWS:**

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

**Motion #36:** That By-law Number 46 of 2009, being a by-law to acquire and dedicate land as a public highway to 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 J. Agar

**Motion #37:** That By-law Number 47 of 2009, being a by-law to authorize the placement of traffic control signs in the village of Sombra 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-Alexander

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion #38:** That By-law Number 51 of 2009, being a by-law to regulate parking specific streets in Brigden be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #39:** That By-law Number 52 of 2009, 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 August 10, 2009 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**

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

**Motion #40:** That By-law Number 53 of 2009, being a by-law to regulate heavy vehicle traffic on First Street in Brigden be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #41:** That By-law Number 54 of 2009, being a by-law authorize a solicitor to act as the Township's agent pertaining to the use of a Township alley as part of a future road in a plan of subdivision application 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 #42:** That By-law Number 55 of 2009 being a by-law to authorize the amendment to the agreement with the Senior Government relative to COMRIF funding changing the grant funding from the Courtright Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant project be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**Pete Gilliland**

Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised of receiving information from the Moore Optimist that the \$40,000 Trillium Fund Grant dedicated to the Corunna Splash Pad has been confirmed and receipt of the funding is pending. Deputy Mayor Gilliland also led Council into a discussion of the unimproved condition of the property at 1784 Petrolia Line. The Clerk advised of communications with the Ministry of the Environment earlier in the day and apparently the matter is still before the courts.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

**Motion #43:** That representatives of the Ministry of the Environment be invited to attend the next meeting of Council to discuss the status of the improvement of property known as 1784 Petrolia Line.

**CARRIED**

**Darrell Randell**

Councillor Randell attend the recent AMO conference in Ottawa as well as the St. Clair River Tour this past weekend.

**Steve Miller**

Councillor Miller also attended the AMO conference and as well attended a recent meeting of the Port Lambton Community Hall Board.

**Pat Carswell-Alexander**

Councillor Carswell-Alexander noticed on the recent MPAC information as to property sales, the Moore Center Women's Institute Hall has been sold to Lambton County.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #44:** That funding for the establishment of a dog park on municipal property immediately south of the Civic Center be provided for in the 2010 budget.

**DEFEATED**

**Pat Brown**

Councillor Brown also attended the recent AMO conference and asked staff to send a letter of thanks MP Pat Davidson for arranging the meeting with the Ministry of Culture and also suggested a letter of thanks to George and David Lee for hosting Council for the St. Clair River tour. Councillor Brown also led Council in a discussion of information he received at the AMO conference regarding electronic waste. Mayor Arnold stated that Lambton County was taking a lead role in this issue and staff was instructed to contact the County to determine program status.

**Steve Arnold**

Mayor Arnold advised of 5 lobbying opportunities he was able to participate in during the recent AMO conference such as Sombra Museum, LAWSS and Highway #40. He also attended a recent meeting of the LAWSS committee at which time the fluoridation issue was revisited and as well had meetings with potential residential developers. Mayor Arnold also advised of an invitation he received to attend the 2009 Great Lakes Water Quality Conference in Windsor in October.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #45:** That Mayor Arnold be authorized to represent the Municipality at the 2009 Great Lakes Water Quality Conference in Windsor with the appropriate fees and expenses to be paid.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor Arnold also provided Council with information received regarding the invitation received to attend the Invasive Species Conference in Vaughn.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #46:** That the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss a property, personnel and legal issue.

**CARRIED**

Meeting returned to order.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #47:** That staff be instructed to initiate the demolition and removal of the building on the property recently purchased by the Municipality on the St. Clair Parkway in Sombra adjacent to the General Store Park.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by J. Agar

That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CLERK