

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

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
Tuesday September 8, 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 August 24, 2009 Session #
Moore Museum of August 5, 2009
Drainage Committee of Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:05 pm - Gary Smith

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Peter and Shirley Kumpf – Paving request
- b) St. Clair Boulevard – Property standards
- c) Ken Jones – History of the Regional WWTP
- d) Environment Canada

INFORMATION:

- 1) LGPSB – June 17th minutes
- 2) Lambton Farm Safety – June 15th minutes
- 3) County of Lambton – Roundabouts
- 4) County of Lambton – Ambulance
- 5) AMO – Board elections
- 6) Boost – Child Abuse prevention – Proclamation
- 7) Warden Jim Burns – Invitation
- 8) County of Lambton – Council highlights

DRAINS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES REPORT:

- Township/Enbridge golf tournament

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- Lyndoch/St. Clair Boulevard ~ traffic light

CLERK'S REPORT:

Recognition Certificates

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

By-law # 56 of 2009 – parking restrictions for Baird Street

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Draft Lease – Marcel Beaubien & Mike Bourque
- Physician recruitment – funding request

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:

Mayor Arnold declared a conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers during Council's consideration of the draft lease agreement between the Township and Mr. Beaubien and his partner since the Mayor is a resident in the Beaubien condominiums.

MINUTES:

Council proceeded to review the minutes as listed on the agenda. Council pointed out that on page 11, the County of Lambton was incorrectly identified as the purchaser of the Moore Center Women's Institute Hall. The building was in fact purchased by the Lambton County Developmental Services. It was noted that on page 4 the fact that Mr. McGee was invited to make an appointment time for future agenda to discuss his drainage concerns relative to woodlots was omitted.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #1 That the minutes of the Council meeting held, August 24th, 2009 – Session #16 be adopted amended and circulated

CARRIED

In discussion of business arising out of the minutes, Councillor Randell asked staff to forward to Mr. Rick Kraayenbrink, the sample copy of the pipeline agreements used by St. Clair Township. Mayor Arnold also requested a staff comment as to the franchise fees being charged by the municipality to Union Gas for their proposed Gateway Pipeline project that will provide for a new pipeline from Union's compressor station at the intersection of Highway #40 and the Bentpath Line and the Dawn compressor station in Dawn-Euphemia Township.

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Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #2: That the minutes of the Moore Museum held August 5, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #3: That the minutes of the Drainage Committee meeting held August 25th, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Mayor Arnold asked for a report from the Drainage Superintendent as to the status of the three petitioned municipal drains in Courtright, particularly the most northerly drain.

Mr. Gary Smith, the Township's official town crier and Moore Museum board member was present to discuss with Council, his future plans to relocate out of the area and his intention to resign both his position on the Moore Museum Board and as the town crier as of January 1st, 2010. Mr. Smith advised that he has already tendered his resignation to the Museum Board. Mr. Smith advised Council that he would be willing to assist the Municipality in recruiting and choosing a replacement town crier should the Township wish to proceed and continue that position. Mr. Smith advised that he would not be submitting a budget for the 2010 budget year and is resigning from the Ontario Town Crier's Guild as of January 1st. On behalf of Council, Mayor Arnold sincerely thanked Mr. Smith for his contributions to the Township and this community over the last many years.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #4: That the communication received from Mr. Peter Kumpf and similar correspondence received from Mrs. Theresa Freeburn and Doug Butzer be tabled and be referred to the September 14th meeting of the Public Works & Operations Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #5: That the property standards complaint regarding vacant property on St. Clair Boulevard, Corunna be forwarded on to the Property Standards Officer for further investigation.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #6: That the request from Ken Jones regarding permission to document the St. Clair Township WWTP be granted.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #7: That the request from Jim Sherry of Environment Canada requesting the Township's participation in a proposed study be granted.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #8: That the proclamation offered by BOOST regarding Child Abuse Prevent and Neglect prevention be proclaimed.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the invitation to attend the Warden's Charity Golf Day and Picnic.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #9: That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

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- a. Peter and Shirley Kumpf – paving request
Inst. See motion # 4
- b. St. Clair Boulevard – property standards
Inst. See motion #5
- c. Ken Jones – history of the RWWTP
Inst. See motion #6
- d. Environment Canada
Inst. See motion #7

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #10: That the report from the Director of Emergency Services with regards to clarifying the name of the St. Clair Township Emergency Services golf fundraiser be accepted.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #11: That the RFP submitted by ARCO Engineering in the amount of \$12,900 (plus GST) for the detailed engineering design of the St. Clair Parkway and St. Clair Boulevard traffic signals be accepted and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents be received and accepted.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

Council reviewed the Clerk's report drafted at Council's request suggesting a policy for Municipal recognition for certain significant dates. Council suggested that the protocol be amended to provide for additional recognition in 5 year increments as opposed to the proposed 10 year increments, that the recognition ceremony if possible should be attended by the Mayor or his designate and that the Mayor or member of Council be allowed to request such certificates.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #12: That the report received from the Clerk dated September 3, 2009 recommending that the recognition policy as outlined in this report be adopted as Township policy and incorporated in to the Township's policy manual be received and accepted as amended.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #13: That By-law Number 56 of 2009, being a by-law to authorize the placement of traffic control signs in the village of Corunna 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 stated notwithstanding the information provided from the MOE by way of email from the Clerk, he is very frustrated as to the lack of progress on the

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property known as 1784 Petrolia Line and requested that a representative from the local MOE be invited to a future meeting of Council.

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar advised that he has done a tour of the washroom facilities at the three campgrounds and the various day use parks and found all washrooms to be maintained in a cleanly fashion.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell advised of a Sombra Museum fundraiser planned for Saturday September 12th involving a cruise on the Hammond Bay from 6pm to 8pm at a cost of \$20 per person. Councillor Randell also provided staff with information as to a meeting to be conducted in Glencoe by AMO and the LAS regarding energy. It was suggested that either the Treasurer and or the Director of Community Services be authorized to attend the session.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander suggested consideration in the 2010 budget for funds to provide for foundation removal of the foundation and improvements to the municipal parking lot on the former Corunna Legion property.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #14: That funds be provided for in the initial draft of the 2010 budget for foundation removal and granular application and site improvement to the municipal parking lot located at the site of the former Corunna Legion.

CARRIED

Councillor Carswell-Alexander also led Council into discussion of the condition of the washrooms in the various campgrounds and township parks. The Director of Community Services was asked to report on the condition of these washrooms and possible improvements that could be made possibly funded from campground operational profits. The Director of Community Services was also requested to investigate the placement of self serve newspaper boxes at campgrounds. Councillor Carswell-Alexander expressed her curiosity where the material from the property known as 1784 Petrolia Line is being disposed of.

Pat Brown

Councillor Brown advised of the Moore Museum fundraiser craft sale to be held September 20th.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold advised that has attended the recent Brigden Fair Ambassador competition as well as attended two meetings with Peter Bickfield relative to the Clean Harbor expansion proposal. Also, had discussion with Sterling Crane who have offered to send a letter of support for the shoulder improvement possibly by way of paving from Polymore Drive to Highway 40. Mayor Arnold also attended an energy from waste seminar in Watford as well as the Guthrie Park funding announcement that with the addition of the \$250,000 announced will provided for \$750,000 for shoreline remediation at Guthrie Park with the proposals to start at Talfourd Creek and work southerly. Mayor Arnold also attended a meeting of the Lambton County Agricultural Hall of Fame Committee as well as the Union Gas Gateway project open house. He attended a 50th anniversary celebration as well as the Labor Day parade in Sarnia. Mayor Arnold also attended a recent meeting of the Sarnia Heavy Construction Association at which time County Council's decision to restrict traffic on a certain portion of Lakeshore Road was criticized.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council proceeded to discuss the draft lease prepared by the Township's solicitor for the construction of a dock on property owned by the Municipality requested on behalf of Marcel Beaubien. Prior to the discussion, Mayor Arnold declared a conflict of interest as a resident in the condominium development that would benefit from the dock and left the Council chambers. Council reviewed the draft lease prepared by the Township's solicitor.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #15: That Council accept the draft lease prepared for execution between the Township and Marcel Beaubien and partners to accommodate the construction of a dock on property owned by the Municipality.

CARRIED

Mayor Arnold returned to the chair. Council discussed at length the contribution to the physician recruitment task force for 2009, Council restated its position that perhaps a level of their funding to the task force would be dictated by the recruitment of a physician to practice within the Municipality. Council acknowledge the fact that it is reported that a physician will commence practice in Corunna as of January 1st 2010, however Council was cautiously optimistic that this would happen.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #16: That a grant in the amount of \$5000 for 2009 be provided to the Sarnia Lambton Physician Recruitment Task Force.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Carswell-Alexander advised that a group in Brigden would like to have an official ribbon cutting for the new playground installed at the Brigden Park. Council requested that the Director of Community Services coordinate some sort of ribbon cutting opening for the facility. Council also asked the CAO for a report on the zoning on the lands that were optioned by Shell relative to the Ministerial zoning order.

The Clerk led Council into a brief discussion of the possible Township's role in the December 24th torch run through the community of Corunna.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #17: That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to initiate a striking committee of interested persons to assist in organizing the Township's participation in the December 24th Olympic torch run in the Municipality.

CARRIED

A poll of the members of Council indicated that no member of Council would be available to participate in the Enbridge golf day on September 17th. It was pointed out that the Township has booked a foursome for the event.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #18: That the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss a legal issue.

CARRIED

Meeting returned to order.

Council reviewed the upcoming meetings with the Committee of the Whole on Monday September 14th commencing at 6pm and the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council on Monday September 21st at 7pm.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business it was;

Moved by S. Miller
That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

Seconded by D. Randell

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK