

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 19**

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

AGENDA:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Adopt Minutes:

Council Meeting of September 21, 2009 Session #18
Moore Museum of September 2, 2009
Sombra Museum of September 17, 2009

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Operation Christmas Tree – Grant request

INFORMATION:

- 1) Pat Davidson MP – Senior’s capital assistance
- 2) St. Joseph’s Hospice – Thank you
- 3) AMO Alert – AODA
- 4) AMO Alert – Green Energy regulations
- 5) MOE –Renewable Energy approval
- 6) SCRT – Minutes
- 7) MMAH – Southwest conference
- 8) County of Lambton – Draft report ~ population trends

DRAINS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT:

Main Street Courtright, St. Clair Parkway and St. Clair Boulevard

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WORKS) REPORT:

Bell Canada Cable Upgrade
Brigden Sidewalk

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OPERATIONS:

Sewage capacity for the proposed 10 lot development on the former
Colborne Street School site

CLERK'S REPORT:

CAO'S REPORT:

In camera – property

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

By-law #60 of 2009 confirming by-law

IN CAMERA:

-Property

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole ~ Tuesday October 20, 2009 – 6pm
Regular meeting of Council ~ Tuesday October 20, 2009 – following the
Committee of the Whole meeting
Special meeting of Council Capital budget ~ Wednesday October 28, 2009 - 5pm

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.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #1 That the minutes of the Council meeting held, September 21, 2009 – Session
#18 be adopted as printed and circulated

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #2: That the minutes of the Moore Museum meeting held September 2,2 009 be
adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

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Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #3: That the minutes of the Sombra Museum meeting held September 17, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Council referred the sidewalk issue as identified in the Sombra Museum Board minutes to the Director of Community Services for investigation and recommendation.

In discussion of business arising out of the minutes of the Council meeting of September 21st, Deputy Mayor Gilliland asked staff as to the status of the possible zoning infraction for the operation of the Newalta facility on Paget Street and as well as the status of the possible decommissioning of a portion of the Moore Line park. The Clerk advised that a title search has been conducted and it has been discovered that there is no covenant on title relative to the decommissioning of the park. Council requested that the Director of Community Services contact owners in the area to explain details on the possible decommissioning of a portion of the park.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #4: That the letter received from Moore Optimist Corunna and Operation Christmas Tree asking for monetary donations be accepted and a donation of \$250.00 be authorized.

CARRIED

The letter received from MP Pat Davidson regarding financial assistance to non-profit senior's groups was referred to senior's groups such as the Cruickshank Center and the Courtright Friendship Club. Council reviewed the communications from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the upcoming Southwest Conference. Mayor Arnold and Councillor Miller expressed an interest to attend this conference.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #5: That interested members of Council and senior staff be authorized to attend the Southwest Conference sponsored by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and AMO in London with the appropriate fees and expenses to be paid.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #6: That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Operation Christmas Tree – grant request
Inst. See motion #4

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #7: That the report submitted by the Property Standards Officer dated September 16, 2009 be received as information.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WORKS) REPORT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #8: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Works) dated September 21, 2009 regarding the Bell Canada cable upgrade be received as information.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #9: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Works) dated September 21, 2009 recommending that the existing sidewalk on the north side of Sydenham Street in Brigden from house #2340 to #2380 be removed and the area be restored with topsoil and sod, after notification of the proposed work (by letter) to the adjacent property owners, with the owners being given 2 weeks to react to the sidewalk removal, to be paid from the sidewalk maintenance budget be received and accepted.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OPERATIONS:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #10: That the report submitted by the Director of Public Works and Operations dated October 2, 2009 recommending that the sanitary sewage flow from the proposed 10 lot residential development on the former Colborne Street school site be received and accepted.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk provided a verbal report as to the timing of Council meetings relative to the tender approval for the St. Clair Parkway shouldering improvements north of the Holt Line to be incorporated as part of the St. Clair River Trail and the Birch and Wright Drains.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #11: That staff be authorized to accept the lowest most appropriate tender for the project to improve the St. Clair Parkway shoulder from the Holt Line to the McKeough Diversion and the construction of the Wright and Birch Drains with a report as to the tender results at the next meeting of the Public Works and Operations Committee.

CARRIED

The Clerk also asked Council to consider its meeting schedule for November. The consensus of Council was that regular meeting of Council will be held November 9th commencing at 7:00pm and that the Finance and Administration Committee and the public Works and Operations Committee will meet Monday November 23rd at 6:00pm with the meeting of Council to follow. If required special meetings of Council can be scheduled at the call of the Mayor.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rodey advised that he has 2 in-camera issues dealing with property and legal issues.

BY-LAWS:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #12: That By-law Number 60 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 September 21, 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

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Pete Gilliland

Deputy Mayor Gilliland requested staff to investigate the grading elevations for the subdivision being developed at the corner of Colborne and Fane Street. In his opinion Deputy Mayor Gilliland thinks that the elevation of the land is approximately 3 feet higher than that of the surrounding, more established homes.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell attended a recent meeting of the Wilkesport Community Hall Board and it was determined that the plans to cancel the annual harvest home dinner have been cancelled and the annual dinner will be held with the Wilkesport Community Center Women's Auxiliary doing the catering.

Pat Brown

Councillor Brown advised of attending a recent Clean Harbors Community meeting at which time their project to establish the pre-treatment of organic materials was discussed. Councillor Brown also asked if the Township was making any plans relative to the H1N1 flu. Council was advised that hand sanitizers are now available at both counters to assist staff and the public.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold advised that he was unable to contact the resident concerned about the relocation of a residential building into Courtright. The Mayor also attended today, the meeting of Conservation Ontario in Toronto and participated in the discussion of proposed changes to water take permits. A suggested fee structure for such permits could add considerable costs to public entities such as the LAWSS system. The Mayor also attended the flag pole ceremony at the Brigden Fair Grounds as well as attended a meeting in Toronto with MPP Maria VanBommel and Michael Hepworth of Alternative Energy.

Council was advised of information received from the Clerk from Councillor Carswell-Alexander. Councillor Carswell-Alexander attended a recent meeting of the Brigden Library and advised of a conflict between the library and the school board regarding snow removal during the winter break and march break.. School board representatives advised that they would not provide snow removal for these times of year.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #13: That the issue of snow removal on the Brigden Elementary School property that is the host site for the Brigden library be referred to the appropriate staff for review and recommendation.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #14: That the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss property and legal issues.

CARRIED

The meeting returned to order.

The CAO advised Council of information received from AMO regarding the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund. AMO is suggesting that St. Clair Township should initiate a lobbying effort starting with the two local MPP's to encourage the Province to maintain the current OMPF funding protocols. It was suggested that this meeting be attended by the Mayor and the CAO. Council asked for a report from the Treasurer on this issue for the next meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee.

Hearing no further business, it was;

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

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The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK