

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 25**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
December 7, 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 November 23, 2009
Sombra Museum of November 9, 2009

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:15pm Physician Recruitment Task Force – Ron Prior and Cindy Scholten
7:30pm John Loewen – Methes Energy

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Physician Recruitment Taskforce – grant request
- b) Corunna Community Policing – 210 grant request
- c) Moore Presbyterian Foundation – grant request
- d) Wayne Wilbur – request
- e) Meadow Vila – grant request
- f) Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters – licenses
- g) SCRCA – 2010 levy
- h) Larry Ramsey – second dwelling request

INFORMATION:

- 1) Heritage Sarnia-Lambton – Sampler
- 2) Port Lambton Community Services – thank you
- 3) SCRT – October 28th minutes
- 4) CCPC – November 3rd minutes
- 5) AMO Alert – firefighters
- 6) AMO Alert – OMPF funding
- 7) LGPSB – October 21 minutes
- 8) SCRCA – November 6th staff report
- 9) Peterborough Examiner – energy from waste
- 10) OGRA – nominations

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11) Jeff Baranek – Planning report

DRAINS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT:

Status report

DIRCTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & OPERTIONS REPORT:

Shelby Lane Heights – performance acceptance

CLERK'S REPORT:

CAO'S REPORT:

In Camera ~ personnel and legal

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

By-law #64 of 2009 – Rezoning Con. 4, Pt. Lot 7 ~ Scott
By-law #67 of 2009 – Lease, Sombra Day Care
By-law #68 of 2009 – Confirming by-law

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

IN-CAMERA:

Personnel and legal

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole – Monday December 14, 2009 ~ 6:00pm
Regular Council – Monday December 21, 2009 ~ 7:00pm
Regular Council – Monday January 4, 2009 ~ 7:00pm
Committee of the Whole Monday January 11, 2009 ~ 6:00pm
Regular Council – Monday January 18, 2009 ~ 7:00pm

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.

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Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #1 That the minutes of the Council meeting held November 23, 2009 – Session #24 be adopted as printed and circulated

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #2: That the minutes of the Sombra Museum meeting held November 9, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #3: That the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee held November 23, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

The Mayor asked for a report from the Building Inspector regarding the height calculations for coverall type buildings.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #4: That the minutes of the Public Works and Operations Committee held November 23, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #5: That the letter received from Ron Skreptak of the CCPC requesting financial assistance be referred to the 2010 Operating Budget deliberations for consideration.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #6: That the letter received from Liz Lovell of the Moore Presbyterian Foundation requesting financial assistance be referred to the 2010 Operating Budget deliberations for consideration.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #7: That the letter received from Wayne Wilbur of the historical committee for Beaver Meadow requesting that a sign be erected on Bentpath Line to serve as a permanent locator for this historical site be referred to the Public Works and Operations department for consideration.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #8: That a donation in the amount of \$75 be made to the Meadowview Villa Ladies Auxiliary for financial assistance to host a social event for the residence.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #9: That the letter received from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters dated November 20th, 2009 with regards to our decision as to whether we would like to rescind our small game licenses be received and filed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #10: That the SCRCA staff report dated November 6, 2009 be received as information.

CARRIED

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Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #11: That the letter from Larry Ramsey dated November 23, 2009 asking permission to reside in one residence while constructing another be received and accepted with the conditions that the residence be moved off the property within 1 year of issuing the permit and a deposit of \$1000 to guarantee this removal, as per established policy.

CARRIED

Council was advised by the Clerk that two items of correspondence were received today and have not been listed on the agenda or included in Council's information package. Both letters were regarding the Scott rezoning proposal in Brigden which were received from Mr. Todd Mayhead and the Brigden Baptist Church. Council was advised that the letters particularly that of Mr. Mayhead were quite comprehensive and Council did not have a chance to study the letter.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #12: That the letters from Mr. Todd Mayhead and the Brigden Baptist Church be referred for Council consideration at the January 4th, 2010 meeting.

CARRIED

At the appointed time, Mayor Arnold welcomed on behalf of Council, Mr. Ron Prior and Ms. Cindy Scholten representing the Physician Recruitment Task Force. The Task Force is requesting a grant from St. Clair Township in the amount of \$20,000 to finance the task force efforts in recruiting physicians to the Sarnia-Lambton area. Mr. Prior stated that despite a recent report from Health Force Ontario, the area is under serviced by about 19 doctors. Mr. Prior also shared with Council the good news that a physician will be joining Dr. O'Mahoney's practice in Corunna, full time by April 2010. Mr. Prior reported on the success of the Task Force in the past and the concern that the aging population of physicians in the area could lead to further under servicing. Mr. Prior also stated that if the Health Force Ontario recommendations are approved by the Ministry of Health, the Task Force could lose approximately \$40-50,000 annually in Provincial Grants. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was;

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #13: That the letter received from Cindy Scholten of the Physician Recruitment Task Force of Sarnia Lambton requesting financial assistance be referred to the 2010 Operating Budget deliberations for consideration.

CARRIED

On behalf of Council, Mayor Arnold welcomed Mr. John Loewen, president of Methas Energies and Mr. Michael Laport, president of Methas Energies International to discuss Methas Energies plans to redevelop the former Chinook Chemicals site on the Holt Line. Mr. Loewen made a presentation and explained to Council that his company currently produces 5 million liters per year of biodiesel at its Mississauga facilities and plans are to redevelop the former Chinook Chemical property to produce approximately 50 million liters per year. It is proposed to locate 10 processing units at the Sombra facilities which are remotely monitored and produce approximately 10 liters each per minute. Council was advised that Methas has retained the service of Golder Associates to prepare an application for Certificate of Approval with the Ministry of the Environment. It is also planned that a public open house will be conducted to discuss the development plans in the first quarter of 2010. In response to Council's questions, Mr. Loewen advised that the process is a closed loop system that does not require any taking of raw water from the St. Clair River. In response to Council's questions, Mr. Loewen advised that the Certificate of Approval from the Ministry of the Environment has not yet been obtained. Also in response to Council's questions, Mr. Loewen advised that the site is currently being used as a trans loading facility with product from the Mississauga facility being trucked for storage and shipment by rail generally to the USA from the Sombra site. Mr. Loewen also advised that there are no odors emitted from the process and that all the equipment will be enclosed in existing buildings. Methas is also working on a storm water management plan as part of the certificate of approval process. Council questioned if the trans loading activities would require MOE approval. Council also questioned Mr. Loewen if the Township's Emergency Services department were made aware of the storage of approximately 150,000 liters of bio diesel material on site, Mr. Loewen advised that the fire services have not been

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contacted. Council also asked Methas for assistance in advising the Township when the application for the Certificate of Approval is filed. Mr. Loewen advised that such information was available on the Ministry's EBR site. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mayor Arnold thanked Mr. Loewen and Mr. Laport for their presentation with a request that Methas be a little more cooperative and transparent in their redevelopment proposal.

Council proceeded to review the information items as listed on the agenda. Council reviewed the SCRCA November 6th staff report and the Conservation Authority's efforts in water sampling in an attempt to de-list beaches in St. Clair Township.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #14: That the Lambton County Community Health Services be asked to routinely sample the water quality at all the St. Clair River beaches in St. Clair Township in an effort to de list them as swimming hazards.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #15: That the report of Jeff Baranek on the planning merits of the Scott rezoning application for property in Brigden be tabled until the January 4, 2010 meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #16: That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Physician Recruitment Taskforce – grant request
Inst. See Motion # 13
- b. Corunna Community Policing – 210 grant request
Inst. See Motion # 5
- c. Moore Presbyterian Foundation – grant request
Inst. See Motion #6
- d. Wayne Wilbur - request
Inst. See Motion # 7
- e. Meadow Vila – grant request
Inst. See Motion #8
- f. Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters - licenses
Inst. See Motion #9
- g. SCRCA – 2010 levy
Inst. See Motion #10
- h. Larry Ramsey – second dwelling request
Inst. See Motion #11

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS OFFICER'S REPORT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #17: That the report submitted by the Property Standards officer dated November 23, 2009 be received as information.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OPERATIONS REPORT:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #18: That the report submitted by the Director of Public Works and Operations dated December 7, 2009 recommending that St. Clair Township accepts the development work performed at the Thompson/Vandersteen (Shelby Lane) Subdivision at the north-west corner of Fane & Colborne Streets in the former Moore Township and that the 2 year maintenance period be in force until December 7, 2011 be received and accepted.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

The CAO advised the need of an in-camera discussion on a personnel and legal matter.

BY-LAWS:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #19: That consideration of draft By-law #64 of 2009 being a by-law to rezone part of property known as Part Lot 7, Concession 4 be tabled for further consideration until the January 4th 2010 meeting of Council

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #20: That By-law #67 of 2009 being a by-law to authorize a lease agreement between the Municipality and the Sombra Day Care Inc. be read the required number of times be finally passed, signed and sealed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #21: That By-law Number 68 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 November 23, 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 questioned the information received this evening on the current standing committees. The Mayor explained that he has circulated the current appointments by-law for review by Council for any requested amendments for 2010.

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar advised of receiving considerable complaints regarding deer crossings particularly on the Brigden Road and if deer crossing warning signs would be beneficial to area motorists.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #22: That staff be asked to report on the possibility of installing deer crossing signs on various municipal roads.

CARRIED

It was suggested that the OPP and the MNR be contacted with the request for assistance to identify any particularly problem areas where deer/vehicle collisions are common. Councillor Agar also questioned why the fire siren is no longer used at the Corunna Fire Station.

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Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell advised that he was re-elected as president of the Friends of the St. Clair group and provided information on possible grants from the Sarnia Lambton Business Development group. Councillor Randell also advised that he attended the recent Wilkesport Santa Claus parade.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander requested the Community Services Department to investigate the kiosk outside of the Corunna Library for either updating or possible removal. Councillor Carswell-Alexander also requested staff to provide to Council, information on staff on short or long term disability.

Pat Brown

Councillor Brown gave his compliments to the organizers of the recent Corunna Santa Claus parade. Also Councillor Brown went on a tour to witness the progress of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in Courtright and encourages fellow Councilors to do the same. Councillor Brown also requested an update for the business directory at the Township's industrial park on Polymore Drive.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold advised of the various events he has attended on behalf of the Municipality as well as the recent Courtright Santa Claus parade.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #23: That the meeting do enter an in-camera session to discuss personnel and property issues.

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 9:25 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK