

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 27**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
December 21, 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 December 7 and 14, 2009
Finance & Administration Committee meeting of December 14, 2009
Public Works & Operations meeting of December 14, 2009

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:30pm Fire Service Awards

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Huron Boys Home – donation request

INFORMATION:

- 1) Heart and Stroke – Proclamation request
- 2) County of Lambton – Council highlights
- 3) MMAP – 2010 Election form
- 4) CPC – December 11, 2009 minutes
- 5) SVDP – Thank you
- 6) First Solar – Open house
- 7) MRC – Response Highway #40
- 8) Sacred Heart School – Thank you

DRAINS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

Solar panels

COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

St. Clair Heights/Bayhill Drive

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WORKS) REPORT:

Proposed encroachment fee schedule for Pipeline Construction/Seismic Testing

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDANT REPORT:

Sixth Street Drain Branch

CLERK'S REPORT:

Election 2010 – Bill 212

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

By-law # 70 of 2009 – Dev. agreement – Durco Const/Bayhill Drive
By-law #71 of 2009 – Dedicate Road Allowance ~ Bayhill & Harper Drive

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

2010 AMO Conference – accommodations

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Council ~ Monday January 4, 2010 – 7:00pm
Committee of the Whole ~ Monday January 11, 2010 - ? pm
Regular Council ~ Monday January 18, 2010 – 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #1: That this meeting of Council commence at 6:40 pm.

CARRIED

The Mayor asked members of Council to declare any possible conflicts of interest at the appropriate time.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None declared.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #2: That the meeting enter an in camera session to discuss a legal issue.

CARRIED

The motion returned to order and Council rose and reported.

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Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #3: That the strategy and course of action recommended by the Township's solicitor relative to the Clean Harbors expansion proposal in reaction to the draft terms of reference for the certificate of approval required by the Ministry of the Environment and the Clean Harbors project to initiate and adsorber process be accepted and endorsed.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

Council proceeded to review the minutes as listed on the agenda. In discussion of the minutes of the December 14th meeting it was pointed out that termination date of the newly renegotiated collective agreement is September 30th 2012 not September 30th 2011.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #4 That the minutes of the Council meeting held December 7, 2009 – Session #25 and December 14, 2009 Session #26 be adopted as corrected and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #5: That the minutes of the Finance and Administration meeting held December 14, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #6: That the minutes of the Public Works and Operations meeting held December 14, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #7: That the letter received from the Huron House Boys' Home requesting a donation be referred to budget.

CARRIED

In review of the Information and Correspondence, Council was advised that representatives from MRC have asked for audience with Council at its regular meeting on January 18th, 2010 to discuss proposed Highway #40 improvements north of Rokeby Line.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #8: That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Huron House Boys Home – donation request
Inst. See Motion #7

CARRIED

DRAINS:

The Drainage Committee Members of Council were advised of a request received from a rate payer due to his anticipated absence to have the consideration of the McLennan Drain be delayed until Tuesday February 2nd, 2010. The three members of Council were in agreement to this meeting postponement.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #9: That the report submitted by the Director of Community Services dated December 15, 2009 with regards to Solar Photovoltaic Supplementary Information be accepted and received as information.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #10: That the report received from Sandra Brennan, Coordinator of Planning dated December 17, 2009 recommending that St. Clair Township Council enter into a Subdivision Agreement with Durco Construction Limited for a 50 lot subdivision known as St. Clair Heights/Bayhill Drive and by separate by-law establish as a public highway, the property extending Bayhill Drive and Harper Drive (road stubs leading from Brooktree Drive to Bayhill Drive) be received and accepted.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WORKS) REPORT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #11: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Works) dated December 16, 2009 regarding proposed encroachment fees schedule for pipeline construction/seismic testing be tabled.

CARRIED

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDANT REPORT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #12: That the report received from the Drainage Superintendent dated December 16, 2009 recommending that Council approve the construction of the "Sixth Street Branch Drain" including 152 meters of open drain and 15 meters of closed drain, as designed by Spriet and Associates Limited prior to the submission of the final drainage report, to be paid from the 2010 capital budget for the "North Courtright Drain" be received and accepted.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #13: That the report received from the Clerk dated December 17, 2009 recommending that the 2010 Municipal Election relative to Bill 212 be received and accepted as information.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #14: That By-law #70 of 2009 being a by-law to authorize a development agreement between the Municipality and Durco Construction/Bayhill Drive be read the required number of times and be finally passed, signed and sealed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #15: That By-law #71 of 2009 being a by-law to dedicate the road allowance to be known as Bayhill and Harper Drive be read the required number of times and be finally passed, signed and sealed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Pete Gilliland

Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised that he would be absent for the January 4th 2010 meeting of Council.

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar wished his fellow Councilors and all members of staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Steve Miller

Councillor Miller had information received from the Police Services Board to be left on file with the Clerk showing policing costs statistics. In the report, it was statistically determined that the per capita policing costs on average across Canada is \$344, the provincial average per capita is \$294 and the Lambton average is \$157 per capita.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander advised of her opinion that for the further development of the property at the north east intersection of Fane and Cameron that there should be incorporated in the site plan a sidewalk on the east side of Colborne from Cameron Street to CAP park. Councillor Carswell-Alexander also advised of receiving verbal requests for improvements at the Mooretown boat launch. The first improvement requested was the removal of the disconnected electrical box, the installation of a sidewalk on the north side of the ramp and asphalt surface on the ramp. Councillor Carswell-Alexander asked the requesting rate payer to put his requests in writing. Also, Councillor Carswell-Alexander asked the Mayor to bring forward to the County Infrastructure Committee, the seemingly excessive cracking on the Courtright Line from Ladysmith Road to the Kimball Road. Mayor Arnold advised that he himself has noticed the cracking and was planning to bring this forward to the appropriate County personnel.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold briefly provided Council of a verbal report as to the status of the Township's preparation for the December 24th Olympic Torch Run through Corunna.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council proceeded to review the Coordinator of Facilities report on the proposed purchase of new trash receptacles to be placed strategically along the St. Clair Parkway. Deputy Mayor Gilliland questioned what he considers to be an excessive unit price for these trash receptacles and asked for a further report from the Coordinator as to what makes the receptacle so expensive and why they are the most appropriate alternative for the current receptacles.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #16: That the Coordinator of Facilities report on waste receptacles for the St. Clair Parkway River Trail be tabled pending further information.

CARRIED

In response to the Clerk's question, five members of Council advised that they were interested in attending the AMO Conference in Windsor in August of 2010. Council then proceeded with the long standing service awards for members of the Township's Fire Services. In all there were 25 award recipients from the Township's six fire stations ranging from 5 years of service to 40 years of service. Mayor Arnold thanked all the award recipients and the firefighters in general for the dedicated service they provide to the community and its residents. Mayor Arnold also acknowledged the sacrifice these firefighters have prepared to accept in service to the community. Through the course of the presentation, the Mayor particularly noted the 35 year service award to Mr. Glen

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Smeltzer and Mr. Charlie Tulloch from the Becher Fire Station and particularly the services of Mr. Les Fournie with 40 years of service to the Courtright Fire Station. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mayor Arnold wished all those in attendance a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

Hearing no further business, it was

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Seconded by D. Randell

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK