

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 1**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
January 4, 2010
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 21, 2009 Session #27

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:30pm - Rezoning Ryan Scott

CORRESPONDENCE:

INFORMATION:

- 1) Darryl Hattin – Rezoning 2371 Courtright Line
- 2) Brigden Baptist Church – Rezoning
- 3) Todd Mayhead – Rezoning 2371 Courtright Line

DRAINS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENTS:

Applications A1, A2, A3 and B1/10

COORNINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WORKS) REPORT:

Surplus equipment tenders

CLERK'S REPORT:

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

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BY-LAWS:

By-law #1 of 2010 – Borrowing
By-law #2 of 2010 – Confirming
By-law #3 of 2010 – Appointment of Council
By-law #4 of 2010 Rezoning Pt. Lot 7, Con. 4 – R. Scott

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole Monday January 11, 2010 ~ 4:30pm
Regular meeting of Council Monday January 18, 2010 ~ 7:00pm
Regular meeting of Council Monday February 1, 2010 ~ 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.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #1 That the minutes of the Council meeting held December 21, 2009 – Session #27 be adopted as printed and circulated

CARRIED

Mayor Arnold commented that during the discussion of Councillor Carswell-Alexander's Councilor's report, he has not personally noticed the cracking on the Courtright Line but the issue has been referred to the County Infrastructure Committee for a report.

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION:

Council received the Information correspondence as listed on the agenda.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #2: That application A1, A2, A3, and B1/10 submitted by the Coordinator of Planning be received as information.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WORKS) REPORT:

Council reviewed the list of tenders received for the disposal of surplus equipment and materials.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #3: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Works) dated December 30, 2009 recommending that the highest bids received for the tendered sale of Surplus Equipment be approved as received on December 22, 2009.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #4: That By-law Number 1 of 2010 the Borrowing By-law for the Township of St. Clair for the year 2010 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 D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #5: That By-law Number 2 of 2010, 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 December 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

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #6: That By-law Number 3 of 2010, the being a by-law to establish Standing Committees of Council and to establish certain appointments for the Township of St. Clair for the year 2010, 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 advised that he has several photos on disc format of the recent torch run in Corunna. Deputy Mayor Gilliland attended the event and considered it to be a great success and thanked the organizing committee for their hard work in assisting to stage this community event. Deputy Mayor Gilliland also questioned the sewage disposal facility on the Petrolia Line and inquired as to what MOE certificate of approval the operation is operating under. Council was advised that the issue has been investigated previously but it was suggested that further information be obtained from the MOE regarding this site.

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar led Council into discussion regarding the recent announcement of the sale of approximately 1000 acres of Dow property in St. Clair Township. CAO Rodey advised that his understanding through the media report is that the site will continue to be used for underground gas storage and if that is the case, no Township approvals will be necessary.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander requested a copy of the photos mentioned in the Deputy Mayors report.

Pat Brown

Councillor Brown advised of his experience on Hill Street that seems to need winter control improvement by way of salt application. Staff was asked to contact Lambton County to determine its street salting and winter maintenance protocols. Councillor Brown also attended the recent Olympic torch run and has several photos of the event.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold also attended and was the Master of Ceremonies for the recent Olympic torch run and would like to publicly thank the sponsors who financially assisted in the purchase of the promotional items used to promote the event in the area schools as well as the supply of the refreshments that day. Mayor Arnold also attended the recent physician recruitment meeting that will be the last one he will attend as Mayor but the Task Force will continue to copy the Municipality their meeting minutes. Mayor Arnold led Council into discussion of the request received from MP Pat Davidson regarding what Council considers to be priorities within the Municipality to assist with her lobbying efforts with the Federal Government. After considerable discussion, it was;

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #7: That MP Pat Davidson be advised that the Township's 2010 priorities are the additional building for the Sombra Museum, continued shoreline remediation work at Guthrie Park, the twinning of the LAWSS line within St. Clair Township and the reconstruction of the Brigden Road including two major drain move-offs.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council requested the status of the report from Barry Uitvlugt regarding the planning process necessary for the proposed residential development on municipally owned property south of the Civic Center. Council also requested a report from the Director of Community Services on the recent break in and theft at the Sports Complex. Council discussed the possibility of commencing the January 11th meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 4:30pm as opposed to 5:00pm. Councillor Carswell-Alexander is to advise the Clerk of her availability at 4:30pm.

At the appointed time, Council discussed the proposed rezoning of the Scott property in Brigden. It was noted that Mr. Scott, the proponent was in attendance but was not prepared to address Council on his zoning by-law amendment request. Council noted that three letters of objection to the proposal were received and identified as information items on this meetings agenda. Mayor Arnold advised those in attendance that the public meeting for the proposed rezoning was conducted in December 2009 and it would be unfair to reconvene the public hearing without adequate notice to the affected neighbors.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #8: That a second public hearing be convened to consider the Scott rezoning proposal with the reconvened hearing to be held at the regular meeting of Council on March 1, 2010 following the prescribed circulation.

CARRIED

It was suggested to Mr. Scott that he contact Mr. Jeff Baranek to review his planning report and with the request to share information that has been received relative to the proposed rezoning in advance of the March 1st meeting. Councillor Carswell-Alexander questioned the method of circulation and suggested a staff report reviewing circulation protocols for such planning processes. Council was advised that the circulation method adopted by the municipality were those circulation protocols as prescribed in the Planning Act. A motion by Councillor Carswell-Alexander to request a staff report on circulation protocols for planning processes failed to get a seconder and was declared failed. It was suggested that Council be provided copies of the appropriate sections in the Planning Act that outline circulation protocols. Council received several comments from those in attendance supporting Councillor Carswell-Alexander's efforts to broaden the scope of circulation particularly in a unique community such as Brigden.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #9: That the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss a legal issue.

CARRIED

Meeting returned to order.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

Seconded by D. Randell

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK