

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION #2**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
January 18, 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 January 4, 2010 Session #1
Finance & Administration and Public Works & Operations meeting of January 11, 2010

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:30pm - Rezoning Mesko Parkview Estates Phase 2
7:45pm - Dan Green McCormick Rankin ~ Highway #40

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Larry Ramsay – Second residence
- b) Alzheimer Society – Tag day
- c) Keith Brown – Conditional building permit

INFORMATION:

- 1) Greg Moore – MRC – Highway #40
- 2) MRC – Highway #40 Open house
- 3) Lambton Farm Safety – Agenda & October 19th minutes
- 4) County of Lambton – Public meeting
- 5) Notice of Public Meeting – Rezoning
- 6) Barry Uvitlugt – Planning report ~ Mesko rezoning
- 7) OGRA/ROMA – Delegation requests
- 8) AMO - Private Members Bill ~ Water/wastewater
- 9) Dawn Gateway – Application
- 10) CCPC – January 5, 2010 minutes

DRAINS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WORKS) REPORT:

LaSalle Line detour

CLERK'S REPORT:

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

By-law #4 of 2010 – Rezoning ~ Mesko Lots 281 & 219 Plan 413
By-law #5 of 2010 – Site Plan agreement ~ Rogers Tower
By-law #7 of 2010 – Tile loan rating by-law

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

IN-CAMERA:

Legal and personnel

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Council – Monday February 1, 2010 ~ 7:00pm
Committee of the Whole – Monday February 8, 2010 ~ 6:00pm
Regular Council – Monday February 15, 2010 ~ 7:00pm - this is a holiday
Special Council – Thursday February 25, 2010 ~ 9:00am

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 P. Gilliland

Motion #1 That the minutes of the Council meeting held January 4, 2010 – Session #1 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #2: That the minutes of the Public Works and Operations meeting held January 11, 2010 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

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Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #3: That the minutes of the Finance and Administration meeting held January 11, 2010 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 S. Miller

Motion #4: That permission be granted to Larry Ramsey, resident at 2507 Bickford Line to maintain the existing residence on the subject property while a new residence is being constructed subject to the execution of the appropriate agreement.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #5: That the Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton be granted permission to hold their annual Tag Day in the Township of St. Clair on June 18 & 19 of 2010.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #6: That Keith Brown be allowed a conditional building permit if his application for minor variance is successful prior to the expiry of the appeal period at his own peril.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the Information correspondence and discussed the Lambton Farm Safety letter. It was pointed out that the Lambton Farm Safety Group is seeking door prizes for their upcoming annual banquet.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #7: That St. Clair Township donate two rounds of golf and two day passes to the Sports Complex to be used as door prizes to the upcoming annual meeting and dinner of the Lambton Farm Safety Association. (has anyone considered passes to the Moore Museum as well?)

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #8: That the 2010 membership dues to the Lambton Farm Safety Association be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Council briefly discussed the selection of an appointee to the vacant seat on the Lambton Farm Safety Association. It was suggested that perhaps the Deputy Mayor or Councillor Agar could mention this vacancy at the next meeting of the Committee of Adjustment. Mayor Arnold and any other interested members of Council were authorized to attend the annual meeting and banquet of the Lambton Farm Safety Association on behalf of the Municipality.

Council reviewed the information received from OGRA/ROMA regarding delegation requests for the upcoming February Conference. Council instructed staff to attempt to arrange a meeting with the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure to discuss the OPG assessment issue and the twinning of the LAWSS line, a meeting with the Ministry of Culture to discuss possible funding for a second building for the Sombra Museum and perhaps a meeting with the Minister of Natural Resources to discuss continued shoreline rehabilitation work particularly at Guthrie Park.

Council reviewed the information received from AMO regarding the Private Members Bill which will have an effect on the Municipal Management of Water and Wastewater Systems. Staff was requested to prepare a report on this issue for a Council response.

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Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

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

a. Larry Ramsay – second residence request

Inst. See motion #4

b. Alzheimer Society – tag day

Inst. See motion #5

c. Keith Brown – conditional building permit

Inst. See motion #6

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OPERATIONS REPORT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #10: That St. Clair Township accepts the development work performed at the John Williams (Ellis Street) subdivision between Beckwith and Paget Streets in the former Township of Moore and that the 2 year maintenance expires as of January 31, 2010.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WORKS) REPORT:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #11: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Works) dated January 14, 2010 recommending that vehicular traffic is detoured south on St. Clair Parkway from LaSalle Line into Corunna and east on Hill Street as well as south on Highway 40 to Hill Street and west into Corunna during the water main repair work on LaSalle Line be received and accepted.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk provided a verbal report as to a proposal to make a \$1000 contribution to the Haitian Relief Fund to be financed out of funds available to the Township's Recreation Club.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #12: That the Township supports the proposal to provide a \$1000 donation to the Haitian Relief Fund through the Red Cross to be financed from the funds available to the Township's Recreation Club.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #13: That a \$1000 donation be made by St. Clair Township to the Haitian Disaster Relief Fund through the Canadian Red Cross to be financed from the Township's Education and Environment Reserve.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rodey advised that he has a legal and a personnel issue to be discussed in camera.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Pete Gilliland

Deputy Mayor Gilliland questioned the status of the property standards issue on Curran Avenue. The Clerk advised that the material is not as yet been sent to the Property Standards Officer for investigation and appropriate action.

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar took exception to a recent newspaper article where George Malay the general manager of the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership was promoting economic development in Sarnia and in nowhere in the article was St. Clair Township mentioned.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell questioned why the building in Sombra that was purchased as a host site for a possible second museum building has not been demolished. Council was advised that since the demolition costs were identified in the capital spaces grant, if the building is demolished before the grant funding is either confirmed or denied, that expense would not be eligible for grant. Councillor Randell advised that at least the for sale should be removed from the building.

Steve Miller

Councillor Miller advised of attending a recent Port Lambton Community Hall board meeting at which time no major projects for 2010 were anticipated.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander advised of attending a recent Clean Harbors Community Liaison meeting with Councillor Brown and also information as to the partial rental of the former Century Truss building. Councillor Carswell-Alexander also requested staff to make the necessary repairs to the street lighting at the intersection of LaSalle Line and Brigden Road and Brigden Road and the Petrolia Line.

Pat Brown

Councillor Brown advised of a request from the CCPC for the opportunity to review the police statistics for the entire Township. It was felt that since this Committee focuses on mainly the community of Corunna, such information should be processed through the Lambton Group Police Services Board. Councillor Miller will bring that request forward. It was also suggested that the Community Sergeant John Flesher should be invited to attend a future meeting of Council or Committee for an introduction to Council. Councillor Brown also advised that he will be away and absent for the February 1st meeting of Council.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold advised of discussions he has had with a potential developer for the Township's Industrial Park as well as a meeting together with Deputy Mayor Gilliland with MP Pat Davidson and MPP Bob Bailey on Township priorities and goals for 2010 projects. The Mayor also has a meeting with MP Pat Davidson tomorrow regarding Bill Canada funding. Mayor Arnold also recently attended the open house for the first solar proposal and as well will attend an upcoming meeting with Chatham-Kent Mayor Randy Hope on January 28th in Chatham to discuss truck traffic on Kimball Road, waterline extensions and several other items of mutual interests to both municipalities.

At the appointed time Mayor Arnold called to order the public meeting to consider the application to re-zone property known as 440 Colborne Street Corunna, the site of the former Colborne Street School. Mayor Arnold then called upon Mr. Barry Uitvlugt to present his planning merit report. Mr. Uitvlugt advised that the proposal before Council is

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to rezone the subject property from Institutional to Residential 1 to support a ten lot subdivision. Council was advised that the application is consistent with the Township's Official Plan and Provincial Planning policies. In response to Council's questions, Mr. Uitvlugt advised that the existing will be protected and retained. After a response to several of Council's questions, Mayor Arnold called upon those in attendance who wish to speak either for or against the proposal. No verbal comments were made. The legal council for the applicant was present and stated for the record that he supported Mr. Uitvlugt's planning report and recommendation to Council to pass the appropriate rezoning by-law. Hearing no further comment, Mayor Arnold declared the public meeting closed.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #14: That By-law Number 4 of 2010, being a zoning by-law affecting the lands described as Part of Lots 218 & 219, Plan 413 geographic Township of Moore, Township of St. Clair, having been given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Council discussed the timing of future meetings of Council and Committee. In view of the fact that the regularly scheduled meeting falls on February 15th which is Family Day, Mayor Arnold called a special meeting of Council to be convened after the February 25th Operating Budget meeting if required.

Mayor Arnold, on behalf of Council, welcomed Mr. Dan Green of McCormick Rankin consultants for MTO and Mr. Jason Cole of MTO present to explain to Council the proposed rehabilitation of Highway #40 from the Rokeby Line to Churchill Line and the intersection improvements planned for the intersection of Churchill and Indian Roads. Mr. Green explained that the pavement in the area is nearing the end of its expected service life and as well 3 bridges need to be rehabilitated north of the Petrolia Line, the resurfacing portion of the project will be north of Petrolia Line to Churchill Line. Mr. Green stated that the paved surface of Highway #40 from Rokeby Line to Petrolia Line is in relatively good shape. The second part of the improvement proposal is the intersection improvements planned for Indian Road and Churchill Road which involves the construction of two new northbound turning lanes onto Indian Road as well as improved lighting and a traffic signal at this location. Mr. Green also stated that the paving on the northbound portion of Highway #40 north of Petrolia Line will be in the driving lane only. It was pointed out that the work proposed is basically resurfacing and not reconstruction as the last work on Highway #40 through St. Clair Township. Council also discussed in general with Mr. Green and Mr. Cole earlier written requests made by the Township such as improved lighting at LaSalle Line and the construction of a pedestrian/bicycle path on Highway #40 to accommodate commuters either walking or cycling to work. Mr. Cole stated that it is MTO's position that the current proposal could not be expanded to incorporate such improvements but directed Council to a standing MTO Committee called the Active Transportation Committee which has in its mandate, provisions for alternate non-vehicular use of MTO rites of way. Councillor Carswell-Alexander requested Mr. Cole to look at the stop line westbound at the intersection of County Road 80 and Highway #40. Also in response to Council's questions, Mr. Cole advised that in his anticipation, the design and approvals will be in place this spring but at this point, funding for 2010 construction has not been confirmed. At the conclusion of the discussion, Council thanked Mr. Cole and MTO in general for the quality of work carried out by MTO on Highway #40 rehabilitation projects over the last several years.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #15: That the application for a tile loan received from Jesse Kraayenbrink be accepted and approved subject to provincial funding.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #16: That By-law #5 of 2010 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a site plan agreement between the Municipality, Rogers Communications and Anne Stratton be given the necessary three reading, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #17: That By-law #7 of 2010, being a by-law imposing special annual rates upon lands subject to the Tile Drainage Act be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate Seal Affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #18: That the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss legal and personnel 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 9:10 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK