

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
SESSION # 7**

St. Clair Civic Centre  
Council Chambers  
April 5, 2010  
6:00 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
	J. Baranek,	Deputy Clerk/Coordinator of Planning

**AGENDA:**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #1:** That the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss legal and personnel issues.

**CARRIED**

Meeting returned to order.

**MINUTES:**

Council proceeded to review the minutes as listed on the agenda. Councillor P. Carswell-Alexander raised questions regarding whether or not restrictions could be incorporated into the rezoning by-law for the Scott property in Courtright that would help assure that noise level from the new industrial activity would not present an offsite problem. Mr. Baranek advised that noise concerns could be more appropriately addressed in the site plan process.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #2:** That the minutes of the Council meeting held March 15, 2010 – Session # 6 be adopted as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #3:** That the minutes of the Moore Museum meeting held March 3, 2010 be adopted as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

Motion by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion #4:** That the minutes of the Drainage Committee meeting held March 20, 2010 be adopted as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

**Motion #5:** That the letter received from Vic O’Leary dated March 28, 1010 asking permission to close Brander Park Road from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m on June 19<sup>th</sup> for the annual Sombra Optimist Club Soapbox Racing be granted and the information be passed onto the Public Works Department.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #6:** That the letter received from Paul Dales asking for a conditional building permit on property known as 1627 Brigden Side Road to constructing a new horse facility be granted with condition that the application and the nutrient management are approved, subject to the execution of the corresponding agreement.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

**Motion #7:** That the letter received from John Burns with regard to a possible by-law infraction forwarded to the by-law enforcement officer for a report.

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #8:** That the letter received from Paul Primeau with regards to a possible by-law infraction issue by forwarded to the by-law enforcement officer for a report.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

**Motion #9:** That the Captain Kidd Days Committees’ request for a 2010 parade grant be approved in the amount of \$225.00

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #10:** That the memo received from the Lambton rural Game Protective Association regarding the annual banquet be received and 2010 membership fee paid.

**CARRIED**

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #11:** That the letter received from Wallace Lang dated March 10, 2010 with regards to Charles and Heather Grant inquiry of a road allowance be referred to staff for a report.

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion #12:** That the memo received from the AMO regarding the annual conference be received.

**CARRIED**

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion #13:** That the correspondence be default with as follows;

- 1) Vic O’Leary – road closing  
Motion #5
- 2) Paul Dales – conditional building permit  
Motion #6
- 3) John Burns – by-law infraction  
Motion #7
- 4) Paul Primeau – by-law infraction  
Motion #8
- 5) Captain Kidd Days – donation request  
Motion #9
- 6) LGRGPA – 2010 membership

- Motion #10  
 7) Wallace Lang – road dedication  
 Motion #11  
 8) AM0 – 2010 conference registration  
 Motion #12

**CARRIED**

**DRAINS:**

Moved by J. Agar  
 Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander  
**Motion #14:** That Drainage By-law #9 of 2010, being an interim by-law to raise the sum of \$160,455.77 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the reconstruction and improvement to the McGillivray Drain be given the first and second readings and be provisionally adopted by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

**CARRIED**

Moved by J. Agar  
 Seconded by P. Brown  
**Motion #15:** That the Drainage By-law #10 of 1020, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$42,700.00 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the reconstruction and improvement to the McLennan Drain be given the first and second readings and be provisionally adopted by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

**CARRIED**

Moved by J. Agar  
 Seconded by D. Randell  
**Motion #16:** That the Drainage By-law #11 of 2010, being a by-law for the reassessment and watershed expansion of the Rankin-Bodnarchuk Drain out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair be given the first and second readings and be provisionally adopted by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

**CARRIED**

Moved by S. Miller  
 Seconded by J. Agar  
**Motion #17:** That Drainage By-law #12 of 2010, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$126,394.86 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the reconstruction and improvement to the Government Drain No. 3 be given the necessary readings and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**

**PLANNERS REPORT:**

Moved by J. Agar  
 Seconded by P. Gilliland  
**Motion #18:** That the report received from Jeff Baranek dated March 31, 2010 with regards the site plan amendment for Watson's Timbr Mart be received as information.

**CARRIED**

**COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WATER/WASTEWATER) REPORT:**

Moved by S. Miller  
 Seconded by J. Agar  
**Motion #19:** That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Water/Wastewater) dated March 23, 2010 with regards to the 2009 annual water quality report be received as information.

**CARRIED**

**COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (ROADS/DRAINAGE) REPORT:**

This in camera item was discussed during the in camera portion of this meeting.

**DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #20:** That the report received from the Drainage Superintendent March 30, 2010 regarding the Municipal Drain policy be received as information.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAWS:**

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #21:** The By-law #24 of 2010 being a by-law to adopt a policy on municipal drains having been given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed there to and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

**Motion #22:** That By-law #25 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 March 15, 2010 Council meeting, having been given the necessary three reading, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**Pete Gilliland**

Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised attending a recent Moore Agriculture Society Dinner. The Deputy Mayor also questioned the status of the two outstanding property standards issue on Curran Avenue. The Clerk advised he would contact the Property Standards Officer for a status report.

**Jeff Agar**

Councillor Agar attended a recent meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee at which time Mr. Hackett provide a summary report on the status of the RINC program.

**Darrell Randell**

Councillor Randell advised of attending a recent Wilkesport Community Centre Board meeting at which time the board approved several improvements to the facility such as exterior painting, air conditioner replacement and a new storage shed. The annual jamboree will be held June 16th to June 20<sup>th</sup> and the organizing committee is seeking volunteers to assist in this event.

**Steve Miller**

Councillor Miller advised of attending a recent meeting of the Lambton Group Police Services Board at which time the fifth quarter reconciliation was discussed.

**Pat Carswell-Alexander**

Councillor Carswell-Alexander questioned the status of an invitation for joint meeting with the Aamjiwnaang First Nations Council. Invitation has not been sent as of yet.

**Pat Brown**

Councillor Brown advised that he may miss the April 12<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting due to a death in his family. Mayor Arnold offered the condolences of Council and staff on the passing of Councillor Brown's mother-in-law.

**Steve Arnold**

Mayor Arnold advised of a request received from the Beaver Meadow Celebration Committee for the Township's assistance in paying for typical village marking signs and intervening on the committees behalf with Lambton County to have the County install the signs in an appropriate location.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #23** That the Township provide at no cost the typical village making signs for Beaver Meadow and the County of Lambton be requested to install the signs at an appropriate location in the intersection of the Bentpath Line and the Mandaumin Road at the County's expense.

**CARRIED**

The Mayor also attended a recent meeting of the health study.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on the establishment of summer meeting schedule was tabled for further discussion at the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:**

Council reviewed Mr. Hackett's report dated March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. It was pointed out that this report was originally authored for presentation to the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee but Mr. Hackett has advised through the Clerk that some of the items in the report are relatively time sensitive. Several members of Council expressed their displeasure at being presented this report at this meeting of Council with insufficient time to review and make a decision on the recommendations.

After considerable discussion, it was;

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion #24** That the Director of Community Services should be authorized to proceed with the improvement of the south wall of the south rink to provide more flexibility, at an estimated project cost of \$14,920.00 to be financed from the Complex Reserve and to authorize the additional upgrades such as bench improvements from the same fund.

**CARRIED**

Council reviewed the portion of the report dealing with the option of leasing or purchasing a golf cart as a refreshment vehicle.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion #25:** The Director of Community Services be authorized to purchase a golf cart to be used has a refreshment cart as an estimated cost of \$16,740.00.

Motion was defeated.

Council discussed the proposal to reconstruct the kitchen at the Sombra Community Hall as well as a \$20,000.00 project to complete the siding in the building. It was pointed out that the Hall Board has \$50,000.00 to contribute forwards this project.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

**Motion #26:** That the Director of Community Services be authorized to proceed with the final planning and tender call for the kitchen reconstruction project and the siding completion for the Sombra Community Hall.

**CARRIED**

The Mayor led Council into the discussion of the possible eligibility for this project for Ontario Trillium funding. It was pointed out that two previous applications for similar work at this facility have been denied. Mayor Arnold suggested that Mr. Joe Vandenberg, a local representative on the Trillium Fund Committee be invited to attend the future meeting of Council or Committee to discuss project eligibility.

Hearing no further comments, it was;

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Seconded by D. Randell

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CLERK