

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 13**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
June 21, 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
	C. Quenneville	Treasurer
	L. Burnham	Director of Public Works & Operations
	J. Baranek	Deputy Clerk/Coordinator of Planning

AGENDA:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Adopt Minutes:

Council Meeting of May 31, 2010 Session #11 and June 7, 2010 Session #12
Finance and Administration Meeting of June 7, 2010
Public Works and Operation Meeting of June 7, 2010
Moore Museum meeting of June 2, 2010
Sombra Museum meeting of May 20, 2010

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) David and Lori Vokes – Clean Harbors
- b) Moore Community Foundation – Grant request
- c) Firefighters Field Days – grant request
- d) County of Lambton – Hill Street
- e) Madeleine Bewsky – Parking restrictions
- f) Phil and Evelyn Evers – Property purchase request
- g) Tim Moran – Possible by-law infraction
- h) Property Standards – 358 Murray Street
- i) City of Kawartha Lakes – Donation request
- j) Glen McKenney – Deposit return request

INFORMATION:

- 1) Lambton Farm Safety – April 19 minutes
- 2) Lambton Historical – Report
- 3) Keith Rogers – Leslie Rogers Tournament
- 4) County of Lambton – Council highlights

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- 5) County of Lambton –Plank Road
- 6) St. Clair River Trail – May 26th minutes
- 7) CCPC – June 1 minutes
- 8) Concerned tax payer – Complaint
- 9) Lambton Farm Safety – July 8 Safety Day
- 10) Chris Fox – Captain Kidd Days
- 11) College of Physicians and Surgeons – Nominations
- 12) SLWDB – Labor markets
- 13) Audrey Joyce – Crossing guard

DRAINS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT:

Property Standards Update

COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Draft Plan of Subdivision – Glen Nantais
Waubuno Road and Black Creek Line – Charles and Heather Grant
Applications A14, 15, 16, and 17 & B7 and 8

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (ROADS/DRAINAGE) REPORT:

Road Resurfacing 2010
River Trail Run

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WATER/WASTEWATER) REPORT:

Public works Building Repairs 359 Moore Line
Purchase of One Ton Regular Truck Cab and Chassis
Purchase of Aluminum Utility Service Body with Auto Crane 4004EH

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDANT REPORT:

Talfourd Creek Drain – Beaver Dam
North Courtright Cut – Off Drain

COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT:

Island Avenue Bridge

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Water Financial Plan Approval

CLERK'S REPORT:

CAO'S REPORT:

Return of deposits – G. McKenney
In-camera - legal

MOTIONS:

Appointment: Elnor Drain – July 15, 2010 City of Sarnia
Rural Broadband Grant Program

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BY-LAWS:

By-law # 32 of 2010 – Levy Taxes for 2010
By-law #33 of 2010 – Trillium Distribution Inc
By-law #34 of 2010 - Traffic control ~ stop signs
By-law #35 of 2010 – Driveway policy

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sarnia Lambton Health Care Recruitment Task Force – 2010 grant request

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole Monday July 5th - 6 pm
Regular Meeting of Council Monday July 26th – 7 pm

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 P. Brown
Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander
Motion #1 That the minutes of the Council meeting held May 31, 2010 – Session #11 and June 7, 2010 - Session #12 be adopted as printed and circulated

CARRIED

In review of the minutes, Deputy Mayor Gilliland said that motion #7 on page 3 was not worded accurately because his intention was for the Property Standards Officer to take immediate action without further Council input for the property standards issues on Cameron Street.

Council reviewed the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of June 7, 2010. It was pointed out that the motion made by Mayor Arnold and seconded by Councillor Miller to go in-camera to discuss a legal issue was omitted.

Moved by J. Agar
Seconded by P. Gilliland
Motion #2: That the minutes of the Finance and Administration meeting held June 7, 2010 be adopted as amended, printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Councillor Carswell-Alexander also pointed out that the request for Community Services staff to look at the vegetation at the Rivera Subdivision was omitted.

Moved by S. Miller
Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander
Motion #3: That the minutes of the Public Works and Operations meeting held June 7, 2010 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

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Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #4: That the minutes of the Moore Museum meeting held June 2, 2010 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #5: That the minutes of the Sombra Museum meeting held May 20, 2010 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the Treasurer's report dated June 15, 2010 regarding the issue of the water system financial plan. Mr. Quenneville pointed out that the Province is requiring that all municipalities file by the end of June a financial viability plan for their water works system. The plan looks at the long term viability of such systems over a 6 year period. In response to several questions, Mr. Quenneville responded as to how the amortization portion of the budget is taken into account and its effect on operating reserves of the system. Mr. Quenneville pointed out that if Council adopts the current plan it would still have the option to alter water rates for 2011. After considerable discussion it was;

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #6: That the report received from the Treasurer date June 15, 2010 recommending that St. Clair Township Council approves Exhibit B-1 to B-3 the six year water financial plan with its financial viability be accepted and approved.

CARRIED

While Mr. Burnham was present, Council reviewed the reports relating to the Public Works, Operations and Engineering departments.

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WORKS) REPORT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #7: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Works) dated June 16, 2010 recommending that the tender submitted by MSO Construction Limited from Etobicoke, Ontario in the amount of \$127,700.72 (including taxes) for "Road Resurfacing 2010" be accepted and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #8: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Works) dated June 16, 2010 regarding the River Trail Run be received as information.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WATER/WASTEWATER) REPORT:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #9: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Water/Wastewater) dated June 16, 2010 recommending that the tender of Pickard Construction for the supply of materials and labor to perform the Public Works building repairs at 359 Moore Line be accepted with modifications to the work scope to reduce the amount of the tender to \$111,150 (net tax included) be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #10: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Water/Wastewater) dated June 16, 2010 recommending that the tender of Bayview Chrysler Dodge for the supply of one 2010 One Ton Regular truck cab and chassis be accepted and approved in the amount of \$40,282.71 (net tax included).

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Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #11: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Water/Wastewater) dated June 16, 2010 recommending that the tender of Wilcox Body Limited for the supply of one 2010 aluminum utility service body with auto crane 4004EH be accepted and approved in the amount of \$51,043.83 (net tax included).

CARRIED

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDANT REPORT:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #12: That the report received from the Drainage Superintendent dated June 16, 2010 regarding the Talfourd Creek Drain – beaver dams be received as information.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #13: That the report received from the Drainage Superintendent dated June 10, 2010 regarding the North Courtright Cut-off Drain be received as information.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #14: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Engineering dated June 16, 2010 regarding the Island Avenue Bridge be received for information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed the communication received from David and Lori Vokes regarding the POWER group's position on the thermal disorder unit proposed for the Clean Harbors facilities. In the communication POWER is requesting a meeting with Council and the Township's solicitor and a portion of the peer review team on either July 6th or 7th. Council suggested that the meeting should be arranged to commence at 5pm prior to the July 5th meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #15: That a meeting be arranged with representatives of the power group, Peter Pickfield, Township solicitor and appropriate members of the peer review team for a meeting to be scheduled on July 5th 2010 commencing at 5pm with the Mayor to confirm with the POWER group.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #16: That a donation in the amount of \$5000 be made to the Moore Community Foundation to be financed from the Education and Environment Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #17: That a donation in the amount of \$200 be made to the Corunna Firefighters Field Day to be financed from the donation fund.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the letter from Madeleine Bewsky regarding possible parking restrictions in Brigden.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #18: That staff be instructed to contact a specific business owner in Brigden asking that their employees cease the practice of parking downtown in an effort to improve access for customers to various businesses.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the request received from Phil and Evelyn Evers regarding the possible purchase of property owned by the municipality behind the former OPP station in Sombra.

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Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #19: That the request of Phil and Evelyn Evers for the possible purchase of municipal property to the east of the former OPP property in Sombra be referred to staff for investigation and report.

CARRIED

It was also suggested that the long grass on the subject property be mowed.

Council reviewed the letter from Mr. Tim Moran regarding a possible by-law infraction.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #20: That staff be instructed to investigate the Tim Moran complaint as to a possible by-law infraction for a report to Council.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #21: That the property standards complaint received for property known municipally as 358 Murray Street be forwarded to the Property Standards Officer for investigation and appropriate action.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #22: That the communication from the city of Kawartha Lakes regarding a possible municipal donation to a legal defense fund be received and filed.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the request received from Mr. Glen McKenney regarding the return of two security deposits.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #23: That the report received from the CAO dated June 16, 2010 recommending that two certified cheques in the amounts of \$2,000 and \$3,000 from McKenney Holdings be returned be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #24: That a hole sponsorship in the amount of \$200 be provided to the Leslie Rogers Memorial golf tournament to be held at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course on September 18th.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the information from the Lambton Farm Safety group advising of a July 8th Safety Day. Mayor Arnold advised that he would be able to attend the start of this meeting but had other commitments for later in the day.

Council reviewed the invitation received on behalf of the Captain Kidd Days parade committee and both Mayor Arnold and Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised that they would be in attendance at the parade.

Council reviewed the correspondence received from the County of Lambton regarding painting of Hill Street in Corunna to provide for a bicycle lane on both sides of the street. Council instructed staff to contact the County to advise that no changes to the current traffic pattern are being requested.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #25: That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. David and Lori Vokes – Clean Harbors
Inst. See motion #15

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- b. Moore Community Foundation – grant request
Inst. See motion #16
- c. Firefighters Field Days – grant request
Inst. See motion #17
- d. County of Lambton – Hill Street
Inst. No changes requested
- e. Madeleine Bewsky – parking restrictions
Inst. See motion #18
- f. Phil and Evelyn Evers- property purchase request
Inst. See motion #19
- g. Tim Moran – possible by-law infraction
Inst. See motion #20
- h. Property Standards – 358 Murray Street
Inst. See motion #21
- i. County of Kawartha Lakes – donation request
Inst. See motion #22
- j. Glen McKenney – deposit return request
Inst. See motion #23

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Council proceeded to review the Property Standards update.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #26: That the Property Standards Officer be instructed to proceed with the order relative to properties known municipally as 215 and 219 Cameron Street.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #27: That the Property Standards Officer be advised that Council approved the sending of an informal letter initially to the owner of property known as 3049 Brigden Road.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #28: That the Property Standards officer be authorized to obtain a cost quote for the required clean up for property known as 507 Colborne Ave.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #29: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Planning, Jeff Baranek dated June 15, 2010 regarding the draft plan of subdivision for Glen Nantais be received and the recommendations within be accepted.

CARRIED

Council discussed the Coordinator of Planning's report relative to the assumption of road allowances known as Black Creek Line and Waubuno Road. CAO Mr. Rodey advised that he received a telephone call from the solicitor for Charles and Heather Grant withdrawing the offer to finance the costs of the required survey if the Township agreed to assume the road allowances. Council authorized no further action at this time.

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar advised that the fire siren for the Corunna fire station is now operational and requested investigation of the TODS signage for the Sports Complex at Highway #40. Also, he attended the recent decoration day at the Sutherland Cemetery.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell had information regarding the Sombra Museum Board's recommendation that Mr. Alan Anderson be nominated for the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for lifetime achievement. Sombra Museum curator, Shelly Lucier to provide further information.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #37: That Mr. Alan Anderson be nominated as the Township nominee for the 2010 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for lifetime achievement.

CARRIED

Councillor Randell also advised of his attendance at the Wilkesport Jamboree which was very successful and had improved attendance over previous years.

Steve Miller

Councillor Miller advised of a complaint received from a resident at the intersection of Broadway and Evergreen Street regarding possible plumbing damage due to Township's sewer flushing activities in the area. Council requested a staff report providing details as to this possible damage.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander advised of receiving a complaint of the grass cutting at the Corunna Legion property due to the fact that apparently the grass was not cut in the area adjacent to the fence. Also Councillor Carswell-Alexander advised of a complaint regarding a car parked on Boswell Street east of Duncan Street with no valid license plates.

Pat Brown

Councillor Brown advised Council of the upcoming Moore Museum Heritage Festival.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold attended the Sacred Heart preschool graduation and asked members of Council to provide to him any capital budget suggestions for the 2011 capital budget. The Mayor also led Council into discussion of a proposal received from Chatham-Kent to provide transit service to the area of the Township generally south of Highway #80 that would take passengers in the area to Wallaceburg. The Mayor asked Council to consider the proposal for discussion at a later meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council discussed the possible 2010 contribution to the Health Care Worker Recruitment Task Force. Council acknowledged the fact that a new physician has been recruited and is currently in full time practice at the Corunna Medical Clinic. Mayor Arnold was to contact the Task Force to confirm that the new physician received the typical physician recruitment grant.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #38: That a contribution in the amount of \$20,000 be made for 2010 to the medical worker recruitment task force to be financed from the Education and Environment Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

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Council also requested a report from the Treasury Department as to the impact on assessment for farm land that is hosting a solar panel farm.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #39: That the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss a legal issue.

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 9:05 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK