

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 15**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
July 26, 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
	J. Baranek	Deputy Clerk/Coordinator of Planning

AGENDA:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

ADOPT MINUTES:

Council meeting minutes of June 21, 2010 Session #13
Finance and Administration meeting of July 5, 2010
Public Works and Operations meeting of July 5, 2010
Council meeting minutes of July 5, 2010 Session #14
Sombra Museum minutes of June 17, 2010

BUSINESS ARRIVING FROM THE MINUTES:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:05 pm – Ed Linton & Paul Mitchell ~ fundraising
7:20 pm – Dan Elash – Elecsar & Tim Moran – Pollutech ~ Hydro generation

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Moore Optimist – Santa Claus Parade donation request
- b) Alan Brandon – building request
- c) Allan Anderson – request for support
- d) Enniskillen Express – donation request
- e) Ed Linton – request
- f) Paul Mitchell – request
- g) Sombra Optimist - permission

INFORMATION:

- 1) Lambton County – Council highlights
- 2) Lambton County – Physician recruitment
- 3) Town of Atikokan – ATV resolution
- 4) MP Pat Davidson – pre-budget consultation
- 5) Tom and Jan Johnston – thank you
- 6) Canadian Equity Partners – potential sale
- 7) OPG – shoreline

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None declared.

Council welcomed Cathy Ferguson, Cathy Smith, Paul Mitchell and Ed Linton to discuss with Council, fundraising efforts to help cover medical expenses for a young son of a Courtright firefighter. The Courtright firefighters are planning a fundraising event known as Carter's Day at the Courtright Firehall on September 18, 2010. It was pointed out that firefighters from both Courtright and Corunna will be involved in this fundraising event and fire service coverage will be arranged through the cooperation of the firefighters in the other four stations. In the letter of request, the organizing committee is requesting Township support as far as additional liability insurance if required, a monetary donation, the provision of tables and chairs, paid duty policing and washroom facilities and the appropriate fencing.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #1: That Council support in principle the fundraising effort known as Carter's Day to be held September 18th, 2010 with the provision of additional liability insurance if required, paid duty policing and physical facilities such as tables, chairs, fencing and washroom facilities.

CARRIED

Ed Linton addressed Council regarding a proposal to conduct a boot drive" on August 1st or 2nd between the hours of possibly 1-5pm in the Courtright business area as a fundraising effort for the Robbins family. Mr. Linton advised that he has discussed the fundraising campaign with the OPP who have offered several suggestions. Mr. Linton pointed out that Council support will be required for the use of Township emergency services equipment and possible traffic delays on the St. Clair Parkway.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #2: That Council support the boot drive fundraising effort by the Courtright Firefighters to be held either August 1st or 2nd in the Courtright business area and further approve the use of Township equipment and alteration of traffic patterns on the St. Clair Parkway.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #3: That a donation in the amount of \$500 be made to the Carter's Day fundraising campaign as sponsorship for the September 18th 2010 fundraising effort.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #4: That the Carter's Day fundraising effort on September 18th 2010 be declared as a community festival and further that permission be granted for an outdoor licensed refreshment tent for the Courtright firehall subject to the Township's Alcohol Management Policy.

CARRIED

Deputy Fire Chief Steve Bicum was present to address Council regarding the joint Emergency Services Enbridge Gas fundraising golf tournament to be held at the St. Clair Parkway golf course on September 17, 2010. Deputy Chief Bicum pointed out that last year the Township contributed \$1500 towards the event representing a \$1000 corporate sponsorship and \$500 devoted to the entry fee for a foursome. It was pointed out that the proceeds for this event will be placed in a reserve fund to be devoted to an emergency alerting system for the Mooretown area. Last year 21 foursomes signed up for the event and the organizers are hoping to attract 30 foursomes for this year's event.

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Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #5: That St. Clair Township support the joint emergency services/Enbridge fundraising golf tournament to be held at the St. Clair Parkway golf course in the amount of \$1500 representing a \$1000 corporate sponsorship and \$500 as an entry fee for a foursome in the tournament.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

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

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #6: That the minutes of the Council meeting held June 21, 2010 – Session #13 and July 5, 2010 - Session #14 be adopted as printed and circulated

CARRIED

Council reviewed the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held July 5th. It was pointed out that Mr. Ed Walsh was incorrectly identified as Mr. Ed Wallace. Also, it was pointed out the motion by Steve Miller and seconded by Pat Brown for the Finance and Administration Committee to go in camera was omitted.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #7: That the minutes of the Finance and Administration meeting held July 5, 2010 be adopted as corrected, printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #8: That the minutes of the Public Works and Operations meeting held July 5, 2010 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

In discussion of the minutes of the July 5th Public Works Committee, Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised that in discussion with Mr. Deline, the driveway replacement project proposed by one of the residents on Manitou will be affected by the Manitou street watermain replacement.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #9: That the minutes of the Sombra Museum meeting held June 17, 2010 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council proceeded to review the correspondence as listed on the agenda. Council reviewed the request received from the Moore Optimist Club regarding Township sponsorship regarding this year's Santa Claus Parade in Corunna.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #10: That a donation in the amount of \$250 be made to the Moore Optimist Club as sponsorship of the 2010 Santa Claus parade in Corunna.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the letter received from Mr. Alan Brandon requesting permission to allow a garage to remain on site while a new dwelling is being built on the lot.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #11: That the request of Mr. Alan Brandon to allow a garage to remain on site while a new house is being built be accepted with provision that the garage be removed within 90 days of the occupancy permit of the new dwelling and that the permission be subject to the standard agreement.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the communication received from Mr. Allan Anderson requesting municipal support for the audible safety message on the Sombra ferry to be substituted with signage.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #12: That the request of Mr. Allan Anderson for support to replace the audible safety message by way of signage for the Sombra ferry be accepted and approved.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #13: That a donation be made to Enniskillen Express in the amount of \$50 to sponsor a half page program ad for the Provincial Girls Baseball Championship to be hosted in St. Clair Township.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #14: That permission be granted for the establishment of an outdoor refreshment tent during senior men's baseball tournament to be hosted in the Township on September 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th subject to the conditions of the Township's alcohol management policy.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #15: That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Moore Optimist – Santa Claus parade donation request
Inst. See motion #10
- b. Alan Brandon – building request
Inst. See motion #11
- c. Allan Anderson – request for support
Inst. See motion #12
- d. Enniskillen Express – donation request
Inst. See motion #13
- e. Ed Linton – request
Inst. See motion #2
- f. Paul Mitchell – request
Inst. See motion #1 and #3
- g. Sombra Optimist – permission
Inst. See motion #14

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Council welcomed Mr. Dan Elash of Electrosar present to discuss with Council a proposal to study the possibility of installing a hydro generator in Bear Creek near Brigden with the Township to be the proponent of the project. In his presentation, Mr. Elash outlined the background of Electrosar and such alternate energy projects such as the Sarnia solar farm. Mr. Elash also advised that government grants are available to study such proposals to a maximum amount of \$200,000. The province will also enter into a 40 year contract to purchase the electricity generated at \$0.131 per kilowatt hour. It is estimated that such a generator could create a \$100,000 annual revenue stream. IN response to Council's questions, Mr. Elash stated that the construction costs of such a generator could be approximately \$1million with an annual maintenance cost of approximately \$10,000. Mr. Elash advised that his company would assist with the Township with the corresponding grant applications at an approximate cost of \$10,000. Councillor Randell pointed out that

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Bear Creek is not under the Township's jurisdiction but rather controlled by the Provincial Ministry of Natural Resources. Mr. Elash stated that such a facility has been in service in Renfrew for approximately 7 years and he offered to get the Township a contact familiar with the project in Renfrew. After considerable discussion, Council tabled further discussion until August meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee. Council then thanked Mr. Elash for his attendance.

Council reviewed the communication received from MP Pat Davidson regarding pre-budget consultation. Mayor Arnold volunteered to prepare a brief submission to MP Pat Davidson.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDANT REPORT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #16: That the report received from the Drainage Superintendent dated July 20, 2010 recommending that Council approve the lowest quotation of \$21,605.00 from BF Environmental Consultants Ltd. for the construction of the McLennan Drain move off as a capital expense to the drain be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #17: 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 OPERATIONS (WORKS) REPORT:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #18: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Works) dated July 15, 2010 regarding school crossing guards be received and accepted as information.

CARRIED

Councillor Carswell-Alexander questioned the need for a crossing guard at the intersection of Lyndoch and Cameron Streets in Corunna due to the recently activated traffic signal at St. Clair Boulevard.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #19: That the crossing guard position at the intersection of Lyndoch and Cameron Street in Corunna be eliminated.

DEFEATED

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #20: That the report received from Jeff Baranek dated July 20, 2010 recommending that Council accepts as information the site plan amendments for both Shell Canada Ltd. Storm retention pond and the Suncor Ethanol Facility cold storage building be received.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #21: That the report received from the Coordinator of Facilities regarding fencing quotes at the Brigden Optimist Park be received and it is recommended that Van Tam Fencing's bid of \$4683.85 including HST be accepted.

CARRIED

Councillor Carswell-Alexander reminded Council that she had earlier requested the installation of pedestrian gate for access to the park from the Courtright Line.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #22: That the report received from the Clerk dated July 26, 2010 recommending that By-law #36 of 2010 being a by-law to regulate fences be received and accepted.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rodey advised of a need for an in-camera session to discuss a property issue.

BY-LAWS:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #23: That By-law #36 of 2010 being a by-law dealing with fences within the Township of St. Clair and amending By-law #83 of 2005 be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #24: That By-law #37 of 2010 being a deeming by-law affecting property known as Part Lot E and F Concession 6 geographic Township of Sombra, Township of St. Clair be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

Mayor Arnold circulated to the Councilors and staff present, a report from Mr. Hackett dated July 23rd regarding possible financial assistance from Ontario Power Generation for the installation of two new arena time clocks. The Mayor advised that discussions have been held with OPG and it is possible that a grant in the amount of \$7500 per year over a 3 year period could be obtained for the installation of the new time clocks. In his report, Mr. Hackett is suggesting that the new clocks be installed now to be financed out of the Environment and Education reserve to be repaid to the extent of the OPG grant if approved. The estimated cost of the time clocks is approximately \$27, 500 and a grant from OPG that would be applied for in the amount of \$22, 500.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #25: That the Director of Community Services be authorized to proceed with the purchase and installation of two new arena time clocks at an estimated cost of \$27,500 to be financed from the Environment and Education Reserve fund and further that an application be made to OPG Community Grant Fund for funding to offset a portion of the cost of the clocks.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Pete Gilliland

Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised that the July 17th River Trail Run was a success with over 211 runners registered. The event was very well organized and it appeared that over \$4000 had been raised for the further development of the St. Clair River Trail. The organizer Ben Hazzard is to be invited to a future meeting of Council to give Council a debriefing on the event. Deputy Mayor Gilliland also questioned the status of the stated intent received earlier by Council that the Newalta facility on Paget Street would be relocated from that location. Mr. Rodey advised that he has received no further communication from the Newalta relative to the possible relocation. The Deputy Mayor also advised of a conversation with Mr. Fred Strickland regarding his excessive water bill. The Clerk

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advised that he been in discussion with Mr. Strickland who was asked to put the details of the excessive water bill in a letter form that could be shared with the water department.

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar advised of receiving a complaint from a resident on Murray Street regarding damages to private services during street reconstruction. Council was advised that this information would be forwarded to the Coordinator of Engineering Services.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell advised that the July 15th Court of Revision hosted by the City of Sarnia to discuss assessment appeals on the Elnor Drain has been adjourned for a second hearing. Also Council was advised of an August 8th blueberry social at the Sombra Museum at which time Mr. Cliff Roy will be present to sign copies of his newly released book. Also the Sombra Museum Board had discussed Mr. Roy's earlier request for an historical plaque marking the original settlement at Baby's Point which is now the site of Brander Park. Councillor Randell advised that the Museum Board and staff are undertaking the development of the plaque.

Steve Miller

Councillor Miller advised of what he considered to be the need to repair the pot holes on Third Street in Courtright. Also Councillor Miller thought the reconstruction of the street should be included in the initial draft of the 2011 capital budget. Councillor Miller also attended at Brander Park during the recent St. Clair River Run and was impressed at the number of participants.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander presented to Council information she had received regarding an appeal from Mr. Elliott on Elnor Drain. Councillor Carswell-Alexander would also like to see the Brigden Road south of the Holt Line included in the initial draft of the 2011 capital budget.

Pat Brown

Councillor Brown advised of receiving another request for a light to be placed at the Mooretown boat launch. Councillor Brown would like to see included in the initial draft of the 2011 capital budget reconstruction of Beresford, Tom and Cooper Streets.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold shared with Council various correspondences and communications he has received over the last several days. The Mayor also advised of receiving a call from a concerned citizen regarding the possible toxic waste dumping in the Dow landfill site in St. Clair Township. The Mayor is suggesting staff arrange for another meeting with the appropriate MOE staff to discuss activities on the Dow properties. Mayor Arnold also acknowledged the sudden passing of OPP Constable Joel Hookey who was a Corunna resident and suggested some sort of Township recognition.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #26: That a large brick on the St. Clair River trail and a memorial tree be planted in memory of the late Joel Hookey.

CARRIED

The Mayor reminded Council of the upcoming Gala Days in Port Lambton and Captain Kidd Days in Corunna.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed the report and the recommendation received from T.W. Gray regarding the tender results for the first phase of the sanitary sewer force main from the current Corunna sewage treatment plant to the new regional facility in Courtright. Two tenders were received and they were as follows:

Coores Construction	\$1,207,533.82
Tri-Con Excavating	\$1,494,837.45

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #27: That the recommendation of T.W. Gray to accept the tender of Coores Construction in the amount of \$1,207,533.82 be accepted on the construction of the first phase of the sanitary sewer of the force main from the Corunna sewage treatment plant to the new facility in Courtright.

CARRIED

Council asked staff to prepare a report as to the timing and location and construction methods for phase 1, 2 and 3 of this force main project.

Mr. Gary Stenton owner of property known as 290 Hill Street Corunna was present to discuss with Council a property standards issue relative to his property several years ago regarding piles of earth material stocked piled on his property. Mr. Stenton stated that it was his intention to mix the stock piled earth material with appropriate yard waste with a composted material to be spread in such a fashion to level his relatively large backyard. Mr. Stenton advised that this is a work in progress and intends to bring more such material in for the stated purposed and wanted to avoid further property standards issues. Council advised that they were unaware and unprepared to discuss Mr. Stenton's issues since there was no advanced notice of his approach to Council tonight. Council invited Mr. Stenton to return to the next meeting of Council scheduled for August 23rd.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #28: That the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss a property 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 // p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK