

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 22**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
October 18, 2010
8:00 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 minutes of October 4, 2010 – Session #21

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Property Standards – Courtright Line
- b) Moore Optimist – Santa Claus Parade
- c) St. Clair Community Church – Road closure
- d) Melina Wittergreen – Low water usage
- e) Jodi VanValkenburg – Water usage
- f) Perry & Deb Vannieuwenhuyze – Paving request
- g) 4702 Riverside Drive – Complaint

INFORMATION:

- 1) Ministry of Transportation – Sombra ferry
- 2) Enbridge – Pipeline
- 3) Brander Elliott – Coast Guard
- 4) Thomas Warren – Thank you
- 5) Helen Vandevenne – Thank you
- 6) Lambton County Council – October 6 highlights
- 7) CCPC – October 5 minutes
- 8) St. Joseph’s Hospice – Invitation
- 9) Inn of the Good Shepherd – Request
- 10) Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership – LGS
- 11) Lambton Community Health Study – Open meetings
- 12) MOE – Clean Harbors

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PLANNING REPORT:

Application B10/10

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Parkway Pentecostal Church – site plan agreement

BY-LAWS:

By-law # 50 of 2010 Presbyterian Church site plan

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Lambton Historical meeting Thursday October 28, 2010
Regular meeting of Council Monday November 1, 2010 – 7:00 pm
Committee of the Whole Monday November 8, 2010 – 6:00 pm
Regular meeting of Council Monday November 15, 2010 – 7:00 pm

MOTIONS:

Confirming Committee of the Whole recommendations

IN-CAMERA:

Property and Legal

ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:25 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 S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #1: That the minutes of the Council meeting held October 4, 2010 – Session #21 be adopted as printed and circulated

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #2: That the Property Standards complaint relative to property known as 2415 and 2417 Courtright Line be referred to the Property Standards Officer for investigation and the appropriate remedial action.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the communication received from the Moore Optimist regarding the 2010 Santa Claus parade to be staged on Lyndoch Street on Saturday November 27, 2010 at 6 pm.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #3: That the appropriate portions of Lyndoch Street in Corunna be closed to vehicular traffic during the November 27th 2010 Santa Claus parade.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #4: That permission be granted to close Smith Street in Sombra from the St. Clair Parkway to John Street on October 31st from 3pm till 7:30pm to facilitate the St. Clair Community Churches Halloween event.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the correspondence received from Melina Wittergreen/Law and Jodi VanValkenburg requesting a refund of the sanitary sewer portion of the utility bill due to the excessive water usage from a leak. In both cases, it was pointed out that the water that was discharged by way of the leak was not discharged into the sanitary sewer system.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #5: That a reduction in the sanitary sewer rate due to the unusual water consumption requested by the owner by the owner of the property at 72 Main Street Courtright and Jody VanValkenburg on behalf of her Sombra village property be granted with the sanitary sewer rate to be charged at the typical historical volume and that the water rate be charged as per the meter readings.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #6: That the request for the paving of the Wilkesport Line from the St. Clair Parkway to the entrance to Branton-Cundick Park be referred to the 2011 capital budget.

CARRIED

Council discussed the complaint received regarding what seems to be the use of a camping trailer on a residential property on Riverside Drive in Port Lambton. Staff suggested the initial step in any possible enforcement of the zoning by-law should be by way of formal letter pointing out the possible zoning by-law infractions.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #7: That a letter be forwarded to owners of property referred to as 4702 Riverside Drive Port Lambton advising of possible zoning by-law infractions through the use of a travel trailer as an occasional residence.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #8: That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Property Standards Complaint – Courtright Line
Inst. See motion #2
- b. Moore Optimist – Santa Claus Parade
Inst. See motion #3
- c. St. Clair Community Church – road closure
Inst. See motion #4
- d. Melina Wittergreen – Law - water usage
Inst. See motion #5

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e. Jodi VanValkenburg – water usage

Inst. See motion #5

f. Perry & Deb Vannieuwenhuyze – paving request

Inst. See motion #6

g. 4702 Riverside Drive – complaint

Inst. See motion #7

CARRIED

Council reviewed the information correspondence.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #9: That the letter received from Ministry of Transport regarding the Sombra Ferry safety message broadcast to be forwarded to Mr. Allan Anderson and Mr. Lowell Dalgety.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #10: That the letter received from Mr. Brandon Elliott regarding proposed cutbacks to the Canadian Coast Guard Search and Rescue staffing protocols be forwarded to MP Pat Davidson.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #11: That the request from the Inn of the Good Shepherd be received and filed.

CARRIED

Council was provided a copy of a recent letter from the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce to Premier Dalton McGuinty regarding the possibility of converting Lambton Generating Station to a natural gas fired facility.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PLANNING REPORT:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #12: That the application B10/10 submitted by the Coordinator of Planning be received as information.

CARRIED

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Moved by s. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion #13: That the report received from the Deputy Clerk, Jeff Baranek dated October 14, 2010 recommending that Council agrees to enter into a site plan agreement with the Parkway Pentecostal Church in Corunna be received and accepted.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #14: That By-law #50 of 2010 being a by-law to authorize execution of a Site plan Control Agreement with Corunna Parkway Pentecostal Church and the Township of St. Clair at Part 1 Plan 25R-5132, Part Lot 57, Front Concession, 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

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Pete Gilliland

Deputy Mayor Gilliland questioned the status of the promised the relocation of the Newalta facility out of the Paget Street property originally proposed for June 30th. Mr. Rodey advised that he would contact the Township solicitor relative to this issue.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander questioned whether the audible warning retrofit for the traffic signals in Corunna have been included in the draft 2011 budget. Councillor Carswell-Alexander was advised that the cost of these retrofits have been included in the initial draft of the budget. Councillor Carswell-Alexander advised that the person making the request had not received information as to Council's actions. The Clerk advised that it was difficult to contact the requesting party since that person did not leave a forwarding address.

Pat Brown

Councillor Brown confirmed that Councillor Randell would be able to attend the next Sombra Museum Board meeting and was advised by the Clerk that ballots can be deposited at the Township Civic Center up to 8pm on Election Day October 25th.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell advised that the Source Water Protection Committee will start in the very near future working on their action plan.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold requested appropriate signs to be placed at the Paddock Green park and Parkdale Park reminding residents to keep their dogs leashed while in the parks. Also, Mayor Arnold volunteered to contact About Town bus service in an effort to mitigate the problem raised recently by Corunna citizen Karen Benoit. Mayor Arnold also had discussion with past MPP Caroline DiCocco in an effort to lobby for Sombra Museum funding and an offer to review the Township's Trillium Foundation grant application. The Mayor Advised that no final word has been received from Shell Canada regarding a possible contribution to improvements in Guthrie Park and no word has been received from OPG regarding possible funding to finance the new score boards at the Sports Complex.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Council was reminded of the meeting on Thursday October 28th at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Lambton Historical Society. It was pointed out that an attempt will be made to host a meeting with Clean Harbors, the Ministry of the Environment, interested members of Council and Township environmental solicitor Peter Pickfield to discuss Clean Harbor issues on Thursday October 28th at 5pm. Council discussed its regular meeting proposed for November 15th 2010 and suggested with the number of Mondays in the month of November that this meeting be postponed until Monday November 22, 2010 commencing at 7pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk advised of receiving a report from the livestock evaluator regarding livestock damage to a calf owned by Mr. Gary Scott a resident on Kimball Road. The claim is in the amount of \$1000 for a calf killed by what appears to be coyotes.

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Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #15: That the recommendations to Council from the October 18, 2010 meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee and the Public Works & Operations Committee be accepted and approved.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #16: That the livestock claim of Mr. Gary Scott in the amount of \$1000 for a calf killed by coyotes be accepted and approved for payment.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #17: That the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss a property and legal issue.

CARRIED

The meeting returned to order.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #18: That staff be instructed to work with Township environmental solicitor Peter Pickfield in an effort to achieve a franchise agreement between the Township and Union Gas.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK