

ST CLAIR TOWNSHIP

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION # 11

St. Clair Civic Centre
 Council Chambers
 May 2, 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
	J. DeGurse,	“
	D. Randell,	“
	S. Miller,	“
	J. Agar,	“
Staff:	J. Rodey,	CAO
	J. Baranek,	Deputy Clerk
Absent:	J. DeMars	Clerk/Deputy CAO

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:**Adopt Minutes:**

Council meeting minutes of April 18, 2011 Session #10
 Moore Museum minutes of April 6, 2011

Business Arising from the Minutes:**DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:****CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) City of Sarnia – Sarnia jail closing
- b) Center Street – Property standards
- c) Corunna Legion – Outdoor patio license
- d) Robert and Shirley Russell - trailer

INFORMATION:

- 1) Sombra Township Childcare – Thank you
- 2) Moore Agricultural Society – Thank you
- 3) Roland Nantais – St. Clair river trail
- 4) County of Lambton - Hill Street closure
- 5) SCRTC – International Trail Day

DRAINS:

By-law #6 of 2011 – 10th Concession Drain

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**PLANNER’S REPORT:**

River Run Development OPA #8

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Updating the Township Official Plan and Zoning By-law

COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT:

Beresford, Cooper & Cameron Streets Reconstruction
Parkdale & Manitou Watermain replacement insurance claims

CLERK'S REPORT:

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

By-law #26 of 2011 – Agreement with Kel-Gor Ltd.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole – Monday May 9, 2011 ~ 6:00 pm
Regular meeting of Council – Monday May 16, 2011 ~ 7:00 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 PECUNIARY INTEREST:

None declared.

MINUTES:

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

Moved by: D. Randell

Seconded by: S. Miller

Motion #1: That the minutes of the Council meeting held April 18, 2011 Session #10 be adopted as printed and circulated.

Councillor DeGurse stated that Motion #13 from the Council Minutes of session #10 was made by himself and not by Councillor Agar as denoted and asked for the change.

CARRIED

Moved by: P. Gilliland

Seconded by: D. Randell

Motion #2: That the minutes of the Moore Museum meeting held April 6, 2011 be adopted as printed and circulated.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

CORRESPONDANCE:

A letter dated April 19, 2011 from the City of Sarnia opposing the closure of the Sarnia Jail was submitted to the Township and all other County municipalities for support in their plea to obtain a meeting date where they can sit down with the Premier Dalton McGuinty and Sarnia jail Stakeholder Committee to outline ramifications, human, economic and social impacts and the significant decrease of service to the residents of Sarnia Lambton.

Moved by: S. Miller

Seconded by: J. Agar

Motion #3: That the letter along with the motion submitted by the City of Sarnia in opposition to the closure of the Sarnia Jail be supported.

CARRIED

A letter from a neighbor of 33 Centre Street complaining about an unsightly property was submitted for Council's review. The complaint indicates the property is in disrepair and has a hole in the center from a previous removal of a foundation which now collects ponding water and that there are sections of a fence removed.

Moved by: P. Gilliland

Seconded by: J. Agar

Motion #4: That any decision be tabled until a report from the Coordinator of Planning is submitted on his opinion of the condition of the property and whether or not it should be forwarded onto the County for typical property standard complaint process.

CARRIED

A letter dated April 20 was received from Malcolm Boczek the President of the Corunna Legion asking permission of Council to extend their liquor license to the outdoor patio for an event on June 25, 2011.

Motion #5: That the Clerk write a letter stating Council has no objection to an extension of the liquor license to the outdoor patio for an event on June 25, 2011.

CARRIED

An email was received on April 24, 2011 from Robert and Shirley Russell in regards to a letter they sent to Council in October of 2010 about a neighbor living in a recreational vehicle on an otherwise vacant lot. The Deputy Clerk informed Council they dealt with the issue at the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 13, 2011 and passed a motion to undertake no action at the time due to conversations Councillor Miller had with residents from the area. The Mayor asked that a letter explaining Council's position be sent to the authors of the letter.

Moved by: S. Miller

Seconded by: D. Randell

Motion #6: That the above correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted.

CARRIED

INFORMATION:

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

Moved by: P. Gilliland

Seconded by: S. Miller

Motion #7: That the letter received from Roland Nantais regarding the condition and possible repair solution of the St. Clair River Trail be sent to Engineering for a report from them.

CARRIED

DRAINS:

Moved by: S. Miller

Seconded by: J. Agar

Motion #8: That By-law #6 of 2011 regarding the 10th Concession Drain be tabled for one week to allow time to determine how many readings are necessary at this time.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PLANNERS REPORT:

Moved by: S. Miller

Seconded by: P. Gilliland

Motion #9: That the report submitted by Barry Uitvlugt dated April 27, 2011 on the status of the River Run Development on the property north of the Civic Centre be accepted and received and that staff be authorized to advise the Ontario Municipal Board that the Township has withdrawn the offer with the proponent and is no longer interested in the Official Plan Amendment based on the Agreement being conditional and nothing has been done since 2007.

CARRIED

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Moved by: J. DeGurse

Seconded by: J. Agar

Motion #10: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Planning, Jeff Baranek dated April 28, 2011 recommending that Council authorize staff to begin preliminary research on the required updates to both the Township Official Plan and Zoning By-law be received and accepted.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT:

Moved by: J. DeGurse

Seconded by: J. Agar

Motion #11: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Engineering dated April 27, 2011 recommending that the tender submitted by Henry Heyink Construction in the amount of \$920,000 (excluding taxes) for the reconstruction of Beresford, Cooper and Cameron Streets be accepted and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents.

CARRIED

Moved by: J. Agar

Seconded by: J. DeGurse

Motion #12: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Engineering dated April 27, 2011 regarding Parkdale and Manitou watermain replacement insurance claims be received and accepted as information.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Gilliland stated the importance of the money for repayment come out of the right account and not to automatically take such out of the holdback. He is looking forward to prompt finish to this issue and specifically satisfying fellow ratepayers on Parkdale and Manitou affected by this.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Moved by: P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by: J. Agar

Motion #13: That Wilma Henry along with members of her family and friends are authorized to park in the vacant lot at the corner of Hill and Beresford Streets the week of January 12, 2012 while they attend a wedding in Mexico. They shall be made aware that the parking lot will not be maintained by snow removal in the event of a storm during the time they use the lot and they may return to cars which are pinned in snow piles.

CARRIED

Moved by: D. Randell

Seconded by: S. Miller

Motion #14: That the letter received by Jerry Weerdenburg on April 29 regarding the moving of a dwelling from Brigden Road to Tullock Line including a recommendation for Council to approve the relocation be received and accepted.

CARRIED

CAO'S REPORT:

Moved by: J. Agar

Seconded by: S. Miller

Motion #15: That the Policy for the rec club be amended to include the words "and your spouse" to the following: "Being a rec club member entitles you 'and your spouse' to free use of the Health Club including Aerobic and Water Aerobic classes."

CARRIED

Moved by: P. Caswell-Alexander

Seconded by: J. DeGurse

Motion #16: That Councilor's individually donate towards a breast cancer walk in Toronto and then Council will match the sum of the total individual contribution.

DEFEATED

Moved by: D. Randell

Seconded by: S. Miller

Motion #17: That Council support the breast cancer walk by donating \$150 towards the upcoming walk in Toronto and that be funded from the Environment and Education fund.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by: S. Miller

Seconded by: P. Gilliland

Motion #18: That By-law #23 of 2011 being a by-law to authorize an encroachment agreement between the Turner family and the Township to permit an existing fence to be on Township property having been given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: D. Randell

Seconded by: J. Agar

Motion #19: That By-law #26 of 2011 being a by-law authorizing an agreement between Kel-Gor and the Township for use of the dock in Mooretown be tabled one week to determine the new dates Kel-Gor plans to use the dock and have the Agreement reflected as such.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:

Jeff Agar:

Councillor Agar raised concerns about children playing on Milton Street in Courtright. There are many children in the area and sometimes traffic is at a high rate of speed.

Moved by: J. Agar

Seconded by: P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #20: That 'Children at Play' signs be placed on Milton Street in Courtright.

CARRIED

Councillor Agar recognized Lauren Miller a resident of Corunna for being the lead in the upcoming production of Annie at the Imperial Theatre in Sarnia.

Moved by: J. Agar

Seconded by: P. Gilliland

Motion #21: That Council send a Certificate of Achievement to Lauren Miller showing support and appreciation of Council on an outstanding artistic achievement.

CARRIED

Pat Carswell-Alexander:

Councillor Alexander-Carswell indicated that there are many sides of roads that are in disrepair – most notably Brigden Side Road - and road crews should be sent out to repair. She also brought forth concern about leaning hydro poles on Kimball Road and in other locations and wondered how these could be brought back to a safe condition. Mayor Arnold informed her there is an angle which triggers repair and asked her to bring forth a list of poles in specific locations and he would take it to Hydro in Wyoming.

Jim DeGurse:

Councillor DeGurse indicated he will attend the next physician recruitment meeting on May 4 and the Mayor asked him how much it was costing to advertise on the radio. The Mayor suggested he find out at the next meeting.

Councillor DeGurse asked about the condition of rumble strips on county roads in the Township. He indicated some are in disrepair and require servicing. The Mayor asked him to bring in a specific list of locations and he would take to the County for consideration.

Mayor Arnold:

The Mayor has attended numerous events representing the Township since the last meeting of Council. Specifically he attended events for the Sarnia Naval Group and an unveiling of a plaque at Ontario Power Generation.

The Mayor informed Council that he will be flying to Edmonton on May 4th to the 7th to meet with possible investors discussing the possibility of a new cracker plant in the region. He explained there may also be a global market for the modules similar to what Kel-Gor just built and are shipping to Detroit and this trip will allow him to gauge interest in bringing facilities to accommodate their production to the Township.

The Mayor reminded Council of the Environmental Assessment being undertaken by Clean Harbors and insisted an importance be placed on opinion of the surrounding public. He suggested a public meeting with an open mike format during an upcoming council meeting where neighbors or anyone concerned will have the opportunity to be heard.

The Mayor asked Council if and when they wanted to implement a summer meeting schedule.

Moved by: D. Randell

Seconded by: J. Agar

Motion #22: That Council begin meeting the first Monday of each month for Council and the 3rd Monday of each month for Committee of the Whole beginning in June and running through September. Council may open a meeting after Committee meetings if necessary. In June, Council will be held Monday June 6 and Committee will be held June 13 as the Mayor is unavailable June 20, 2011.

CARRIED

Moved by: J. DeGurse

Seconded by: P. Gilliland

Motion #23: That Council enter an in-camera session to discuss a property matter.

CARRIED

The Mayor declared the meeting back into open session and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Moved by: S. Miller

Seconded by: D. Randell

Motion #24: That Council meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK