

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 20**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
August 2, 2011
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
	J. DeGurse,	“
	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:

Finance and Administration Committee meeting minutes of July 18, 2011
Public Works and Operations Committee meeting minutes of July 18, 2011
Council meeting minutes of July 18, 2011 – Session #19

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

6:00 pm – George Malloy ~ SLEP
6:20 pm – Tina Wells ~ ice cream van

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Property Standards – Cameron Street/Murray Drive
- b) Tina Wells – ice cream van
- c) GMSB – 339 Beresford

INFORMATION:

- 1) SCRCA/Shore plan – Cathcart Park E.A.
- 2) SCRCA – Guthrie Park August 11 opening
- 3) County of Lambton – Council highlights
- 4) AMO – Provincial election
- 5) Lakeshore Group – First Solar approval
- 6) County of Lambton – Serkka Farms tree removal
- 7) St. Clair Township Heritage Committee – June 29 minutes
- 8) Lupus Foundation – Proclamation
- 9) OMAFRA Connects – contacts

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT:

Status report

COORDINATOR OR ENGINEERING REPORT:

Rehabilitation – Bear Creek Bridge
St. Clair Parkway paved shoulders and trail
Paddock Green – Phase XIV completion certificate

CLERK'S REPORT:

Recreational vehicle parking
St. Clair/Enbridge golf tournament

BY-LAWS:

By-law #39 of 2011 – Traffic control ~ Bentinck and Albert Blvd
By-law #40 of 2011 – Confirming by-law
By-law #41 of 2011 – Drain assessments on tax levy
By-law #42 of 2011 – Property purchase/sale P&E Evers

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole – Monday August 15, 2011 ~ 6:00 pm
Regular Council – Monday August 15, 2011 after Committee meeting
AMO Conference – August 21-24, 2011
Regular Council – Tuesday September 6, 2011 ~ 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

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.

MINUTES:

Council proceeded to review the minutes as listed on the agenda. In review of the July 18th meeting of the Finance and Administration committee, Mayor Arnold advised that motion #7 should be corrected relative to the possible property exchange with BF Environmental. That the exchange was subject to the appropriate provincial approval and the agreement of Mr. Frye of BF Environmental.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #1 That the minutes of the Finance and Administration meeting held July 18, 2011 be adopted as corrected, printed and circulated.

CARRIED

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Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #2: That the minutes of the Public Works and Operations Meeting held July 18, 2011 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

In discussion of the Public Works and Operations committee, Councillor Carswell-Alexander advised that the children at play signs have been installed near James Street Park in Brigden. Council also asked for staff report on the estimated cost of sanitary sewer back flow preventors and information relative to the sanitary sewer spill mentioned in the monthly report of the Coordinator of Operations (water/wastewater) and a report on various options and alternatives to the waste and recycling contract proposal offered by Mr. Phillip Jensen of Genivar. Council also asked staff for a proposed time line for the Genivar proposal.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #3: That the minutes of the Council meeting held July 18, 2011 Session #19 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

At the appointed time, Mayor Arnold on behalf of Council welcomed George Malloy of the Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership present to present to Council a summary of the partnership attempt over the last approximately 15 year period to diversify the economy of the Sarnia Lambton area and to bring new job opportunities to the area. Mr. Malloy advised that in 1996 the unemployment rate in this area was 16% approximately. In 10 years it fell to 8% with diversification efforts in the call center enterprises and automotive enterprises. Mr. Malloy stated that the direction the economic development group is leaning now to bio industry and the chemical industry which Sarnia is uniquely qualified to participate in. Mr. Malloy also outlined the goals that the SLEP group hopes to achieve in the future. In response to Council's questions Mr. Malloy stated that it has always been an identified goal in St. Clair Township to increase retail opportunities but admitted that the population base would discourage any so called big box stores. It was also hoped that the County's population would stabilize with an influx of people from perhaps the GTA area. Councillor Carswell-Alexander asked Mr. Malloy to consider the possibility of developing factory outlet sources in St. Clair Township. Mr. Malloy advised of such development is to a degree, population driven. At the conclusion of the presentation, Council thanked Mr. Malloy for his informative presentation.

Tina Wells was present to present to Council her request for the appropriate Township license to operate an ice cream vehicle in the residential community of Corunna. In response to questions, Ms Wells advised that it is proposed, with Council's permission, operate the truck in St. Clair Township one day a week for an approximate 2 hour period traveling through the residential area offering ice cream and similar goods to area residents. Ms. Wells advised that she has run such a service in the City of Sarnia successfully for the last two years. In response to Council's questions, Ms. Wells advised that neither she nor the City received any complaints from more established landed competition or encountered any traffic or safety issues.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #4: That a refreshment vehicle license be issued to Tina Wells to expire December 31, 2011 at the pro rated charge for chip trucks being \$250 a year, pro rated subject to certification by Lambton Community Health Services and the Township Fire Services where appropriate.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

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Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #5: That the property standards complaint received relative to property at the south west corner of Murray Drive and Cameron Street be referred to the Property Standards Officer for investigation and report and that the other concerns raised in the letter be addressed by staff.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the communications received from Mr. Wayne Shipley of George Murray Shipley Bell regarding the issue of property at 339 Beresford Street that was closed by by-law of Moore Township Council in 1965 but never conveyed to the adjacent private land owner.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #6: That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign on behalf of the Municipality, the appropriate documents related to the transfer of property as part of the road allowance of Beresford Street to private property known as 339 Beresford Street.

CARRIED

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #7: That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Property Standards – Cameron Street/Murray Drive
Inst. See motion #5
- b. Tina Wells – Ice cream van
Inst. See motion #4
- c. GMSB – 339 Beresford
Inst. See motion #6

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #8: That the information communications as listed on the agenda be received as information.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS OFFICER'S REPORT:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #9: That the report submitted by the Property Standards Officer dated July 22, 2011 be received and accepted as information.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT:

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #10: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Engineering dated July 27, 2011 recommending that the RFP submitted by MIG Engineering Ltd. in the amount of \$22,500 (plus HST) for the detailed engineering design for the rehabilitation of the Bear Creek Bridge at Bridgen Road be accepted and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents be received and accepted.

CARRIED

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Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #11: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Engineering dated July 27, 2011 recommending that the tender submitted by Henry Heyink Construction in the amount of \$359,651.88 (including taxes) for the construction of the St. Clair Parkway shoulders be accepted and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #12: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Engineering dated July 25, 2011 recommending that St. Clair Township accepts the development work performed at Paddock Green Subdivision, Phase XIV in the former Moore Township and that the 2 year maintenance period be in force until July 22, 2013 be accepted.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #13: That the report submitted by the Clerk dated July 29, 2011 recommending that no further action be taken at this time relative to the issue of street parking of recreational vehicles be received and accepted.

CARRIED

In response to the Clerk's question, Council advised that Deputy Mayor Pete Gilliland participate in the September 15th Emergency Services/Enbridge golf fundraiser with three members of staff to also be chosen to participate.

BY-LAWS:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #14: That By-law Number 39 of 2011, being a by-law to regulate vehicular traffic flow and authorize the placement of the appropriate signs on Bentinck Drive and Albert Boulevard 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 S. Miller

Motion #15: That By-law Number 40 of 2011, being a by-law to confirm the resolutions and motion of St. Clair Township which were adopted up to and including July 18, 2011 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 P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #16: That By-law #41 of 2011 being a by-law to include miscellaneous outstanding drain assessments on the 2011 collector's roll 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 P. Gilliland

Motion #17: That By-law #42 of 2011 being a by-law to purchase/sell property to Philip and Evelyn Evers 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 extended to Council on behalf of the Courtright Friendship Club an invitation to its August 4th picnic at Cathcart Park. Deputy Mayor Gilliland is also

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seeking an expedient conclusion to the issue of the outstanding insurance deductible claims from flooding damage caused by the Township's contractor on the Parkdale/Manitou water main project in 2010.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell advised that the Ontario Heritage Trust have denied the request for Provincial plaque at Baby's Point as requested by Cliff Roy. It appears that funding may be available to a maximum amount of \$400 to fund a local plaque.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #18: That the information from the Ontario Heritage Fund regarding funding opportunities for a local plaque to be installed at Brander Park be referred to the St. Clair Township Heritage Committee for completion and submission.

CARRIED

Councillor Randell also advised that four candidates have been chosen and have accepted the role of appointed medal bearers for the 25th commemorative anniversary of the Rick Hansen Man in Motion tour. Nominees who have accepted the position are Mildred Beggs, Ryan Scott, Carla Aarssen and Kaitlyn Anderson.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander was advised of a situation where a vehicular accident was narrowly avoided on Highway 80. Councillor Carswell-Alexander is suggesting the County of Lambton be approached to lower the speed limit from its current 90 km/hour on certain portions of the Courtright Line.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #19: That the County be requested to consider lowering the speed limit on the Courtright Line by moving the transition from 60 km/hour to 90 km/hour to a spot approximately 100 meters east of Eighth Street

CARRIED

Councillor Carswell-Alexander in discussion of a proposed detox center in the County suggested that consultations be made with relative successful similar facilities in neighboring Chatham-Kent in way of a private public partnership. Mayor Arnold advised that discussion have been held with the facility referred to by the Councillor.

Jim DeGurse

Councillor DeGurse questioned the status of the CSX permit for crossing to allow completion of the final portion of the sanitary sewer force main to the new regional WWTP. Council was advised that the permit has not yet been issued by CSX. Councillor DeGurse also questioned the proposed location of the extension of the St. Clair river trail south of Courtright. Councillor DeGurse was advised of the opinion that consideration for the river trail in that area could not be contemplated until at least after the surface drainage project is completed.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold presented of council a birthday certificate, attended the Brian Boyle retirement, toured the Lambton County area to witness recent tornado damage, and attended the Gala Days celebration in Port Lambton, received information as to an award nomination for a local physician. He advised he would seek assistance and opinion as to the protocol of such nomination. Also, the Mayor advised of the August 16th Brigden Fair ambassador competition.

Council reviewed the report dated August 2, 2011 regarding the requested removal of the temporary construction easement prepared by the Director of Public Works and Operations.

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Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #20: that the temporary construction easement shown on Reference Plan 25-r-486 being composed of Part of Lot 1, concession 14 of the former Township of Sombra (more particularly Parts 1 and 2), be officially released.

CARRIED

Mayor Arnold asked public works personnel to investigate complaints received from the owner of property known as 4252 St. Clair Parkway regarding cold patch repair on the adjacent sidewalk and the placement of cold patch in the area between the backside of the curb and the sidewalk. The Mayor also requested public Works staff to contact the street light maintenance person for replacement of the burnt out street light at the intersection of Gibson and Garden Lane in Port Lambton.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #21: That the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss a personnel and 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 8:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK