

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 28**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
December 5, 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 & Administration Committee meeting minutes – November 21, 2011
Public Works & Finance Committee meeting minutes – November 21, 2011
Regular Council meeting minutes – November 21, 2011 ~ Session #27
Drainage Committee meeting minutes – November 22, 2011
Sombra Museum minutes – November 17, 2011
Moore Museum minutes – November 2, 2011

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

6:15 pm ~ Jamie Butler and Christina Hammond – taxi license
6:30 pm ~ Physician Recruitment – 2012 funding

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Jamie Butler and Christina Hammond – by-law amendment
- b) Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447 – outdoor patio
- c) Corunna Giants – grant request
- d) Meadowview Villa Auxiliary – request
- e) 101 Main Street – property standards
- f) Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration – young volunteers
- g) Lambton 4-H – donation request

INFORMATION:

- 1) Physician Recruitment Task Force – presentation
- 2) Lambton Farm Safety – November 21, 2011 minutes
- 3) County of Huron – resolution
- 4) Heritage Committee – October 31st, 2011 minutes
- 5) OGRA/ROMA – 2012 conference program
- 6) AMO – 2012 conference

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- 7) GMSB – Newalta
- 8) Central Lambton Health Team – status report
- 9) OGRA – nomination
- 10) County of Lambton – Council highlights
- 11) Wallace Lang – dedication

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT:

Status report

DRAINAGE SUPERINDENT REPORT:

Wray Drain quotes

COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT:

Sir John Moore School parking

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (WORKS/DRAINAGE) REPORT:

Recycling processing RFP

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Lambton Financial site plan agreement
Monthly status of all Planning Applications

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

St. Clair River Trail request

CLERK'S REPORT:

Commissioner of Oaths fee

COA REPORT:

In-camera property

MOTIONS:

Children's Safety Village

BY-LAWS:

Drainage By-law #11 of 2011 – Lukey Drain 1st and 2nd reading
Drainage By-law #12 of 2011 - Rumohr Drain 1st and 2nd reading
Drainage By-law #13 of 2011 – Meyers Drain 1st and 2nd reading
Drainage By-law # 14 of 2011 – Rivers-Baptist Drain 1st and 2nd reading
Drainage By-law # 15 of 2011 – Lapish-Tulloch Drain 1st and 2nd reading
By-law # 48 of 2011 – St. Clair Parkway speed limit
By-law #49 of 2011 – appointment of CBO and PSO
By-law #50 of 2011 – Road Dedication – Boswell
By-law #51 of 2011 – Site Plan agreement

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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thanked Mr. Strickland and Mr. Marsh on behalf of Council for the hard dedicated work by the Moore Optimist Club and all the volunteers in St. Clair Township who have made this municipality a better community.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

The correspondence from Jamie Butler and Christina Hammond was tabled until their presentation.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #7: That St. Clair Township has no objection to the application of Royal Canadian Legion Branch #447 for the extension of its liquor license to an outdoor event scheduled for June 23rd 2012.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #8: That a grant in the amount of \$1000 be made to the Corunna Giants baseball team to assist in expenses for the team's May 2012 trip to play baseball at the ESPN Stadium in Florida.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #9: That a donation in the amount of \$50 be provided to the Meadowview Villa Auxiliary for the sponsorship of a social function for the villa residents.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #10: That the property standards complaints received for property known as 101 Main Street and 357 Murray Street in Courtright and Corunna respectively be accepted and referred to the Property Standards Officer for investigation and report.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #11: That Kaitlyn Anderson and Ryan Wilson be nominated as Township nominees for the Ontario medal for young volunteers.

CARRIED

Council directed that this nomination request be circulated to all Township Boards and Committees.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #12: That the Township provides a \$100 grant to the Lambton County 4-H Association for 2012 events and projects.

CARRIED

At the appointed time Council welcomed Jamie Butler and Christina Hammond present to discuss with Council their request for an amendment to taxi regulation by-law that would allow taxi business to be run out of a rural address. Mr. Butler stated that previous attempts to run a taxi company were unsuccessful due to the increase in overhead necessitated by the payment of rent in a commercially zoned building. Mr. Butler emphasized a need for such a service since none exist currently in St. Clair Township particularly in this festive season. After considerable discussion, it was;

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #13: That the Clerk be instructed to re-draft the current taxi cab regulation by-law to provide that a taxi cab may be operated in a zone that is zoned agricultural and that the provision be included in the redrafted by-law that would be subject to review by Council in a term not exceeding one year from the passing thereof.

CARRIED

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The Clerk explained to Mr. Butler the other requirements for the successful application for a taxi cab license such as safety check, commercial insurance, driver's abstract and police background report. Council also requested Mr. Butler file with the Township letters of permission from his immediate neighbors.

Mr. Ken Birchell representing the Sarnia Lambton Recruitment Task Force was present to make a brief presentation to Council and to respond to any questions Council may have relative to the activities of the Task Force. Mr. Birchell pointed out that despite recent media reports; Sarnia-Lambton is in need of new physicians not only to serve the existing community but to replace the physicians that plan to retire in the next 3-5 years. Mr. Birchell is very optimistic that 2012 will turn out to be a successful for the Task Force through its continued recruitment efforts. The Task Force is requesting a St. Clair Township donation of \$20,00. It was pointed out that the Township did donate a total of \$20,00 in a previous year as per the original agreement that the Township's initial donation of \$10,000 would be doubled if the Task Force was successful in bringing a physician to St. Clair Township.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #14: That the financial request of the Sarnia Lambton Physician Recruitment Task Force be referred to the 2012 operation budget deliberations.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the information items on the agenda. Council reviewed the October 31st meeting minutes of the St. Clair Township Heritage Committee and in general discussion questioned the Committee's membership mandate and projected goals. Council asked staff to prepare a report on these items after consultation with members of the Heritage Committee. Council reviewed the information received from George Murray Shipley and Bell relative to the Newalta facility on Paget Street. Council discussed obtaining a court order permanent injunction to prevent similar inappropriate uses to the property if Newalta does in fact vacate.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

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

- a. Jamie Butler & Christina Hammond – by-law amendment
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- b. Royal Canadian Legion Br 447 – outdoor patio
Inst. See motion #7
- c. Corunna Giants – grant request
Inst. See motion #8
- d. Meadowview Villa Auxiliary – request
Inst. See motion #9
- e. 101 Main Street – property standards
Inst. See motion #10
- f. Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration – young volunteers
Inst. See motion #11
- g. Lambton 4H – donation request
Inst. See motion # 12

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #16: That the items of communication be received as information.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #22: That staff be requested to review items and fixtures that are on the island including the temporary portable sign in the site plan review for the commercial property at the intersection of Hill and Lyndoch in Corunna.

CARRIED

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #23: That the report submitted by the Deputy Clerk/Coordinator of Planning dated December 1, 2011 regarding the monthly status of all planning applications be received as information.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #24: that the request to co-sponsor a co-op student with the St. Clair River Trail was tabled until 2012 capital budget deliberations be reconsidered.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #25: That the Director of Community Services report dated December 5, 2011 recommending that Council authorizes the hiring of a part time student for a period between January and April 2012 to work on marketing through website upgrades and social networking devices and that this position be partnered venture equally between the St. Clair River Trail Committee and the Department of Community Services be received and accepted.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

Council proceeded to review the Clerk's report relative to the imposition of a Commissioner's Oath fee for non-residents.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #26: That the Clerk's report dated November 30, 2011 recommending that as of February 1, 2012 a fee be charged for the provision of Commissioner of Oath services in the amount of \$30.00 unless one of the parties to the affidavit is a Township resident and/or rate payer be received and accepted.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #27: That vouchers be provided for full time, part time and seasonal staff in the amount of \$30 to be included in the Council Christmas cards.

CARRIED

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

MOTIONS:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #28: That the Mayor and Council of the Township of St. Clair realize the importance of child safety and the benefit of community spirit for all that would utilize such a useful facility. The Township is providing, on a long term basis, a Township owned property to construct the Lambton Children's Safety Village and

That the parcel of land located at Part Lot 37, Front Concession, Township of St. Clair (geographic Township of Moore) at the intersection of Emily and Victoria Streets will be released to the Lambton Children's Safety Village Committee for a minimal fee for a period of 99 years be received and accepted.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #29: That Drainage By-law #11 of 2011 being a by-law to authorize the re-assessment of the Lukey Drain be read the first and second time and provisionally adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #30: That Drainage By-law #12, #13, #14 and #15 of 2011 providing for the re-assessment of Rhumor Drain, Meyers Drain, Rivers-Lapish Drain and Watson-Tulloch Drain be read the first and second time and be provisionally adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #31: That By-law Number 48 of 2011, being a by-law to regulate traffic speed on the St. Clair Parkway and to amend By-law #19 of 2007 be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #32: That By-law Number 49 of 2011, being a by-law to appoint a Chief Building Official and Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officers for the 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

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #33: That By-law Number 50 of 2011, being a by-law to dedicate land as a Public Highway be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #34: That By-law Number 51 of 2011, being a by-law to enter into a site plan agreement with 1777634 Ontario Inc. be given the necessary three readings, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell gave a brief verbal report on the success of the Rick Hansen Man in Motion tour 25th anniversary tour in the Township on November 24th. Councillor Randell reminded Council that it had provided a budget of \$1500 to defray any expenses that may have been incurred by the Municipality. Councillor Randell pointed out that the Township hosted the lunch for the participants at the new Sombra library at an estimated cost of approximately \$400. Councillor Randell suggested that a donation be made to the Rick Hansen Foundation for the difference of the \$1500 budget and the expenses incurred which would be approximately \$1100.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #35: That a donation to the Rick Hansen Foundation be made in the amount of \$1500 less the expenses incurred by the Township.

CARRIED

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander asked staff to investigate the reflectivness of a stop sign on the Brigden Road south of the Petrolia Line. Councillor Carswell-Alexander also

discussed with Council her opinion of the need of a right turning lane for westbound traffic on Petrolia Line turning into the Invenergy facility.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #36: That the County of Lambton be requested to consider the establishment of turning lane for westbound traffic on the Petrolia Line accessing the Invenergy site.

CARRIED

Jim DeGurse

Councillor DeGurse advised of attending a recent fair board appreciation dinner.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold advised of attending a recent Brigden Christmas tree lighting ceremony and was again reminded of the need to remove three dead trees from the park. Mayor Arnold also provided the Clerk with a copy of the accessibility policy for Conservation Ontario. The Mayor also advised of attending the opening of the expanded Lambton College Fire School on LaSalle Line. The Mayor also had concerns as to drainage from surface run off from the Fire School. The Mayor also attended the Christmas festivities for the Sombra Best Start program.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Council directed that the January meeting schedule be established as Committee of the whole followed by Council commencing at 6:00pm on Monday January 9th and regular meeting of Council on Monday January 23rd commencing at 6:00pm. It was pointed out that the January meeting of the Committee of Adjustment would have to be changed accordingly.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #37: 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 8:10 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK