

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 4**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
February 6, 2012
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 January 23, 2012
Public Works and Operations Committee meeting minutes of January 23, 2012
Council meeting minutes of January 23, 2012
Moore Museum meeting minutes of January 11, 2012

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

6:15 pm – Public meeting – rezoning Part Lot E Con 8 (Dennis Marcus)
6:30 pm – Ron Baines
6:45 pm – Chris Hobbs – Pathways request
7:00 pm – Rob Marsh – Stanley Line bridge request

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Moore Skating Club – sponsorship request
- b) Central Lambton Recruitment Committee – grant request
- c) London Health Science – lottery
- d) Pathways – campaign

INFORMATION:

- 1) Ronald Baines – concerns
- 2) Corunna Churches Network – information, request
- 3) Lambton Farm Safety – November 21, 2011 minutes
- 4) Kaitlynn Anderson – thank you
- 5) County of Lambton – staffing announcement
- 6) Town of Gravenhurst – resolution
- 7) Janet and Greg Phibbs – overnight parking
- 8) St. Clair Township Heritage Committee – November 28, 2011 minutes
- 9) County of Lambton – Council highlights

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- 10) St. Clair Township Heritage Committee – January 9, 2012 minutes
- 11) Municipal Cultural Planning in Lambton County
- 12) SCRT – meeting minutes of January 25, 2012

DRAINS:

- By-law #11 of 2012 – Lukey Drain – 3rd reading
- By-law #12 of 2012 – Rumohr Drain – 3rd reading
- By-law #13 of 2012 – Meyers Drain – 3rd reading
- By-law #14 of 2012 – Rivers-Lapish Drain – 3rd reading
- By-law #15 of 2012 – Watson-Tulloch Drain – 3rd reading

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Planning applications status
St. Clair Heritage Committee

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (ROADS/DRAINAGE) REPORT:

Brigden underground tanks
Waste collection R.F.P.

CURATOR OF MOORE MUSEUM:

Adopt a project program

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

- By-law #5 of 2012 – Rezoning
- By-law #6 of 2012 – Interim tax levy
- By-law #7 of 2012 – Confirming

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole meeting – Tuesday February 21, 2012 ~ 6:00 pm
Regular Council meeting – Tuesday February 21, 2012 ~ 7:30 pm (after Committee)
Drainage Committee meeting – Wednesday February 22, 2012 – 6:30 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.

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Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #1 That the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on January 23, 2012 be received and accepted as printed

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #2: That the minutes of the Public Works and Operations Committee meeting held January 23, 2012 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #3: That the minutes from the Council meeting held January 23, 2012 – Session #3 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #4: That the minutes of the Moore Museum meeting held January 11, 2012 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #5: That a full page ad be placed by placed in the Moore Skating Club's Moore Ice Show 2012 program at a cost of \$300.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #6: That the request for funding from the Central Lambton Recruitment Committee for physician recruitment purposes be forwarded to the 2012 budget deliberations.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #7: That the request of the Lambton Health Sciences Fundraising Committee for permission to sell dream home lottery tickets in St. Clair Township in the spring of 2012 be accepted and approved.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the request received from the Corunna Churches Network regarding Township regulations and restrictions relative to the establishment of the Community garden.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #8: That staff be requested to prepare a report on the request received from the Corunna Churches Network regarding the establishment of a community garden.

CARRIED

Council instructed staff to draft a letter for the Mayor's signature welcoming David Cribbs as the new general manager of Corporate Services, Clerk/Solicitor for the County of Lambton.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #9: That St. Clair Township support the resolution of the Town of Gravenhurst requesting the Province to consider the placement of a one meter paved shoulder on certain Provincial roads to improve pedestrian safety.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the email received from Janet and Greg Phibbs regarding daytime parking relative to winter control operations. Staff was directed to consult with the

appropriate Public Works and Operations staff as to problems created by day time parking relative to winter control operations.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #10: That the following correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

- a. Moore Skating Club – sponsorship request
Inst. See motion #5
- b. Central Lambton Recruitment Committee – grant request
Inst. See motion #6
- c. London Health Science – lottery
Inst. See motion #7
- d. Pathways – campaign
Inst. See motion #15

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #11: That the items of information correspondence be received as information.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

At the appointed time Mayor Arnold called to order the public meeting called to consider the application to rezone property known as part lot E, Concession 8 geographic Township of Sombra, Township of St. Clair owned by Dennis Marcus. Mayor Arnold presented to the meeting an explanation of the conduct of the meeting and the fact that anybody wishing to speak for or against the rezoning proposal would be afforded an opportunity to do so. The Mayor then called upon Mr. Barry Uitvlugt who presented to the meeting his planning merit report. Mr. Uitvlugt pointed out that the subject property is now zoned open space and suburban residential with a proposal to create a new suburban residential zone to accommodate the redevelopment proposal. Mr. Uitvlugt explained the redevelopment proposal calls for the removal of an existing garage and boathouse with the replacement of a dwelling addition incorporating a garage. In the conclusion of the report, Mr. Uitvlugt stated that the proposal is consistent with the Township's official plan, provincial policy statement and is recommending council accept the rezoning proposal. Mayor Arnold then called upon anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the proposal. Mr. and Mrs. Brown neighbors of the subject property questioned how much their view and visibility of the river would be adversely affected. The applicant, Mr. Marcus and his design engineer stated that the proposed addition to the dwelling would be of the same height as the current dwelling and with the boathouse removed, visibility would not be adversely affected but may be improved. There were no comments received in writing either in support or opposition to the proposal. In support of his application, Mr. Marcus stated that the existing garage/boathouse is in extremely poor condition, beyond the point that it could be repaired and reconstructed. Mr. Marcus' consulting engineer also provided information to the public meeting as to the type of seawall that will be constructed and the fish habitat maintenance procedures that will be required by the SCRCA and the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans. Hearing no further comments, the Mayor declared the public meeting closed.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #12: That By-law #5 of 2012 being a by-law to amend comprehensive zoning by-law #17 of 2003 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act S.O. 1996 C14 relative to property known as Part Lot E, Con 8 geographic Township of Sombra, 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

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Baines residents of St. James Street in Mooretown were present to express their complaint to Council regarding private parking on Township boulevards that

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have been altered in the past with the removal of the sod and the replacement of gravel. This overnight parking occurs all year round irregardless of the overnight parking ban. In a letter addressed to Council, Mr. Baines also expressed concerns about the occasional use of the Township boat launch dock for commercial purposes. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Baines requested Council to order the boulevard used as parking for owners of property known as 1214 St. Clair Parkway to be restored to its original condition and that the overnight prohibition be enforced. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was;

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #13: That the appropriate Public Works staff be asked to provide a report to Council as to the practice of overnight parking on the boulevard on St. James Street and its effect on winter control operations.

CARRIED

Jenny Greensmith, Director of the Pathway Center for Children was present to discuss with Council, the Pathways Center request for funding to facilitate the Center's current capital building project. Ms. Greensmith stated that the building is approximately 95% completed with landscaping and outside work required when the weather permits and that the building is basically funded but Pathway is trying to replenish its reserves that can be used for future programs through donations from groups including municipalities. Ms. Greensmith acknowledged a relatively large Lambton County grant and is requesting a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from St. Clair Township over a 5 year pledge period. In response to Council's questions, Ms. Greensmith stated that 13% of the Pathway children served were from St. Clair Township for a total of 260. Also in response to questions, Ms. Greensmith stated that although several programs attracted a small user fee such as the pool program, no child or family is denied access to the Pathway facilities for financial reasons.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #14: That St. Clair Township agree to a \$20, 00 pledge over a 5 year period to the Pathway Center for Children.

DEFEATED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #15: That the request of the Pathway Children Center for \$20,000 grant over a 5 year pledge period be referred to the Township's 2012 budget deliberations.

CARRIED

Mr. Rob Marsh was present to present to Council his request and that of several other petitioners for Council to reinstate the capital funds required to repair or replace the Stanley Line Bridge that has been out of service for approximately 1 year. Mr. Marsh presented a written appeal to Council citing the reasons why the bridge was essential for the residents living in the area as well as a petition signed by area residents. Council discussed with Mr. Marsh, the possibility of replacing the current bridge closed on the recommendation of the Township's consulting structural engineer with one or more culverts. It was pointed out that this concept may require approval of the SCRCA and the Ministry's Department of Oceans and Fisheries. Mayor Arnold and Councillor Miller stated that they would bring the subject to the attention of the SCRCA General Manager at the next meeting. The ratepayers present also asked the Township to keep them advised of Council's decision making process on this issue.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #16: That the petition filed by the residents requesting the reinstatement or repair of the Stanley Line Bridge be received.

CARRIED

DRAINS:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #17: That Drainage By-law #11 of 2011 being a by-law to authorize the re-assessment of the Lukey Drain be read the third time, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

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Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #18: That Drainage By-law #12 of 2011 being a by-law to authorize the re-assessment of the Ruhmohr Drain be read the third time, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #19: That Drainage By-law #13 of 2011 being a by-law to authorize the re-assessment of the Meyers Drain be read the third time, be 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 #20: That Drainage By-law #14 of 2011 being a by-law to authorize the re-assessment of the Rivers-Lapish Drain be read the third time, 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 #21: That Drainage By-law #15 of 2011 being a by-law to authorize the re-assessment of the Watson-Tulloch Drain be read the third time, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #22: That applications submitted by the Coordinator of Planning for the month of January be received and accepted as information.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #23: That the report received from the Deputy Clerk/Coordinator of Planning dated February 2, 2012 regarding the Heritage Committee be received and accepted as information.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS (ROADS/DRAINAGE) REPORT:

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #24: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Roads/Drainage) dated February 1, 2012 recommending that a legal opinion is obtained to address whether the owner (of the underground storage tanks on Duncan Street in Brigden) can be held responsible for the removal of the tanks be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #25: That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations (Roads/Drainage) dated February 1, 2011 regarding the submission period for "request for proposal" of waste and blue box collections closing on January 17, 2012 with 4 submissions received be received and accepted as information.

CARRIED

CURATOR OF MOORE MUSEUM REPORT:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #26: That the report submitted by the Museum Curator/Coordinator dated February 2, 2012 regarding permission to distribute letters seeking donations from service clubs and industries be received and accepted.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #27: That By-law #6 of 2012 being a by-law to provide for interim tax levies for the year 2012 for the 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

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #28: That By-law #7 of 2012 being a by-law to confirm the resolutions and motions of St. Clair Township which were adopted up to and including January 23, 2012 having been given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

CAO'S REPORT:

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

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Pete Gilliland

Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised of an issue of his opinion as to the need of a sidewalk or a pathway from Sir John Moore School to allow children that are accessed to Bentinck Street particularly those who participate in the after school program and need to travel from Sir John Moore School to St. Joseph's School. Apparently the property on which the pathway would be best located belongs to the Lambton Kent School Board.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #29: That the two school boards be asked to consider the concept of constructing a sidewalk/pathway on property owned by the Lambton Kent District School Board at the Sir John Moore school site with a copy of the request to be sent to the Sir John Moore and St. Joseph's School principals.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Gilliland also brought to Council's attention the location of the sea container at the rear of the Riviera Plaza relative to a complaint he has received. The Deputy Clerk was asked to investigate the placement of the sea container from a zoning by-law perspective.

Steve Miller

Councillor Miller attended the recent Clean Harbors open house and the MP and MPP breakfast hosted by the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander led Council into a discussion of the issue raised by Mr. Ron Baines in his recent letter regarding commercial use of the Township boat launch area. Councillor Carswell-Alexander suggested the possibility of the placement of appropriate signage and the location of a surveillance camera. Council directed that the Director of Community Services be asked to comment on the issue and the request made by Mr. Baines.

Jim DeGurse

Councillor DeGurse advised of receiving complaints regarding barking dogs at the dog kennel on Petrolia Line and questioned why there are coffee mugs at the Corunna Legion from other municipalities but none from St. Clair Township.

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Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold advised Council that he would be attending a FCM conference in Toronto later this week, and a conference in Calgary commencing February 13-16th. The Mayor also attended a recent LAWSS meeting at which time the concept of twinning the feed through St. Clair Township was discussed with apparently little support from the LAWSS board. The Mayor also attended the MP, MPP breakfast hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and attended with Councillor Randell the recent Lambton Farm Safety annual banquet. The Mayor is also suggesting Council consider commencing next year, a public appreciation luncheon as is common in other municipalities.

In discussion of upcoming meetings, Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised that he was unable to attend a Committee of Adjustment meeting on February 29th.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #30: That council appoint Councillor Carswell-Alexander to replace the Deputy Mayor at the February 29th meeting of the Committee of Adjustment.

CARRIED

Mayor Arnold advised that he received a complaint regarding the keeping of horses in Wilkesport village and referred the issue to Planning staff. It was suggested that the person who filed the complaint with the Mayor, contact the Deputy Clerk directly.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #31: That the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss legal and property issues.

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 9:25 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK