

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 19**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
Oct 1, 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 from Sept 17, 2012
Public Works and Operation from Sept 17, 2012
Regular Council from Sept 17, 2012 - Session #18
Moore Museum meeting Sept 15, 2012

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

6:15 pm Jamie Butler – taxi cab regulations
6:30 pm Nova Chemical – Mac Hollingsworth, Randy Goertz – Genesis Pipeline Project
6:45 pm Fred Strickland – Moore Optimist – use of Emergency Services building -
Operation Christmas Tree

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Twp. Of Dawn-Euphemia – C.O.R.
- b) John and Emmalene Lang – road allowance
- c) St. Clair Community Church - street closing
- d) Royal Canadian Legion – poppy week
- e) Tom Lane sale of road allowance
- f) Ardell Patterson – Dog kennels

INFORMATION:

- 1) Lambton Community Health – Alcohol Policy
- 2) City of Hamilton – Emerald Ash Borer
- 3) James Abra – property sale
- 4) O.P.P – cost recovery formula
- 5) Heritage St. Clair - June 18, 2012 minutes
- 6) Heritage St. Clair - Aug 20, 2012 minutes

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DRAINS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDANT

Vandendool Drain – tender

WASTE/WATER SPECIALIST /ORO

Standard of Care Training

COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT:

Watermain connection Agreement with Sarnia
St Clair PKWY closure – Froomfield Sanitary Sewer Construction
Johnson Drain – tender results

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OPERATIONS:

Ordour Control at Courtright WWTP

FIRE CHIEF:

Emergency Planning

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII)

CLERKS REPORT:

Tom Lane request
Dog Kennel regulations

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

By-Law 38 of 2012 – F.I.T. facilities approval

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

In camera legal -personnel

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole – Monday October 15, 2012 - 6:00 pm
Regular Council– Monday October 15, 2012 ~ 7:00 pm (following Committee)
Harris/Phair Drain - Dawn-Euphemia C.O.R. – Monday Oct 22, 2012 – 6:30pm

ADJOURNMENT:

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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.

ADOPT MINUTES:

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

Moved by J. Degurse

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #1 That the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on Sept 17, 2012 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #2 That the minutes of the Public Works and Operations Committee meeting held on Sept 17, 2012 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the minutes of the regular Council meeting held Sept 17, 2012 identified as session #18 Council pointed out that there was an error in Motion #8. The intention of Motion #8 was to identify five specific building locations for which Council approved installation of Solar Panel Facilities under the F.I.T. program.

Moved by J Agar

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #3 That the minutes from the Council meeting held Sept 17, 2012 – Session #18 be received and accepted as corrected.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #4 That the minutes of the Moore Museum Committee meeting held on Sept 15, 2012 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #5 That Councillor Jeff Agar be appointed as the Township representative on the joint Court of Revision for the Harris, Phair and Phair North branch drains to be held October 22, 2012 at Rutherford with Mayor Arnold to be the alternate.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #6 That the request for closing of the road allowance in Brigden submitted by John and Emmalene Lang be referred to staff for report for Council consideration.

CARRIED

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Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #7 That permission be granted to the St. Clair Community Church for the closure of Smith St. in Sombra village from St. Clair Parkway to John St. for the hours of 4:00pm to 9:00pm on October 31st for the annual Trunk or Treat activity.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the information received from The Royal Canadian Legion branch 447 in Corunna. Mayor Arnold advised that he would attend the Remembrance Day services in Corunna.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #8 That the Township make the same contribution to the poppy funds for the Corunna, Brigden, and Wallaceburg Legions and follow the same wreath protocols as was the practice for 2011.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the communications received from Tom and Joanne Lane residents of property known as 4431 Hill St. Port Lambton regarding a closed road allowance.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #9 That staff be requested to prepare a report in response to the Tom and Joanne Lane letter dated September 4, 2012 regarding a previously closed road allowance.

CARRIED

At the appointed time Council welcomed Mr. Jamie Butler owner of St. Clair Taxi present to discuss with Council several suggestions Mr. Butler has for amendments to the taxi driver and taxi broker licensing protocol. Mr. Butler advised of his opinion as to taxi licensees under the City of Sarnia By-law operating in St. Clair Township, and as well requests Council to consider raising the standards for the issuance of a taxi license and the requirement that any taxi cabs license in the City of Sarnia have a St. Clair license to operate within the Township.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by J. Degurse

Motion #10 That the request from Mr. Jamie Butler for an amendment to the taxi cab regulation By-law to make the criteria for the granting of a taxi driver and taxi broker license more strict be denied.

CARRIED

Mr. Butler withdrew his request for consideration for the lowering of the age of taxi driver license applicants.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #11 That the request made by Mr. Jamie Butler for an amendment to the Townships the taxi cab regulation by-law be denied.

CARRIED

Council discussed the request received from Mr. Ardell Patterson relative to the Townships current dog kennel licensing By-law.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Degurse

Motion #12 That the issue of the review of the issue of the dog kennel licensing By-law requested by Mr. Ardell Patterson be lifted from the table.

CARRIED

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In review of Mr. Patterson's suggestions Council was of the general opinion that most of the issues seem to be arising from barking dogs that may be more appropriately addressed in the enforcement of the Townships noise By-Law as opposed to an amendment of the dog kennel By-law. It was suggested that the By-law Enforcement Officer be provided access to the address and phone numbers of all licensed dog kennels.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #13 That the information received by Mr. Ardell Patterson regarding requested amendments to the Townships dog kennel licensing By-law be received and filed, and that this information be conveyed to Mr. Patterson.

CARRIED

Council asked staff to forward to them a copy the Townships current noise By-law.

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #14 That the information correspondence be received and dealt with as per Council's instructions as noted:

CARRIED

Council proceeded to review the items of information correspondence.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #15 That staff be asked to prepare a report on the Jim Abra expression of interest to sell his property located at 409 Lyndock St. in Corunna.

CARRIED

Mr. Fred Strickland Chairman of the Moore Optimist Club Operation Christmas Tree Project was present to ask Council for permission for the location of the 2012 campaign in the vacant space on the second floor of the Townships Emergency Services building in Corunna. Mr. Strickland advised that his committee and volunteers would need access to the property from the period of November 15th to December 15th for the collections of goods and assembly of Christmas baskets for distribution in the North part of the Township. Council discussed with Mr. Strickland issues regarding the access to the desired space and it was suggested the Mr. Strickland contract Fire Chief Roy Dewhirst for the appropriate access.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #16 That permission be granted for the use for the currently vacant space on the second floor on the west side of the Emergency Services Building with the possibility of use of the currently vacant room on the east side of the second floor subject to the Townships rental opportunities for the east side space, at no cost to the Moore Optimist for period on November 15th to December 15th 2012.

CARRIED

Mr. Mac Hollingsworth and Mr. Randy Goertz representing Nova were present to brief Council on the status of the Nova Genesis Pipeline Project. Mr. Hollingsworth stated that the Pipeline Project called for a pipeline extension from the current St. Clair River crossing to the Nova Corunna site for purpose of transmission of shale gas to the manufacturing facilities. It was pointed out that the vast majority of the pipeline would be placed on property currently owned by Nova and that all the pipeline would be installed on current existing pipeline corridors. It is hoped that construction will commence in the spring of 2013 and successful completion could be achieved by July of 2013. At the conclusion of the presentation Mayor Arnold on behalf of council thanked Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Goertz for their update to Council.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDANT

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #17 That it be recommended to Council that tender submitted by Industrial Trades Group in the amount of \$119,614.82 (including net HST) for the construction of the Vandendool Drain be accepted and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents.

CARRIED

WASTE/WATER SPECIALIST /ORO

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #18 That the report from the Water/Wastewater Specialist dated Sept 25, 2012 on Standard of care be received as information, and that Council attendees to receive the established remuneration and expense allowance.

CARRIED

Councillor Carswell-Alexander advised that she may have an interest in attending the educational opportunity identified in the report and Clerk is to advised when her decision is made.

COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #19 That it be recommended to Council the report from the Coordinator Of Engineering report dated Sept 26, 2012 on the Watermain Connection Agreement with Sarnia be received as information.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Degurse

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #20 That it be recommended to Council the report from the Coordinator Of Engineering report dated Sept 26, 2012 on the St. Clair PKWY Closure – Froomfield Sanitary Sewer Construction be received as information.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #21 That the tender submitted by Industrial Trade Group I the amount of \$191,300.00 (excluding net HST) for the St. Clair Parkway –Johnston Drain Culvert Replacement be accepted and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract and other related documents.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OPERATIONS:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #22 That the report from the Director of Public works Larry Burnham dated Sept 25, 2012 on Regional WWTP Odour Problems be received as information.

CARRIED

FIRE CHIEF:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #23 That the report from the Fire Chief's report on the October 25, 2012 SADS training be received as information.

CARRIED

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TREASURES REPORT:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #24 That St. Clair Council support the use Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) Expression of Interest application for Development of an asset Management plan in witch we do not currently have in accordance to the Building Together: Guide for Municipal Asset Management Plans.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rodey advised of a need legal property and personnel issues in camera

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Pete Gilliland

Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised of attending with Councilors Miller and Degurse the recent staff appreciation luncheon.

Steve Miller

Councilor Miller Advised Council of his satisfaction with the quality of work conducted on behalf of CSX railway for the repair of the Port Lambton rail crossings.

Darrell Randell

Councilor Randell attended the recent doors open Lambton County event and thought the event was very successful and hoped that the event will be repeated next year.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Council Carswell-Alexander request staff to investigate the repair needs of the street light at the intersection of the Petrolia Line and Brigden Road. The Councilor also attended a recent meeting of the Brigden Community Library Board at which it was discussed that this year will mark the 50th anniversary of the Brigden Community School and the need for flooring upgrade at the Brigden Library.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Degurse

Motion #25 That the Director of Community Services be requested to contact the Brigden Library personnel regarding flooring needs possible incorporation in the initial draft of the 2013 budget.

CARRIED

Jim DeGurse

Councilor Degurse advised receiving a comment from Mr. Gary Odell owner of property in the vicinity of 1216 St. Clair Parkway regarding change in slope on the property west of the St. Clair Parkway following the sewer forcemain construction project. Staff was asked to contact Mr. Odell to determine possible remedial action with a report to Council. Councilor DeGurse also made a comment as to whether the emergency FM alerts will be available for sale at this weekend Brigden fair Council was of the general opinion that the sale of such units at the Brigden Fair may be counter productive. Councilor DeGurse also advised of a complaint received from someone at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course regarding what seems to have been inadequate service at a recent golf tournament. Council questioned Councilor DeGurse as to the host of the golf tournament, and the date of the golf tournament, answers to which were unknown. Council asked for a report from the General Manager of the Golf Course as to typical complaints and solutions for the 2012 operating season.

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Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold advised of attending various events as Lambton County Warden in particular the Paramedic Service Awards hosted in Ottawa last week.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #26 That the meeting enter into an in camera session to discuss property, legal, and personnel issues

CARRIED

Meeting returned to order

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #27 That the meeting do hereby adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK