

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

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
February 19, 2013
4:30 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
	G. Hackett	Director of Community Services

AGENDA:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Adopt Minutes:

Regular Council – February 4, 2013 - Session #3
Moore Museum – February 6, 2013
Sombra Museum – January 17, 2013

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

5:30 pm Jeff Coleman Scott and Stacey Ewing General Insurance Renewal

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) K and K McClintock – water usage
- b) Wilkesport Property Standards

INFORMATION:

- 1) St. Joseph Hospice – thank you
- 2) CCPC – Feb 5th Minutes
- 3) County of Lambton – Council highlights
- 4) St. Clair River Trail – Jan 23rd Minutes
- 5) Ontario Cabinet Membership
- 6) Clean Harbors – Nov 13, 2012 Minutes
- 7) Heritage St. Clair – thank you

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Property Standards Officer:

Status Report

CLERK'S REPORT:

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

Tile loan approval P. Bogaert
Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative

BY-LAWS:

By-law 9 of 2013 – Tile loan rating By-law
Drainage By-law 5 of 2013 – Port Lambton storm sewer amendment

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

In Camera

-Property Barry Uitvlugt Planning Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Council – Monday March 4, 2013 - 6:30 pm
Committee of the Whole – Monday March 18, 2013 – 3:00 pm
Regular Council – Monday March 18, 2013 ~ 4:30 pm (following Committee)
Drainage Committee – Wednesday March 27, 2013

ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:50 and asked members of Council to declare any possible conflicts of interest at the appropriate time.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None declared.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #1 That the meeting enter an in camera session to discuss a personnel issue

CARRIED

Meeting returned to order

ADOPT MINUTES:

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

In discussion of the minutes of February 4th meeting of Council Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised that he was absent from that meeting.

Moved by S. Miller
Motion #2 That the minutes from the Council meeting held Feb 4, 2013 – Session #3 be received and accepted as printed and corrected.

Seconded by D. Randell

CARRIED

Moved by J. DeGurse
Motion #3 That the minutes from the Moore Museum meeting held Feb 6, 2013 be received and accepted as printed.

Seconded by J. Agar

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell
Motion #4 That the minutes from the Sombra Museum meeting held Jan 17, 2013 be received and accepted as printed.

Seconded by S. Miller

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

The McClintock request for relief from the sewage portion of their water bill was dealt with at the Public Works and Operations Committee.

Moved by P. Carswell Alexander
Motion #5 That the Property Standards complaint received relative to various properties in Wilkesport be referred to the Property Standards Officer for investigation and report.

Seconded by S. Miller

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar
Motion #6 that the following items of correspondence be dealt with as per Councils instructions.

Seconded by P. Carswell Alexander

- a) K and K McClintock – water usage-see Public Works and Operations minutes
- b) Wilkesport Property Standards-Motion #5

CARRIED

INFORMATION:

Moved by J. DeGurse
Motion #7 That the items of information correspondence be received as information.

Seconded by P. Carswell Alexander

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS OFFICER:

Moved by S. Miller
Motion #8 That the request that the Planner investigate the possible Property Standards complaint in Wilkesport and report back to Council and the file be closed from Property Standards perspective.

Seconded by P. Gilliland

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rodey advised of need to discuss a property issue in camera

MOTIONS:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #9 That the following application for loan under the Tile Drainage Act be approved subject to Provincial funding.

Peter and George Bogaert Lot C, Con 7 amount \$30,600.00

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #10 That Council of the Township of St. Clair supports the pre-application for the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) grant for an affected section of the St. Clair Parkway for road re-alignment due to slope instability. The Township of St. Clair is also committed to development of a comprehensive asset management plan for which the Township has been successful in receiving grant funding.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randall

Motion #11 That the recommendations from the February 19th Meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee and the Public Works and Operations Committee and be accepted and approved.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

Council review the portion of the Director of Community Services report relative to the possible purchase of a used piece of grounds maintenance equipment.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randall

Motion #12 That the Director of Community Services be authorized to purchase a used grounds mower to a total cost of \$6,000.00.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randall

Motion #13 That By-law #9 of 2013 being a By-law imposing special annual drainage rates upon land in respect of which money is borrowed under the Tile Drainage Act be given the necessary three readings and sign by the Mayor and Clerk, Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randall

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #14 That Drainage By-law #5 of 2013, being a By-law to raise the sum of \$5,821.75 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the expenditures to the Port Lambton Storm Sewer Drain be given the necessary three readings and sign by the Mayor and Clerk, Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar advised that due to a conflict he will be unable to attend the next meeting of the Heritage Committee since he will be attending the meeting of the Committee of Adjustment. Councillor Miller to act as Councillor Agars alternate on the Heritage Committee.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander questioned the change of the date of the next meeting of the Drainage Committee from March 20th to March 27th. The Councillors advised that the Engineers who have authored the reports are unable to attend on March 20th. Councillor Carswell-Alexander also asked for a tour of the new Township facility at 233 Cameron St., Mr. Hackett invited her to contact him for an appropriate time.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold attended a recent Lambton Farm Safety Annual Meeting a Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce function as well as the River Sediment Open House hosted by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority. Council was also advised that the Clean Harbours Annual meeting will be held February 28th and Council was also reminded of the March 7th budget meeting commencing at 5:30 pm.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #15 That the meeting enter an in camera session to discuss a property issue.

CARRIED

Meeting returned to order

Council welcomed Mr. Jeff Colman of Cowan Public Entity and Scott and Stacey Ewing of Gamble Martin Insurance to present to discuss with Council the General Insurance Policy renewal for 2013. Mr. Coleman stated that it was again liability as a major issue and cost center for Municipalities due to relatively high liability claims and settlements. It was also pointed out that Mrs. Ewing will arrange for a survey of the Townships buildings and Facilities to determine if the buildings are being insured for a realistic replacement value. Council also asked for pricing on improved coverage for the Councillors accident policy.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #16 That it be recommended to Council that the 2013 Municipal Insurance Program be approved in the amount of \$366,014.00 plus taxes.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business it was moved by

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randall

Motion #17 That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:10p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK