

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION #8**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
April 15, 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
	W. Anderson	Assistant Fire Chief

AGENDA:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Adopt Minutes:

Regular Council – April 1, 2013 - Session #7
Sombra Museum Minutes – Feb 21 and March 21, 2013

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

4:30 pm Stephanie Hyde – Workplace Group
5:30 pm Bill Myers – Moore Agricultural Society

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) 357 Murray St. – Property Standards
- b) 72 Milton St. – Property Standards
- c) 4300 Courtright Line – Property Standards
- d) 2437 Jane St. – Property Standards
- e) 2056 Courtright Line – Property Standards
- f) 4068 Courtright Line – Property Standards
- g) Heritage St. Clair – use of logo
- h) Nancy McDougall – permission
- i) LAWSS - fluoride use
- j) Clean Harbours – PRT budget
- k) Workplace Group – services
- l) Byron Warwick – Tom Street
- m) 494 Beresford Street – Property Standards

INFORMATION:

- 1) Minister for Seniors – Senior Achievement Award Program
- 2) A.M.O. – Interest Arbitration
- 3) Ontario Sheep – Working Dogs
- 4) Public Works Canada- Walpole Island
- 5) CCPC- April 2nd Minutes
- 6) Lambton Historical – March 28th Minutes
- 7) L.A.W.S.S. – Annual Report
- 8) Ministry of the Environment – L.G.S
- 9) MOE – Air quality monitoring
- 10) MADD – Candlelight vigil
- 11) Premier Kathleen Wynne – appreciation
- 12) A.M.O. – 2013 Conference
- 13) Jim Hazzard – ARC /Riverview

DRAINS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING

CLERK'S REPORT:

- draft lease-Workplace Group

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

- Recommendations from Finance and Administration and Public Works and Operations Committee.

BY-LAWS:

- By-law #19 of 2013 – Speed limit St. Clair Parkway
- By-law #20 of 2013 – Tile loan rating
- By-law #21 of 2013 – Confirming By-law
- By-law #22 of 2013 – lease – Work Place Group

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Moore Agricultural Society financial request
- Corunna Wild Cats request
- John Courtney – land lease

NEW BUSINESS:

- May meeting dates

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Council – Monday May 6, 2013 - 6:30 pm
Committee of the Whole – Tuesday May 21, 2013 ? – 3:00 pm
Regular Council – Tuesday May 21, 2013 ? ~ 4:30 pm (following Committee)
Drainage Committee – Wednesday April 24, 2013 – 6:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:50 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.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

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

CARRIED

Meeting returned to order

Council welcomed Ms. Stephanie Hyde of the Workplace Group present to discuss with Council some of the programs offered by the Workplace Group and her groups plans to expand the services in St. Clair Township through a rental office space in the Township's Emergency services building. Ms. Hyde said The Workplace Group was established in 1976 and its primary function is to assist workers in gaining employment. One of the programs offered by the Workplace Group is second career training for those workers wishing to choose a different career path. Ms. Hyde stated that it's the current plans that the Corunna office will be open all day Wednesday and possibly Thursday as well. Mayor Arnold on behalf of Council thanked Ms. Hyde for the improvement of the service in St. Clair Township and asked for semi annual updates on the success of her organizations programs in St. Clair Township.

ADOPT MINUTES:

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

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #2 That the minutes from the Council meeting held April 1, 2013 – Session #7 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #3 That the minutes from the Sombra Museum meeting held February 21, and March 21, 2013 – be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

In discussion of the letters received regarding various property standards complaints Councillor Carswell-Alexander identified herself as an owner of a property in Brigden that was subject to a property standards complaint. Councillor Carswell-Alexander advised that she did not feel she was in a conflict of interest.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #4 That the property standards complaints received as identified in the left of correspondence as a, b, d, e, and m on the agenda, be referred to the Property Standards officer for investigation and report. A recorded vote was requested

Councillor Randell	No
Councillor Miller	Yes
Deputy Mayor Gilliland	Yes
Councillor Agar	Yes
Councillor Carswell-Alexander	Yes
Councillor DeGurse	Yes
Mayor Arnold	Yes

CARRIED

Council reviewed the request from the Heritage St. Clair Committee for the use of the St. Clair Township logo on its letter head. Council suggested that size of the logo be reduced from that as proposed in the correspondence.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by Jim DeGurse

Motion #5 That the Heritage St. Clair Committee be authorized to use a smaller version of the Townships logo on its letter head.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #6 That permission be granted to Nancy McDougal to obtain the appropriate license for a licensed event in Brander Park on July 6, 2013.

CARRIED

Council reviewed a request received from the LAWSS Committee as to Councils position on whether or not the water supply should continue to receive fluoride treatment.

Moved by P. Carswell Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #7 That LAWSS be advised that St. Clair Council does not support the continued use of fluoride in the area water supply systems potable water supply.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J DeGurse

Motion #8 That the correspondence received from Clean Harbours regarding the peer review team budget be tabled pending a report from the Townships Environmental Solicitor Mr. Peter Pickfield.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #9 That the correspondence received regarding the condition of Tom Street be referred to Public Works and Operations for report.

CARRIED

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Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #10 That the following items of correspondence be dealt with as per Councils instructions.

- a) 357 Murray St. – Property Standards - Motion # 4
- b) 72 Milton St. – Property Standards – Motion # 4
- c) 4300 Courtright Line – Property Standards – not in St. Clair
- d) 2437 Jane St. – Property Standards - Motion # 4
- e) 2056 Courtright Line – Property Standards - Motion #4
- f) 4068 Courtright Line – Property Standards – not in St. Clair
- g) Heritage St. Clair – use of logo - Motion #5
- h) Nancy McDougall – permission - Motion #6
- i) LAWSS - fluoride use - Motion #7
- j) Clean Harbours – PRT budget - Motion #8
- k) Workplace Group – services - Motion #13
- l) Byron Warwick – Tom Street - Motion #9
- m) 494 Beresford – Property Standards – Motion #4

CARRIED

Mr. Dennis Robinson and Michelle Ivinski representing the Moore Agricultural Society were present to answer any questions Council may have regarding the Agricultural Society's earlier request from the Township for financial assistance to facilitate facility improvements at the exhibition hall. Mr. Robinson restated the options as offered by the Agricultural Society, the first being a no interest loan for a 10 year period of the \$65,000.00 estimated cost, a combination of grant and loan at no interest over a five year repayment period, or the third option is a \$65,000.00 grant to the society. Mr. Robinson in response to Councillor Alexander's questions advised that a financial institution has been approached and it has been prepared to lend the funds required for the renovations. Councillor Randell also asked the question as to the typical single event rental at the hall. At the Conclusion of the discussion it was

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #11 That St. Clair Township offer to the Moore Agricultural Society a loan in the amount of \$65,000.00 to be repaid back to the Municipality in a period not exceeding 10 years at 0% interest. A recorded vote was requested

Councillor Randell	No
Councillor Miller	No
Deputy Mayor Gilliland	No
Councillor Agar	Yes
Councilor Carswell-Alexander	No
Councillor DeGurse	Yes
Mayor Arnold	Yes

DEFEATED

In discussion of the information correspondence Council requested that the information received from the Minister of Seniors regarding the Senior Achievement Award program be circulated to the appropriate volunteer groups in the Municipality.

INFORMATION:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #12 That the following items of information be dealt with as per Councils instructions.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

CLERK'S REPORT:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #13 That the draft lease between the Township of St. Clair (landlord) and "The Special Needs Employment Service Inc. AO the Workplace Group" (tenant) for space in the Township's Emergency Services building be accepted and the corresponding By-law be passed.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #14 That the recommendations from the Finance and Administration Committee and the Public Works and Operations Committee held April 15, 2013 be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #15 That By-law Number 19 of 2013, being a By-law of the Corporation of the Township of St. Clair, to regulate traffic speed on St. Clair Parkway be 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 #16 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 \$27,800.00

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #17 That By-law Number 20 of 2013, being a By-law imposing special rates upon land in respect of which money is borrowed under the tile Drainage Act be 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 J. DeGurse

Motion #18 That By-law Number 21 of 2013, being a By-law of the Corporation of the Township of St. Clair, to confirm the resolutions and motions of the St. Clair Township which were adopted up to be and including April 1, 2013 be given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #19 That By-law Number 22 of 2013, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a rental lease with "Special Needs Employment Service Inc. OA The Workplace Group be given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

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COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Pete Gilliland

Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised of attending a recent Mooretown Flags Awards ceremony on behalf of the Mayor and Council, also attended a Clean Harbours Community Liaison Committee meeting with Councillor DeGurse, at which time the members discussed their request to have their per diem increased. It was pointed out that the last per diem increase to the members was in 1996. It was also decided at the last meeting that representatives from the two area first Nations would be invited to attend future community liaison meeting as observers.

Steve Miller

Councillor Miller attended a recent meeting of the Port Lambton Hall board at which time Sue Moran was named the new board treasurer, also the board is going to approach the Director of Community Services regarding a proposal to extend the roof of the Community Centre over an outdoor cooking area.

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell reported on the success of a recent concert at the Wilkesport community Centre also Councillor Randall thanked Council for the floral arrangement for his late step father.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander advised of a need for improvements to the floor of the Brigden Community hall. Representatives of the hall board will contact the Director of Community services regarding this issue. The hall board also purchased 20 new tables from their existing funds.

Jim DeGurse

Councillor DeGurse also attended the recent Clean Harbours Community Liaison Committee meeting and advised of a proposed future maintenance shut down at the facility. Councillor DeGurse also had a question regarding the responsibility for the clean up of dead trees in the St. Clair river. The Clerk advised that the river comes under the jurisdiction of Public Works Canada under the authority of Transport Canada and the municipality has no responsibility or authority to remove such dead trees.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold attended two separate meetings in Toronto at which time the OPG outstanding assessment issue was discussed. There seems to be some advancement towards an agreement amongst the various parties involved in the assessment appeal. The Mayor also made several site visits to the Barnes drain and attended the recent Sombra Rebekah lodge anniversary celebration. Council also discussed the proposed grand opening of the health facility at 233 Cameron St.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council discussed the status of various agricultural land leases for property owned by the municipality

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #20 That request proposals be prepared and circulated and advertised for the lease of municipally owned agricultural property commencing with the 2014 crop year.

CARRIED

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NEW BUSINESS

Council confirmed the May meeting dates with the Regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole and the Regular meeting of Council to follow to be held Tuesday May 21 2013.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business

Moved by S Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #21 That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK