

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION #14**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
July 22, 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-Absent
	P. Gilliland,	Deputy Mayor
	P. Carswell-Alexander,	Councillor
	D. Randell,	“
	S. Miller,	“
	J. Agar,	“
	J. DeGurse,	Absent
Staff:	J. Rodey,	Absent
	J. DeMars,	Director of Administration/Clerk/ Deputy CAO
	J. Baranek	Absent

AGENDA:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Adopt Minutes:

Regular Council – July 8, 2013 - Session #13
Sombra Museum minutes June 27, 2013

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

5:00 pm - Nancy Anne Smith Lambton County - Revenue Development
5:30 pm – Amanda Scales – Lambton County – Smoke Free Environment
Kevin Churchill and Dr. Sudit Ranade
6:00 pm – Shawn Bogaert – Noise Issues

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Robert Climie – right of way request
- b) Ralph Campbell – signage request
- c) R. Barr – Metcalf, J. Gilhuly, R. Lozon – parking
- d) Property Standards – 101 Main Street-Courtright
- e) Miss Corunna – donation request
- f) Property Standards - 308 Cameron Street - Corunna
- g) M.L. Denning – Wilkesport livestock

INFORMATION:

- 1) Nancy Anne Smith – Revenue Development
- 2) Amanda Scales – smoke free environment
- 3) Central Lambton Health team
- 4) Township of Warwick – I.W.T
- 5) M.P. P. Davidson - delegation – Monday Aug 19

DRAINS:

By-Law 15 of 2013 – Camden-Chatham-Sombra-Dawn Drain – amending
By-Law 16 of 2013 – Botting Drain – amending
By-Law 17 of 2013 – Dawson Drain – amending
By-Law 18 of 2013 – Gauld Drain – amending
By-Law 19 of 2013 – Emmons Drain – amending

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS OFFICER:

-2421 and 2717 Courtright Line
- 128 Church St.

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING:

CLERK'S REPORT:

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

Recommendations from the Finance and Administration Committee and the Public Works and Operation Committee meeting July 22, 2013

BY-LAWS:

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Robert Climie – right of way request

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Drainage Committee – Wednesday July 24, 2013 -6:30 pm
Committee of the Whole Monday – Aug 12, 2013 – 3:00 pm
Regular Council Monday Aug 12, 2013 ~ 4:30 pm (after committee)
Regular Council Monday Sept 9, 2013 – 6:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

In the absence of the Mayor Deputy Mayor Gilliland 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.

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ADOPT MINUTES:

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

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #1 That the Minutes from the Council meeting held July 8, 2013 – Session #13 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Craswell-Alexander

Motion #2 That the Minutes from the Sombra Museum Board Committee meeting held June 27, 2013 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed the correspondence tabled earlier regarding the Robert Climie request for the establishment of a right of way across Municipal property occupied by the New Sombra Museum. Councillor Randell advised that this matter was discussed at recent Sombra Museum board meeting and the request was not supported.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #3 That the Robert Climie right of way request be lifted from the table and further that the request to establish a right of way across Municipally own property occupied by the Sombra Museum be denied.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #4 That the request submitted by Ralph Campbell on behalf of the first Sombra Township Scouts group for the placement of a temporary advertisement sign on property owned by the Municipality adjacent to Dedecker Park be granted.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the letter received three Sombra Village merchants requesting a two hour parking limit on King Street. The letter of request stated that street parking is difficult adjacent to their businesses due to what seems to be increased foot traffic on the ferry. The Clerk advised that a two hour parking limitation by-law would difficult to enforce.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #5 That Staff be instructed to install two hour parking limit signs on both side of King Street from Water Street to the St. Clair Parkway with no corresponding By-law to be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #6 That property standards complaint relative to property known as 101 Main St. Courtright be referred to the Property Standards Officer for investigation and report.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #7 That the donation request for the Miss Teen Corunna contest be received and filed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #8 That property standards complaint relative to property known as 308 Cameron Street be referred to the Property Standards Officer for investigation and report.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the communication received from a Wilkesport resident regarding the practice of keeping livestock in a residentially zoned area of Wilkesport. A motion by Councillor Carswell-Alexander to refer the complaint to the Property Standards Officer for review and report did not get a seconder and failed.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #9 That staff be authorized to take the necessary legal action as a possible zoning by law infraction for the keeping of live stock in a residentially zoned area of Wilkesport Village.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

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

- a) Robert Climie – right of way request-Motion # 3
- b) Ralph Campbell – signage request-Motion # 4
- c) R. Barr – Metcalf, J. Gilhuly, R. Lozon – parking-Motion # 5
- d) Property Standards – 101 Main Street-Courtright-Motion # 6
- e) Miss Corunna – donation request-Motion # 7
- f) Property Standards - 308 Cameron Street – Corunna-Motion# 8
- g) M.L. Denning – Wilkesport livestock-Motion# 9

CARRIED

Nancy Ann Smith the Lambton County Revenue Development Officer was present to present to Council information as to her function on behalf of the County and its member Municipalities to research funding opportunities from senior levels of Government and public and private foundations. Ms. Smith said with this funding assistance many projects have been advanced in Lambton County and the impact of County taxpayers has been reduced. Ms. Smith said that she does not complete the grant application for interested applicants but would be willing on request to do the research and provide grant application advice and assistance. In response to Councils questions Ms. Smith stated that she be pleased to provide such research and assistance not only to Lambton County member Municipalities but also related organizations, such as athletic associations or other groups within the municipality raising funds for Municipal infrastructure and services. Council thanked Ms. Smith for her attendance and appreciated her offer for assistance.

Dr. Sudit Ranade, Mr. Kevin Churchill, and Mr. Andrew Taylor of the Lambton County Community Health Services were present to present to Council a smoking in public open spaces by-law tool kit and information as to what a Municipality could do in advancing a By-law regulating out door open space smoking. Dr. Sudit Ranade said an earlier attempt by the County to pass such a regulatory by-law failed to get the triple majority and failed. Now the Community Health Services are approaching all member Municipalities, initially those that supported the county wide initiative to encourage local Municipalities to pass their own regulatory by-law. In response to Councils questions Dr. Sudit Ranade said the County Community Health Services would assist in the enforcement of the local Municipal by-law with the existence of the three County Smoking by-law enforcement Officers. At the conclusion of the discussion if was

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #11 That the subject of an outdoor open spaces smoking regulation be tabled for further consideration by Council at a later date.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the items of information correspondence

INFORMATION:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

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

CARRIED

DRAINS:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #13 That Drainage By-law #15 of 2013, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$63.71 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for maintenance to the Camden-Chatham-Sombra-Dawn Townline Drain be given the necessary readings and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #14 That Drainage By-law #16 of 2013, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$184.27

being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for expenditure to the Botting Drain be given the necessary readings and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #15 That Drainage By-law #17 of 2013, being a by-law to amend Drainage By-law #10 of 2013 for a reassessment report on the Dawson Drain in the Township of St. Clair be given the necessary three readings be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by D. S. Miller

Motion #16 That Drainage By-law #18 of 2013, being a by-law to amend Drainage By-law #11 of 2013 for a reassessment report on the Gauld Drain in the Township of St. Clair be given the necessary readings and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by D. S. Miller

Motion #17 That Drainage By-law #19 of 2013, being a by-law to amend Drainage By-law #9 of 2013 for reassessment report on the Emmons Drain in the Township of St. Clair be given the necessary readings and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS OFFICER:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #18 That the Property Standards Officer be directed to issue an Order on property known as 2417 and 2412 Courtright Line utilizing the Property Standards By-law on both properties stating repair including a engineer's report on structural capability or demolish with a 30 day deadline.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #19 That the Property Standards Officer be directed to issue an Order on property known as 128 Church Street utilizing the Property Standards By-law with a 15 day deadline and further be directed to issue an Order utilizing the Cleaning of Land By-law with a 5 day deadline to address the pool, freezer and refuse.

CARRIED

MOTIONS:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #20 That the recommendations from the Finance and Administration Committee and the Public Works and Operations Committee held July 22, 2013 be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

Mr. Shawn Bogaert owner/operator of the banquet facility known as Bogey's Inn was present to discuss with Council noise issues that have arisen in recent weeks as a result of the operation of the banquet facility. It was pointed out that at the last meeting of Council two of Mr. Bogaert neighbours were present to voice their concerns about what they consider habitual noise from the facility. Mr. Bogaert stated as owner of the facility he rents the facility for banquets and weddings and in his opinion the tenant has the responsibility to obey all provincial and Municipal by-laws including the noise restriction by-law. Council stated that it was of the opinion both the tenant and the owner has a responsibility and obligation to keep the peace or suffer the consequences. Council advised Mr. Bogaert that the neighbours that attended the recent meeting of Council were advised to contact the appropriate local policing authority if noise issues continue.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar received calls from residence in the area South of the Corunna Fire Hall and east of CSX tracks regarding the possibility of establishing an automotive compound yard and towing business from an existing property. Council directed staff to review the current zoning on the subject property.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander suggested a letter of appreciation be sent to the Brigden Library staff in their efforts to increase using of the library which has resulted in extended hours at the facility.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #21 That a letter of congratulations be sent to Mr. Robert Tremain General Manager of Cultural Services for the County congratulating Mr. Tremain and his Brigden Library staff in their successful efforts in promoting an increase in usage for the Brigden Library.

CARRIED

Darrell Randell

Councillor Randell attended the recent St. Clair River run on July 20th and approximately 750 runners participated. Councillor Randell also attended the grand opening of the Wilkesport Community Centre splash pad on July 20th.

Pete Gilliland

Deputy Mayor Gilliland also attended the St. Clair River Run and the Wilkesport splash pad opening.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #22 That the Township sponsor a foursome in the amount of \$500.00 and a primary sponsor in the amount of \$1000.00 for the up coming Enbridge/ St. Clair Township Emergency Services charity golf tournament to be conducted at the St. Clair Parkway golf course.

CARRIED

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Council directed staff to prepare congratulatory certificate for Mr. Dan Mullen and Mr. Arnold Pole on the occasion of their 80th Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #23 That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK