

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

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
October 21, 2013
5:00 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:

Regular Council – Oct 7, 2013 - Session #18
Drainage Committee – Oct 9, 2013
Sombra Museum minutes Sept 19, 2013

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

5:30 pm Mike Courtney – Brigden Optimist – cheque presentation

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) OPP – Billing model sessions
- b) County of Lambton – request for support
- c) Heritage St. Clair – request
- d) Lambton Shrine Club – recycle collection
- e) Property Standards – 165 Cooper St.

INFORMATION:

- 1) Rapids Family Health – Thank you
- 2) Recycling Council- proclamation
- 3) Ministry of Citizenship – nomination
- 4) County of Lambton - Flu clinic
- 5) CCPC – Oct 1st Minutes
- 6) S.C.R.C.A. Sept 19th minutes
- 7) Clean Harbours – June 11th Minutes
- 8) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport – Sale of the SCPC property

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DRAINS:

By-law 21 of 2013-McDonald Drain 1st and 2nd reading

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Live Stock Valuer:

Oct 14, 2013 report

Property Standards Officer Report:

-quotes

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING:

CLERK'S REPORT:

-OGRA

CAO'S REPORT:

-In Camera – legal

MOTIONS:

Recommendations from Finance and Administration and Public Works and Operations Committees

BY-LAWS:

By-Law 46 of 2013 – Confirming

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Regular Meeting of Council – Monday Nov 4, 2013 – 6:30 pm
- Committee of the Whole – Monday Nov 18, 2013 – 3:00 pm
- Regular Meeting of Council Monday Nov 18, 2013 ~ 5:00 pm (following Committee)

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.

ADOPT MINUTES:

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

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #1 That the Minutes from the Council meeting held October 7, 2013 – Session #18 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #2 That the Minutes from the Drainage Committee meeting held October 9, 2013 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 September 19, 2013 – be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

At the appointed time Mayor Arnold welcomed a Mr. Mike Courtney and his fellow Brigden Optimist Club members present to present to the Township the Brigden Optimist 50% cost share of the development of a splash pad in Brigden. Mr. Courtney pointed out that the original agreement with the Township provided for a 5 year pay back that his group through successful community fundraising activities were able to raise the Optimist Clubs share in a little over a year. Mr. Courtney thanked Council for its support. On behalf of Council Mayor Arnold thanked Mr. Courtney and his fellow Optimists for their dedicated community service that makes our community a better place to live.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Council reviewed an invitation received from the Ontario Provincial Police to attend upcoming sessions on OPP billing model engagement. The closest session will be held in London on November 14th between the hours of 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. It was suggest that perhaps if possible an elected official should attend. Councillor Miller said that the secretary of the Lambton Group Police Services Board plans to attend this session on behalf of the Police Services Board and that she could perhaps share her report to St. Clair Township.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #4 That the request of support from the Lambton County Building Services department on training and recertification protocols be tabled pending a review by County Council.

CARRIED

The Heritage St. Clair request for some type of acknowledgement of Committee membership be tabled and referred to the Deputy Clerk for discussions with the Chair of Heritage St. Clair.

Council proceeded to discuss the request received from the Lambton Shrine Club to continue the Shrine Clubs efforts to on conducting a recycle program as a fundraiser for the club at the Townships fire halls and three campgrounds. Council earlier had allowed the Shrine Club to set up recycling depots at any of the Municipal Fire halls but reserved the right for such recycling collection at the three Campgrounds to the St. Clair River Trail efforts.

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Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #5 That the issue of recycling depots at the Townships fire halls and three campgrounds be reconsidered.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #6 That Council allow the Lambton Shrine Club to establish beverage can recycling facilities at Townships Fire Halls and the three campgrounds as a supplement to the efforts of the St. Clair River Trail Committee in the campgrounds.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #7 That the property standards complaint received relative to property known as 165 Cooper St. be referred to the Property Standards Officer for investigation and report.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #8 That the following items of correspondence be dealt with as per Councils instructions.

- a) OPP – Billing model sessions-Motion # - tabled
- b) County of Lambton – request for support-Motion #4
- c) Heritage St. Clair – request- Motion # - tabled
- d) Lambton Shrine Club – recycle collection-Motion #6
- e) Property Standards – 165 Cooper St.-Motion #7

CARRIED

INFORMATION:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #9 That the following items of information be dealt with as per Councils instructions.

CARRIED

DRAINS:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #10 That Drainage By-law #21 of 2013, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$465,326.00 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for construction of the McDonald Drain be tabled pending budget deliberations.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

Live Stock Valuer:

Moved by D Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #11 That the livestock valuer's claim in the amount of \$300.00 in favour of Ken and Lauren Van Ewyk be approved and accepted for payment with possible compensation under the provincial wild life damage compensation fund.

CARRIED

CLERKS REPORT:

The Clerk asked members of council to declare their possible attendance at the February 2014 OGRA-ROMA conference to facilitate accommodation reservations. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councilors Miller and Randell advised that they would be interested in attending the conference.

MOTIONS:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #12 That the recommendations from the Finance and Administration Committee and the Public Works and Operations Committee held October 21, 2013 be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

C.O.A. REPORT:

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

BY-LAWS:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #13 That By-law Number 46 of 2013, being a by-law to confirm the resolutions and motion of St. Clair Township which were adopted up to and including October 7, 2013, having been given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

S. Miller

Councillor Miller advised that the Townships first quarter reconciliation for police costs would be approximately 25% of the anticipated \$260,000.00 rebate.

D. Randell

Councillor Randell advised of an effort through the Friends of St Clair to start restoration of the Ministry of Natural Resources wet land on Stag Island. Also Councillor Randell has been appointed for another one year term to the Source Water Protection Committee. Councillor Randell also provided his opinion that if Chatham Kent proceeds with current plans to decommission the Wallaceburg water intake from the St. Clair River system, the Townships obligations under the Clean Water Act may change considerably.

P. Carswell/Alexander

The Treasurer has provided the grant funding authorized by Council to the Brigden Library Committee for the shelving upgrade project.

Jim DeGurse

Councillor DeGurse advised of this concern about the Townships snow plowing ability should a minor variance be granted to reduce the side yard requirement in Port Lambton.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold advised of attending the Bluewater Health fundraising dinner at which Chris Hatfield was the keynote speaker and as well attended a function this afternoon for the unveiling of the Veterans Way signage on Hill St. in Corunna.

Mr. Bill Robson was present and advised Council that he was present at an invitation to discuss a possible pipeline. Mayor Arnold advised that he was unaware of such a meeting and perhaps Mr. Robson could contact the party who invited him to this meeting of Council.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #14 That the meeting enter and in camera session to discuss a legal issue.

CARRIED

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The meeting returned to order

Council considered a request from Mr. Kevin Schroeter of Nova Chemical regarding the possibility of the removal of the traffic control lights at the intersection of Moore Line and Highway 40. Council denied Mr. Schroeter's suggestion.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #15 That the suggestion to remove the traffic control lights at the intersection of Moore Line and Highway #40 be received and filed.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #16 That this meeting of Council do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK