

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 6**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
March 17, 2014
5:00 pm

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 – Session #5 – March 3, 2014
Finance and Administration – Operating Budget meeting March 6, 2014

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

5:00pm – Bluewater Health – Kathy Alexander
5:15pm – OPG – Closure – Chris Small
5:45pm – Jerry Jaworski – St. Clair Parkway speed limit

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Corunna Volunteer Fire Fighters – Field Days
- b) VON – golf tournament – request
- c) OMFPOA -2014 conference request

INFORMATION:

- 1) Bluewater Health - update
- 2) Heritage St. Clair - Jan 15, 2014 minutes
- 3) Jerry Jaworski – St. Clair Parkway - speed limit
- 4) Stantec Consulting – Payne pipeline
- 5) Moore Museum Sampler
- 6) OPP Municipal Policing – proposed model
- 7) Ontario Ombudsman – municipal oversight
- 8) OPG – coal pile drainage area
- 9) OPG – closure issues

DRAINS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT

-Status report

DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT:

-2013 Council remuneration

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING:

-Planning applications- status report
-Identification of the Heritage Committee

MOTIONS:

-Recommendation from the Finance and Administration and the Public Works and Operations Committee

BY-LAWS:

By-law 10 of 2014 – lease agreement – Bell Mobility lease
By-law 11 of 2014 – Brigden Hydro Right of Way – transfer
By-law 12 of 2014 – Crossing agreement – Oil Springs Line

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-Lambton Farm Safety – Jim Maw – appointment
-Committee of Adjustment - appointment

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

-Drainage Committee – Wednesday March 26, 2014
-Regular Meeting of Council Monday April 7, 2014 – 6:30 pm
-Committee of the Whole – Monday April 21, 2014 – 3:00 pm
-Regular Meeting of Council Monday April 21, 2014 ~ 5:00 pm (following Committee)

IN CAMERA

Property and personnel

ADJOURNMENT:

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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #1 That the minutes from the Council meeting held March 3, 2014 – Session #5 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #2 That the minutes from the Finance and Administration Committee Operating Budget meeting held March 6, 2014 be received and accepted as amended to provide for an increase in the annual grants to the cemeteries to \$300.00.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #3 That Council declare the annual Corunna Volunteer Fire Fighters Association Field Days to be held on June 6, 7, and 8th, 2014 to be a community festival.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #4 That the Township participate as a hole sponsor in the amount of \$250.00 for the VON Canada fundraising golf tournament to be held June 6, 2014

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #5 That the Township place an ad in the conference book for the annual meeting of the OMFPOA Association to be held April 27th to May 1st, 2014 at a cost of \$293.00 plus tax.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #6 That the following items of correspondence be dealt with as per Councils instructions.

- a) Corunna Volunteer Fire Fighters – Field Days-Motion #3
- b) VON – golf tournament – request-Motion #4
- c) OMFPOA -2014 conference request-Motion #5

CARRIED

INFORMATION:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #7 That the following items of information be dealt with as per Councils instructions for items identified as agenda items #1 thru 7

CARRIED

DRAINS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #8

1204 White Line

That the Property Standards Officer be directed to obtain quotes and choose the lowest quote to have the property cleaned up and brought into compliance with the by-law.

3028 Brigden Rd.

That the Property Standards Officer be directed to attend for re inspection once the work is complete and further, the Property Standards Officer close the file upon compliance confirmation.

1362 Walker St.

That the Property Standards Officer be directed to confirm demolition and close the file.

CARRIED

DEPUTY TREASURER REPORT:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #9 That the report from George Lozon, CGA, Deputy Treasurer re: 2013 Council Remuneration be tabled for correction.

CARRIED

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #10 That the report from Jeff Baranek, Planning Coordinator, on planning application status report dated March 12, 2014 be received as information.

CARRIED

Council discussed the preparation of the Lambton County Official Plan and the Deputy Clerk offered to forward the current copies of the background report on this proposed draft amendment to members of Council for their information. Mr. Baranek advised of attending an information webinar at the County on March 20th to learn various aspects of the new provincial policy statements. A report would be prepared for Councils information following this attendance.

Council discussed the Deputy Clerks report regarding identification methods for the members of Heritage St. Clair Committee. Council was of the consensus that even though the members are identified as being members of a Township committee they have no authority to enter on private property without the owner's permission, and that participation in the committee's heritage activities is strictly voluntary. It was also suggested if members are given some type of identification once the member is no longer on the committee the identification card is surrendered.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #11 That identification for the Heritage St. Clair members be made available through an identification card system developed for the Fire Services.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #12 That members of the Committee of Adjustment be poled to see if they are interested in a identification method similar to that offered to the members of the Heritage St. Clair Committee.

CARRIED

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Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #13 That the meeting enter an in camera session to discuss a legal issues.

CARRIED

The meeting returned to order

Kathy Alexander and Anita Minielly representing the Blue Water Health Foundation were present to thank the municipality for its financial support in the past and outlined some of the programs that are being initiated for improved local patient care with the benefit of foundation funding. At the conclusion of the presentation and after several questions offered by Council were answered, Mayor Arnold thanked Ms. Alexander and Ms. Minielly for their informative presentation.

Phil Stevens, Brian Miller, Steve Repergal, and Chris Smalls were present on behalf of OPG to discuss with council an overview of the landfill closure plans and the asset preservation of Lambton Generating Stations assets. Mr. Smalls stated that there are two landfills on the OPG site, one being a sludge landfill and the other being a coal ash landfill. With the recent closure of the plant these landfills are no longer active and the plans are to import suitable clay material to provide a clay cap that would elevate the landfill above grade level. The clay cap would be shaped and contoured to encourage water run off to an existing drainage system with an eventual outlet into the Bowen Creek municipal drain system. Mayor Arnold stated that there is a local need for sludge disposal capabilities and questioned if OPG was willing to sell part of its surplus unused capacity. The response was in the negative. In the discussion of the asset preservation plans Mr. Small advised that after the work force is further reduced during the month of March by the third quarter of 2014 there will be 22 full time employees at the site providing routine maintenance to the grounds and equipment that would allow, should government decides to refuel the plant, return to production. Work is continuing to remove all the conveyor system from the plant and the last of the unused coal should be removed from the site later this month. In response to councils questions Mr. Steven advised that a decision on the possible refueling of the plant would not be made until perhaps 2017 and a decision regarding the refueling may be dependant on the timed maintenance shutdown of the nuclear powered plants. At the conclusion of the presentation Mayor Arnold, on behalf of Council thanked the OPG officials participating in this presentation.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk reminded Council of the upcoming April 3rd annual meeting of the Lambton Municipal Association.

Mr. Rodey advised of a need for an in camera session to discuss property and personnel issues.

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 meetings held March 17, 2014 be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #15 That By-law Number 10 of 2014, being a by-law to authorize a lease agreement with Bell Mobility Inc. 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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Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #16 That By-law Number 11 of 2014, being a by-law to authorize the acquisition of property known as a portion of the Hydro One corridor in Brigden be given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #17 That By-law Number 10 of 2014, being a by-law to authorize an agreement with Canadian National Railway (CNR) to conduct and maintain crossing protection on Oil Springs Line be given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar questioned the status of the reports on the monitoring of the Brownfields on the Petrolia line east of Corunna.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #18 That MOE be requested for a report on the monitoring activities and the PCB storage at the Brownfields site on the Petrolia Line east of Corunna.

CARRIED

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander led Council in a discussion of the brightness of LED street lights.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold advised of attending a grade one and two class at Sacred Heart School in Port Lambton, talking about the role of the Municipality and Council in general. The Mayor also toured the Cameron Street Shell Medical Centre with a potential Physician and also received a letter from Canada Post regarding a possible reduction in the hours of the operation of the Sombra post office.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #19 That Canada Post be contacted and advised that Council is requesting the continued operation of the Sombra post office service.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Clerk advised of a discussion recently with Mr. Jim Maw, an earlier suggested appointee to the Lambton Farm Safety Association. Mr. Maw advised that he would have increased time availability later this year to act as the Township representative.

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #20 That Jim Maw be appointed as a Township representative on the Lambton Farm Safety Association.

CARRIED

Mayor Arnold advised that he would be unavailable on the regularly scheduled meeting on April 7th.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #21 That the regular meetings of Council and Committee scheduled for April 7th and 21st be rescheduled to April 15th and 29th.

CARRIED

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NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J DeGurse

Motion #22 That the meeting enter an in camera session to discuss property and personnel issues.

CARRIED

Meeting returned to order

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #23 That Mr. Harry Rome be appointed to fill a vacancy on Township Committee of Adjustment.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #24 That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK