

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

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
April 29, 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 #7 – April 15, 2014
Sombra Museum minutes – April 10, 2014

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

5:15 pm – Public Meeting-447 Smith Line-rezoning
5:30 pm – Coulombe/Piel – 156 King St - fence exemption
5:45 pm – R and A Helps, S. Harper, T. Ouellet

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Brenda Coulombe – fence exemption request
- b) Bluewater Health – donation request

INFORMATION:

- 1) Douglas Lester – support for fence exemption
- 2) Evie Klompstra – support for fence exemption
- 3) AGCO – farmers markets
- 4) Notice for fence exemption request
- 5) L.G.P.S.B. minutes – Mayors meeting
- 6) Town of Petrolia – resolution
- 7) Heritage St. Clair minutes – March 19, 2014
- 8) Christina Eheler – Pt Lot 241, Plan 413
- 9) O.G.R.A. – funding
- 10) R and A Helps, S Harper, T. Ouellet, - drainage
- 11) Planning report – 447 and 457 Smith line
- 12) Sue Waller - Objection to fence exemption
- 13) Barb Charron – Objection to fence exemption

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

BARRY UITVLUGT SENIOR PLANNER REPORT:

Source Water Protection -RMO

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING:

- Land Locked parcel
- 156 King Street-fence exemption

CLERK'S REPORT:

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

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

BY-LAWS:

- By-law 20 of 2014 – 2014 Operating Budget
- By-law 21 of 2014 – Parking regulations

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

In Camera:

- Property

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Regular Meeting of Council Monday May 5, 2014 – 6:30 pm
- Committee of the Whole – Tuesday May 20, 2014 – 3:00 pm
- Regular Meeting of Council Tuesday May 20, 2014 ~ 5:00 pm (following Committee)

ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 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:

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

Moved by J. Agar
Motion #1 That the Minutes from the Council meeting held April 15, 2014 – Session #7 be received and accepted as printed.

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell
Motion #2 That the Minutes from the Sombra Museum meeting held April 10, 2014 be received and accepted as printed.

Seconded by S. Miller

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Moved by J. DeGurse
Motion #3 That the following items of correspondence be dealt with as per Councils instructions.

Seconded by J. Agar

- a) Brenda Coulumbe/Piel – 156 King St. fence exemption – Motion #12
- b) Bluewater Health – donation request – No action

CARRIED

INFORMATION:

It was pointed out that two letters were received opposing the request for the exemption of the fence height for property known as 156 King Street.

Moved by S. Miller
Motion #4 That the following items of information be dealt with as per Councils instructions for items identified as agenda items #1 thru 13

Seconded by D. Randell

CARRIED

At the appointed time Mayor Arnold called to order the public meeting called to consider the application to rezone property known as 447 Smith Line. The Mayor explained the procedure that would be followed at this public meeting, at which time anyone wishing to speak in favour of or in opposition of the proposed rezoning would be given an opportunity to do so. The Mayor then called upon the Deputy Clerk to provide a brief overview on the application. Mr. Baranek advised that the application is a result of a consent and that the rezoning is in accordance with Provincial Policy Statements, that if approved would prohibit the further development of a residential unit on the remnant property. No written comments were received and no verbal comments were offered at this Public Meeting. The mayor called this public meeting closed.

Moved by J. Agar
Motion #5 That the application to rezone property known as 449 Smith Line Geographic Township of Sombra be approved.

Seconded by D. Randell

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

SENIOR PLANNER'S REPORT:

Moved by P. Gilliland
Motion #6 That the Township of St. Clair receives this Update Report on RMO as information be tabled pending County discussion on the issue.

Seconded by S. Miller

CARRIED

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #7 That the report from Jeff Baranek, Planning Coordinator on Land locked parcel be received as information.

CARRIED

Council asked the Deputy Clerk to investigate the current property tax status for the property that was subject to his report.

CAO REPORT:

Mr. Rodey advised of a need to discuss a property issue in camera. Councillor Carswell-Alexander also wished to address a personnel issue in camera.

MOTIONS:

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #8 That the recommendations from the Finance and Administration Committee and the Public Works and Operations Committee meetings held April 29, 2014 be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #9 That By-law Number 20 of 2014, being a by-law to adopt the budget for 2014 for the Municipality of the Corporation of the Township of St. Clair be given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

The Clerk briefed Council on the rationale for By-law 21 of 2014 which was a By-law to amend the townships current parking regulations. The By-law proposes to provide for the authority to remove derelict cars or vehicles from the road allowance if the vehicle is inappropriately licensed or derelict in any other fashion.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #10 That By-law #21 of 2014 being a By-law to amend the Townships parking regulations 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 #11 That By-law #22 of 2014 being a By-law to amend the Townships Comprehensive Zoning By-law relative to property know as 447 Smith line geographic Township of Sombra be given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Steve Miller

Councillor Miller attended the recent meeting of the Lambton Rural Game Protective Association and a retirement reception for Point Edward Mayor Dick Kirkland.

Jeff Agar

Councillor Agar advised that he was unable to attend this evening's meeting of the Children's Safety Village Committee due to a meeting conflict, but he has been made aware that the Committee is advancing its efforts on drafting a lease for the property with the township and fund raising activities are proceeding well.

Pat Carswell-Alexander

Councillor Carswell-Alexander advised that Ontario Hydro is proceeding with line work in the Brigden area.

Jim DeGurse

Councillor DeGurse pointed out that the recently passed Appointment By-law appointed him as the representative on the Moore Historical Society. Mr. DeGurse was of the opinion that Councillor Agar is on that Committee. Council corrected Councillor DeGurse on his misinformation.

Steve Arnold

Mayor Arnold also attended the recent Lambton Rural Game Protective Association for which he was appointed president for the year 2015. Mayor Arnold also attended the Mayor Dick Kirkland retirement reception, the annual day of mourning ceremony in Sarnia, and the Corunna Rebekah Lodges 70th anniversary celebration, and also attended the Middlesex County Municipal Day.

At the appointed time the Mayor called upon Brenda Coulumbe to present her request for a fencing exemption. Mrs. Coulumbe advised that the request was for permission to construct a 12 ft perimeter fence around a proposed stainless steel cook trailer to be used in the establishment of a Bed and Breakfast facility at her property known as 156 King St. in Sombra. Council was advised that the current kitchen in the existing facility is too small and a remote kitchen would be required. Council was aware that two letters of support for the exemption were received but also two letters of objection were received. Council discussed whether the permission to construct a 12 foot high fence was premature since approvals have not yet been in place to allow the placement of the remote cook trailer. Council reviewed the Deputy Clerks report on the issue citing two options that Council may have in the consideration of the trailer, one being a site plan amendment the other being a temporary use By-law.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #12 That the issue of the fence height exemption, applied for by owners of property known as 156 King Street in Sombra Village be tabled pending further information on the legitimization of the remote cook trailer.

CARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Helps were present to discuss with Council a drainage issue they are having on their property due to the lack of maintenance on the adjacent CSX railway drainage ditch. Mr. Helps stated that he has been in contact with CSX representatives both in Flint Michigan and Jacksonville Florida with the hope that CSX would endeavor to make the required drainage improvements. Mr. Helps stated that he appreciated the support given to him relative to this issue by township staff. Mr. Help to advise Council as to the status of his efforts with CSX.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #13 That the meeting enter an in camera session to discuss a personnel and property issue.

CARRIED

Meeting returned to order

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ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #14 That this meeting of Council do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned 6:15 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK