

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 12**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
June 16, 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
	D. Randell,	“
	S. Miller,	“
	J. Agar,	“
	J. DeGurse	“
Staff:	J. Rodey,	CAO
	J. Baranek	Clerk/ Director of Administration
	C. McClemens	Deputy Clerk/ Coordinator of Planning

AGENDA

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Adopt Minutes:

Regular Council – Session #11 – June 2, 2014
Moore Museum Advisory Committee Minutes – May 7, 2014

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

- 5:30 p.m. fence variance request – 509 McMahan Court
- 5:45 p.m. reconvened Court of Revision – Vandertil Drain & Broad Drain

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Arnsby Property Management – fence along Murray St
- b) 1233 Kerr Line – water bill relief
- c) Sombra Days – refreshment tent

INFORMATION:

- 1) Thank you – CCPC
- 2) Enbridge Gas – invitation
- 3) Ben Leatherdale – train noise complaint
- 4) Plympton-Wyoming – invitation
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DRAINS:

By-law #13 of 2014, 3rd reading – Powers Drain West

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING:

- deeming by-law request – 1230 Emily Street
- partial laneway closure (correction of title) – 1212 Pulteney Street

CLERK'S REPORT:

- property standards update

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

- By-law 27 of 2014 – deeming by-law - 1230 Emily Street
- By-law 28 of 2014 – partial lane closure – 1212 Pulteney Street

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

In Camera

- property & legal

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.

None declared.

Mayor Arnold informed those in the audience that Council would begin the meeting by hearing a deputation that was originally to be heard during the preceding Committee of the Whole meeting and welcomed Shaun Antle of the Corunna Community Policing Committee.

Shaun informed council that local residents have concerns with their safety when using the pedestrian crosswalk located on St. Clair Parkway north of Beckwith Street in Corunna. He stated that cars are not stopping when the lights are flashing and that a sign informing oncoming traffic to stop for pedestrians was missing.

Jean Pretty, a resident of Thompson Gardens and frequent user of the crosswalk, asked council to consider replacing the current yellow flashing beacons with red, painting a white

crosswalk on the travelled portion of the road and removing the two wide lanes eliminating the ability to dangerously pass a stopped car on the right side. Jim Hobbs, a member of the CCPC, further affirmed that cars are passing on the right side to avoid a stopped vehicle and this could lead to an accident.

Mayor Arnold informed the audience that the representative from council on the CCPC has never brought forth a motion related to these issues which is why it had not been considered to date nor was any money set aside for this project in this year's budget. He continued by suggesting the OPP have had limited issues there and have never targeted the area for extra surveillance.

Councillor Miller stated he would ask the OPP to undertake a traffic study in the area at the next Police Services Board meeting.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #1 That staff be directed to produce a report considering options and their cost, that would increase the safety for users of the crosswalk located on St. Clair Parkway north of Beckwith Street in Corunna.

CARRIED

ADOPT MINUTES:

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

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #2 That the Minutes from the Council meeting held June 2, 2014 – Session #11 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #3 That the Minutes from the Moore Museum Advisory Committee meeting held May 7, 2014 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

At the appointed time of 5:30 Mayor Arnold called to order a hearing for a fence variance at 509 McMahan Court. The owners are seeking a variance to permit a fence along their rear property line with a height of 7 feet 1 inch.

The owner of the property, Stacey Copp informed Council that she moved here from an area that permitted a fence height of 8 feet and apologized for not consulting with the municipality prior to the erection of the fence extension. She stated the reason for the increased height request was to prevent potential climbers as they have an in-ground pool in their back yard.

Steve Barnier of 511 McMahan Court stated that the grading in the subject backyard is higher than her own which makes the fence appear shorter from the proponent's rear yard but insists the height of the fence was in excess of 8 feet from the abutting church property.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #4 That the fence height variance request submitted by Joseph Keltika and Stacey Copp be denied and the fence be brought back into compliance at a maximum height of 6 feet.

CARRIED

COURT OF REVISION:

At the appointed time of 5:45, Mayor Arnold declared a pecuniary interest in the Court of Revision for the Vandertil and Broad Drain and vacated his chair. Deputy Mayor Gilliland took the chair and called the Court to Order to consider the amended assessment schedule for Mr. Vandertil and Union Gas.

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Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion #5 That Councilor Carswell-Alexander be appointed to the Drainage Committee for the purposes of the Vandertil and Broad Drain Court of Revision exclusively.

CARRIED

Nobody in attendance wished to speak to the Court about their assessment and no written correspondence was received.

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion #6 That the engineer's assessment on the Vandertil and Broad Drain, as amended by the Court of Revision at its May 20, 2014 session be confirmed and the Court of Revision on the Vandertil and Broad Drain be closed.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Mayor returned to the chair and Council proceeded to review the correspondence as listed on the agenda.

Councilor Carswell-Alexander initiated a discussion on the fence along the rear yards of residents on Murray Drive adjacent to the condominium known as 200 St. Clair Boulevard in Corunna. Direction was given to Carlie McClemens to investigate ownership of the fence before further action is taken.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #7 That it be recommended to Council that staff investigate possible water/sewer bill relief at 1233 Kerr Line for the June 15, 2014 billing.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #8 That it be recommended to Council that this Year's Sombra Days be declared as a community festival and grant permission to establish a refreshment tent at the Sombra Park on July 4th, 5th and 6th, 2014 subject to the Township's Alcohol Management Policy.

Councilor Randell informed Council that he would attend Decoration day at Riverview Cemetery on Sunday June 22 and bring greetings on their behalf.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #9 That the request from the SHARE foundation for funding towards their Sarnia Senior's Cruise be received and filed.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #10 That Council accept the following items of correspondence as per Council's direction:

- a) Arnsby Property Management – fence along Murray St
- b) 1233 Kerr Line – water bill relief
- c) Sombra Days – refreshment tent
- d) Decoration Day – attendance
- e) Sarnia Senior's Cruise

CARRIED

INFORMATION:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #11 That staff prepare a report related to regulations for trains signaling prior to entering a road crossing in response to the letter submitted by Ben Leatherdale on June 4, 2014.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #12 That the conservation policy submitted by the Moore Museum be sent to staff for review.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #13 That the following items of information be dealt with as per Council's instructions for items identified as agenda items #1 thru 9:

- 1) Thank you – CCPC
- 2) Enbridge Gas – invitation
- 3) Ben Leatherdale – train noise complaint
- 4) Plympton-Wyoming – invitation
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CARRIED

DRAINS:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Carswell-Alexander

Motion #14 That Drainage By-law #13 of 2014, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$3000.00 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for reassessment of the Powers Drain West be given the third and final reading and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and be provisionally passed.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING REPORT:

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #15 That it be recommended to Council that the report of the Deputy Clerk/Coordinator of Planning dated June 10, 2014 be received and filed and approve the recommendations.

CARRIED

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #16 That it be recommended to Council that the report of the Deputy Clerk/Coordinator of Planning dated June 11, 2014 be received and filed and approve the recommendations.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #17 That it be recommended to Council that the report of Kelly Bedard – Property Standards/By-Law Enforcement Officer dated June 11, 2014 be received as information

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #18 That the Property Standards Officer be directed to issue Orders at 2417 and 2421 Courtright Line utilizing the Property Standards By-Law with a deadline of 30 days to remediate or demolish. And further, the Property Standards Officer be directed to issue Orders utilizing the Clearing of Land By-Law with a 7 day deadline for the grass and weeds.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #19 That the Property Standards Officer obtain quotes to have the grass cut and the additional refuse cleaned up at 72 Thomson Street in Courtright.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #20 That the Property Standards Officer be directed to send a final notice and quotes to the property owners of 1204 White Line related to on-site refuse.

CARRIED

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #21 That By-law Number 27 of 2014, being a deeming by-law regarding Lot 58, Plan 3, geographic Township of Moore, Township of St. Clair to authorize the Council of St. Clair Township to designate any plan of subdivision or part thereof, that has been registered for eight years or more, to be deemed not to be a part of a registered plan of a subdivision 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 J. DeGurse

Motion #22 That By-law Number 28 of 2014, being a by-law to Stop Up, Close Permanently and Sell a portion of a laneway as shown on Registered Plan 3, running between Lot 29 and Lot 44 be given the necessary three readings, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, the Corporate seal affixed thereto and finally passed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Gilliland:

Deputy Mayor Gilliland informed Council that he was delighted to represent Council in the Ken Adams Memorial Golf Tournament to support the Mooretown Flags. He also participated and represented Council in the Trevor Daye Memorial Golf Tournament both held at the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course. Further, he reminded Council and the audience of an upcoming Trail Committee meeting on June 25 at the Courtright Hall.

Councilor Miller:

Councilor Miller informed staff that the grass at the old gravel dock in Port Lambton was a foot high and to begin the process for having it cut. He continued by stating that Dick Nantais would like a response from the Township as to what his options are for access to his back farm. John Rodey stated he would look into the matter and bring a report back for Council's consideration.

Councilor Carswell-Alexander:

Councilor Carswell-Alexander informed staff of a property on First Street in Brigden that had derelict vehicles parked on the road. She continued by inquiring about an audible signal that was supposed to be installed at the traffic signal at Hill and Lyndock Streets and wondered if it was ever installed as it is not working currently. She concluded by

suggesting staff should ensure there is no cross contamination at 1233 Kerr Line where a former well water line may still be connected where there is a municipal water service.

Councilor De Gurse:

Councilor De Gurse informed Council that the Bluewater Boy Scouts had asked him to provide the troops with township pins for their excursion to Montreal. Mayor Arnold told him to pass along a message that pins could be obtained by contacting the Mayor. Councilor De Gurse continued by informing Council of the success of the recent Bike Rodeo he attended.

Mayor Arnold:

Mayor Arnold reflected Councilor De Gurse report confirming the success of the bike rodeo at the Legion. He attended the Trevor Daye Memorial Tournament along with the Deputy Mayor and emphasized the importance of the My Safe Work charity and the work they do to try to prevent terrible workplace tragedies like the Daye family experienced. He also brought greetings to the audience at the Ken Adams Memorial Golf Tournament on behalf of Council. Riverview restaurant had an open house for their 45th anniversary that the Mayor attended and brought greetings on behalf of Council and he also attended decoration days at both Bear and Black Creek cemeteries. Mayor Arnold then informed Council he will be going to Thunder Bay for the Great Lakes Mayors and that Randy Hope is running for a director's position. He informed Council that he will be meeting with representatives from OPG related to the ongoing maintenance of the facility.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

IN-CAMERA:

Moved by P. Carswell-Alexander

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #23 That Council enter into an in-camera session to discuss a legal and a property matter.

CARRIED

The Mayor declared the meeting back into open session at 6:55 p.m. There were no items to rise and report from the in-camera session.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #24 That this meeting of Council do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

MAYOR

CLERK