

**TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION #11**

St. Clair Township Civic Centre
June 1, 2015
6:30 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
	P. Gilliland	Deputy Mayor
	T. Kingston	Councillor
	D. Randell	“
	J. Agar	“
	J. DeGurse	“
	S. Miller	“
Staff:	J. Rodey	CAO
	J. Baranek	Clerk/ Deputy CAO

**TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR
COUNCIL AGENDA**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Minutes:

Regular Council – Session #10 – May 19, 2015
Finance & Administration Minutes – May 19, 2015
Public Works & Operations Minutes – May 19, 2015
Heritage St. Clair Committee Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2015
Moore Museum Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2015
Drainage Committee Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2015
Corunna Community Policing Committee Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2015

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 p.m. – OPG Solar – Ray Davies, Anthony Zlahtic

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Sarnia Humane Society
- b) 3955 Leeland Drive – tree limb concern
- c) AMO Delegation Requests
- d) Operation Christmas Tree
- e) Moore Ag. Society – ‘Pull n Smash’
- f) Property Standards – 331 Hawthorn Place
- g) Property Standards – 212 Cameron Street
- h) Captain Kidd Days 2015
- i) Slo Pitch for Mental Illness
- j) Property Standards – 93 Thomson Street
- k) Property Standards – 298 Homestretch Drive

INFORMATION:

- 1) Forum for Young Canadians

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- 2) SCRCA – Bus Tour
- 3) Cowan – Webinar for Municipal Councillors
- 4) Aurora – Community Mailboxes
- 5) SCRCA – Conservation Update
- 6) Great Lakes Annual Meeting & Conference
- 7) St. Marys – VIA Rail
- 8) County of Lambton - Disposal of Surplus Land
- 9) Spectra Energy – St. Clair Pipelines L.P.
- 10) MNR – Rabies Vaccine

DRAINS:

By-law #17 of 2015, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$48,655.00 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for reassessment and construction of the Miller Moffat Drain be given first and second readings and be provisionally adopted.

By-law #18 of 2015, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$13,800.00 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the reassessment of the Marsh Creek Drain North be given the first and second readings and be provisionally adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

- Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDANT'S REPORT:

- Results of Quotation – St. Clair Parkway Drainage

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT:

- Surface Treatment

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING:

- Trailer complaint – 318 Ashwood Court

CLERK'S REPORT:

- 3678 Kimball Road – Reinspection report
- Transient trading By-law 30 of 2015

CAO'S REPORT:

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

- 30 of 2015 – Transient Traders By-Law

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Committee of the Whole – Monday, June 15, 2015 ~ 3:00 p.m.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #10 That staff be directed to investigate the property known as 331 Hawthorn Place for property standards compliance and that if a violation is discovered a letter be issued providing 30 days to bring the property into compliance before the Property Standards Officer becomes involved.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #11 That be directed to investigate the property known as 212 Cameron Street for property standards compliance and that if a violation is discovered a letter be issued providing 30 days to bring the property into compliance before the Property Standards Officer becomes involved.

CARRIED

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #12 That the request submitted by Captain Kidd Days Committee to use CAP Park on July 31 – August 2, 2015 for this year's event and that it be considered a community festival be approved and that a refreshment tent be permitted subject to the Township's alcohol management policy.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Degurse

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #13 That the request submitted by Ashley Rodgers to host a Slo-Pitch Tournament at CAP Park to benefit mental illness on October 3 and 4, 2015 be approved and that a refreshment tent be permitted subject to the Township's alcohol management policy.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #14 That staff be directed to investigate the property known as 94 Main Street for property standards compliance and that, if a violation is discovered, a letter be issued providing 30 days to bring the property into compliance before the Property Standards Officer becomes involved.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #15 That staff be directed to investigate the property known as 298 Homestretch Drive for property standards compliance and that, if a violation is discovered, a letter be issued providing 30 days to bring the property into compliance before the Property Standards Officer becomes involved.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #16 That Council accept the following items of correspondence as per Council's direction:

- a) Sarnia Humane Society
- b) 3955 Leeland Drive – tree limb concern
- c) AMO Delegation Requests
- d) Operation Christmas Tree
- e) Moore Ag. Society – 'Pull n Smash'
- f) Property Standards – 331 Hawthorn Place
- g) Property Standards – 212 Cameron Street
- h) Captain Kidd Days 2015
- i) Slo Pitch for Mental Illness
- j) Property Standards – 93 Thomson Street
- k) Property Standards – 298 Homestretch Drive

CARRIED

INFORMATION:

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #17 That the following items of information be dealt with as per Council's instructions for items identified as agenda items #1 thru 3:

- 1) Forum for Young Canadians
- 2) SCRCA – Bus Tour
- 3) Cowan – Webinar for Municipal Councillors

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- 4) Aurora – Community Mailboxes
- 5) SCRCA – Conservation Update
- 6) Great Lakes Annual Meeting & Conference
- 7) St. Marys – VIA Rail
- 8) County of Lambton - Disposal of Surplus Land
- 9) Spectra Energy – St. Clair Pipelines L.P.
- 10) MNR – Rabies Vaccine

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

At the appointed time of 7:00 pm, Mayor Arnold welcomed Jeff Hansen of OPG to come forward to make his presentation.

Jeff introduced himself as well as Susan Thurston, Anthony Zhltatic and Ray Davies all of OPG who will be making the presentation. The proposed project would see a solar farm encompassing 175 acres of the former OPG lands (approximately 15% of the site area) in Courtright and would produce 30 megawatts at full capacity. The former plant produced 2000 MW at full capacity. The proposed location uses the former fly ash area as well as some land currently being used for agriculture, excluding land specifically designated as “prime agricultural land” by the Township Official Plan. The connection point is on-site resulting in no off-site development or infrastructure being used or required.

Councillor Agar asked why this was their first appearance before Council about the proposal and Mr. Zhltatic advised they had met with staff and are looking at three sites.

Councillor Miller asked whether this proposal was designed with future uses for the site in mind opining that the dock appears to be rendered useless if this proposal was to be approved. Mr. Zhltatic agreed that further uses for the dock may be restricted but, advised that the dock would still be useful for many potential suitors in the future and offered that a conversion to natural gas for the former plant is being considered which would rely less heavily on marine transportation.

Councillor Randell advised he is concerned that this proposal offers little tax assessment especially when compared to what has been lost with the closure of the plant.

Mayor Arnold advised that this proposal would result in no assessment to the Township. He continued by advising that the Township has been pursuing opportunities for a dock large enough to accommodate the construction and transportation of petro-chemical modules to be shipped overseas. This proposal would eliminate the former OPG as a potential suitor for this type of investment to the community. During the initial meeting between OPG and Township staff, the Mayor advised that the plans presented for the site were a lot different and did not include the portion that would impact the use of the dock. Mayor Arnold then asked what action OPG would like to have considered at present. Mr. Zhltatic explained that a motion from Council endorsing the proposal would give their application optimal points when being considered by the Independent Electricity System Operator Corporation.

Mr. Zhltatic advised that members of the public will have an opportunity to make comments and voice their concerns at an open house to be held on June 2, 2015. Deputy Mayor Gilliland opined that Council needs to hear those concerns before dealing with the proposal.

Seeing there were no other comments or questions, Mayor Arnold thanked everyone for their presentation and asked that, once the comments gathered at the open house are considered, they approach Council again with the final proposal at which time Council will consider whether or not a motion of endorsement will be passed.

DRAINS:

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #18 That By-law #17 of 2015, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$48,655.00 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for

reassessment and construction of the Miller Moffat Drain be given first and second readings and be provisionally adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion #19 That By-law #18 of 2015, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$13,800.00 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the reassessment of the Marsh Creek Drain North be given the first and second readings and be provisionally adopted.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #20 That the report submitted by Gary Hackett and Matt Deline dated May 28, 2015 related to Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program be received as information and staff be authorized to submit applications for the Relocation of St. George's Square Monument to Civic Centre and linking the River Trail to the complex and Moore Museum; Sports Complex Upgrades; and the Port Lambton Fire Hall additions, in this prioritized order and request 33% funding for each.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by S. Miller

That Motion #20 be amended to include a fourth application item being item #5 on the report related to the replacement of the Wilkesport Hall roof.

CARRIED

DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDANT'S REPORT:

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion #21 That the report submitted by Drainage Superintendent Dave Neely dated May 27, 2015 related to quotations for the St. Clair Parkway Drainage be received and that approval be given to the quote submitted by Henry Heyink Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$36,277.51 (including net HST) for improvements to road drainage on the St. Clair Parkway between No. 3811 & 3847, and the contractor be instructed to replace the pipe crossing at 3328 St. Clair Parkway at an estimated cost of \$15,000.00 to be paid from the Storm Drainage Outlet Budget.

CARRIED

COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion #22 That the report submitted by the Coordinator of Operations Gary DePooter dated May 27, 2015 be received and that the Township Procurement policy be waived for surface treatment and the quoted price of \$3.83/m² for 'Fibremat Chip Seal' from Norjohn Contracting and Paving Ltd. be accepted.

CARRIED

DEPUTY CLERK/COORDINATOR OF PLANNING:

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #23 That the report submitted by Carlie McClemens dated May 27, 2015 related to a trailer complaint at 318 Ashwood Court be received as information.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion #24 That staff be directed to issue a letter to the owner of 318 Ashwood Court advising of the regulations related to occupying a camping trailer in a residential zone.

CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT:

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #25 That the report submitted by Clerk Jeff Baranek dated May 27, 2015 related to a site inspection of 3678 Kimball Road be received as information and that Council authorizes the Property Standards Officer to initiate clean-up procedures for the subject property.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion #26 That the report submitted by Clerk Jeff Baranek dated May 28, 2015 related to a transient trader by-law be received as information and that Council give by-law 30 all three readings thereby passing it and regulating transient trading within the Township and authorize the Clerk to initiate the process to have the by-law recognized as a Provincial Offence By-law.

CARRIED

CAO'S REPORT:

CAO John Rodey indicated he had an in-camera item related to legal to discuss.

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #27 That By-law 30 receive all three readings and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute By-law 30 of 2015 being a by-law to regulate transient traders within the Township.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Committee of the Whole – Monday, June 15, 2015 ~3:00 p.m.
- Regular Council – Monday, June 15, 2015 ~ 5:00 p.m. after Committee of the Whole
- Committee of the Whole – Monday, July 20, 2015 ~ 3:00 p.m.
- Regular Council – Monday, July 20, 2015 ~ 5:00 p.m. after Committee of the Whole

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:

Peter Gilliland:

Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised that he participated in the Big Bike for Heart & Stroke on May 20, 2015 and it was a great event.

He has been contacted by representatives of the Sarnia Doctor Recruitment Task Force for explanation as to why funding has been terminated by the Township and advised them to set up a deputation to come before Council if they have continued concerns.

Also, he informed Council that he spoke to the River Trail Committee about plans for once the trail is completed and it is their intention to scale back fundraising efforts but, not eliminate them. The plan is to provide enhancements and maintenance once the final link is in place.

Darrell Randell:

Councillor Randell advised Council that he spoke with Dave Lee of the Sombra Museum who indicated that the museum has made its presentation to Eldon Grant and encouraged Council to offer a presentation of their own to recognize his tireless commitment.

Tracy Kingston:

Councillor Kingston advised staff that the stickers on the Civic Centre doors displaying the hours of operation badly need to be replaced. She continued by advising that the bulletin board kiosk in front of the Corunna Library is badly in need of maintenance including painting and replacement of the outdated map. She attended the reintroduction of the Golden Hawk at Germain Park in Sarnia and the most recent library meeting in Brigden where efforts continue to secure new flooring and a new washroom facility.

Like other councillors, Tracy received a call from the doctor recruitment team in Sarnia and has been asked by Diane Fletcher to attend a Corunna Horticulture meeting to be held on June 4, 2015.

Councillor Kingston concluded by advising that an item came up at the most recent CCPC meeting where crossing guards are concerned about their own safety and the safety of children using the service and wondered if the Township could look into illuminated stop signs for their use. Mayor Arnold asked Tracy to suggest OPP presence at the next CCPC meeting.

Mayor Steve Arnold:

Mayor Arnold has been asked by representatives of the Sydenham Hospital for a letter of support so he directed them to seek an agenda item from the Clerk to explain exactly what they are seeking. He also attended the unveiling of the County of Lambton Hoopla Electric Library which provides access for library card holders to media events and movies at no charge (but the County is subjected to a fee per download).

Like the majority of Council, Mayor Arnold also received a call from the Sarnia Doctor Recruitment Team and has asked them to make a formal request through the Clerk for a deputation to come and speak to Council about their terminated funding.

Graffiti throughout the Township has escalated, particularly along the Parkway and the Township sign at Emily Street and the Parkway needs to be painted. The Director of Community Services shall prepare a report about graffiti patterns and possible scenarios to reduce these types of incidents. Further, work that is completely unknown to Council continues to go on within Township road allowances. Mayor Arnold wants to be notified and, particularly, have EMS notified of any work within the road allowances for their records should that information become necessary in an emergency event.

Among the many events the Mayor attended on behalf of Council and the Township were the Golden Hawk rededication ceremony, the Big Bike Ride for Heart and Stroke, the 50th anniversary of Watson's Timbr-Mart in Courtright and he met with representatives from Shell and SLEA.

To conclude, Mayor Arnold advised that he is disappointed as he has not yet heard back from Premier Wynne's parliamentary assistant and he will continue to pursue an opportunity to speak to her office about the closure of OPG and the resulting loss of tax assessment.

IN-CAMERA:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion #28 That the meeting enter an in-camera session to discuss legal and property matters.

CARRIED

Mayor Arnold declared the meeting back into open session at 8:20 p.m. and noted there was nothing to rise and report from the in-camera session.

Seeing no further business to discuss, it was thereby moved:

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Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #29 That the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor - Steve Arnold

Clerk - Jeff Baranek