

**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MINUTES
SESSION # 7**

St. Clair Civic Centre
Council Chambers
April 4, 2016
6:30 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
	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**

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April 4, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Minutes:

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – Session #6 – March 21, 2016
Finance & Administration Meeting – March 21, 2016
Public Works & Operations Meeting – March 21, 2016
Moore Museum Advisory Committee Meeting – March 2, 2016
Sombra Township Museum Board Committee Meeting – March 17, 2016
Drainage Committee Meeting – March 23, 2016
Lambton County Historical Society Meeting – March 24, 2016

Business Arising from the Minutes:

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

6:45 p.m. – Court of Revision – Lamond Drain
7:00 p.m. – MPAC – 2016 Reassessment Schedule
7:15 p.m. – Courtright Splash Pad Committee

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Sir John Moore – Parking Concern
- 2) Neighbour Concerns re: 411 Beresford
- 3) Heritage St. Clair – Three Proposals
- 4) Dream Lottery Tickets
- 5) Brander Park Splash Pad – Funding Request
- 6) VON – Community Partnership

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- 7) West Nile Virus
- 8) Sea container – 394 Beresford St.

INFORMATION:

- a) Enbridge Line 9 Update
- b) 32nd Annual Senior's Month
- c) Permit Summary 2015
- d) Species at Risk Registry - Turtles

DRAINS:

By-law #12 of 2016, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$78,600.00 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the construction of the Doyle Drain be given first and second readings and be provisionally adopted.

By-law #13 of 2016, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$49,005.00 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for the improvement of the McClure Drain be given first and second readings and be provisionally adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT:

- Quotes for Portable Toilets and Cleaning Services

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

- None

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Committee of the Whole – Monday, April 18, 2016 ~ 3:00 p.m.
- Regular Council – Monday, April 18, 2016 ~ 5:00 p.m. after Committee of the Whole
- Regular Council – Monday, May 2, 2016 ~ 6:30 p.m.
- Committee of the Whole – Monday, May 16, 2016 ~ 3:00 p.m.
- Regular Council – Monday, May 16, 2016 ~ 5:00 p.m. after Committee of the Whole

In Camera

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.

ADOPT MINUTES:

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Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #1 That the Minutes from the Council meeting held Session #6 – March 21, 2016 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #2 That the Minutes from the Finance and Administration meeting held March 21, 2016 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #3 That the Minutes from the Public Works meeting held March 21, 2016 be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #4 That the Minutes from the following meetings be received and accepted as printed:

- Moore Museum Advisory Committee Meeting – March 2, 2016
- Sombra Township Museum Board Committee Meeting – March 17, 2016
- Drainage Committee Meeting – March 23, 2016
- Lambton County Historical Society Meeting – March 24, 2016

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion #5 That the request for a crossing guard at Sir John Moore School to safely get students across St. Clair Boulevard be referred to the Principal and the Lambton Kent District School Board for their review.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by J. Degurse

Motion #6 That staff be directed to produce a report with recommendations related to the three proposal submission from the Heritage St. Clair Committee.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #7 That the request submitted by the Dream Lottery seeking permission to sell Dream Lottery tickets for the 2016 Fall Draw within the Township between the months of April – June 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Degurse

Motion #8 That the Brander Park Splash Pad Committee be invited to come to Council to present their proposal for continued matched funding for additional upgrades to Brander Park.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by J. Agar

Motion #9 That the Township continue the community partnership with VON by making a donation in the same amount that was made in 2015.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion #10 That Lambton Public Health be hereby authorized to use larvicide within the Township to help reduce the spread of the West Nile Virus and that staff be directed to sign the letter of authorization accordingly.

CARRIED

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Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion #11 That the use of larvicide to reduce the spread of the West Nile Virus be considered for rear yard catch basins on private property by Lambton Public Health and be included in their program for 2016.

CARRIED

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by J. Degurse

Motion #12 That the request to permit a sea can at 393 Beresford Street for 60 days to allow renovations to the house and repairs to a boat be approved with a deadline of June 3, 2016.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #13 That Council accept the following items of correspondence as per Council's direction:

- 1) Sir John Moore – Parking Concern
- 2) Neighbour Concerns re: 411 Beresford
- 3) Heritage St. Clair – Three Proposals
- 4) Dream Lottery Tickets
- 5) Brander Park Splash Pad – Funding Request
- 6) VON – Community Partnership
- 7) West Nile Virus
- 8) Sea container – 394 Beresford St.

CARRIED

INFORMATION:

Moved by J. DeGurse

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion #14 That the following items of information be dealt with as per Council's instructions for items identified as agenda items a) thru d):

- a) Enbridge Line 9 Update
- b) 32nd Annual Senior's Month
- c) Permit Summary 2015
- d) Species at Risk Registry - Turtles

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Arnold welcomed Wayne Wilbur, ratepayer on the McClure Drain, to address Council with concerns about the engineer's report for drain improvements.

Wayne Wilbur noted that Smith Line is not identified in the assessment schedule despite being in the watershed. Mr. Wilbur continued by advising that, at the last Consideration Meeting for the engineer's report, the engineer agreed to remove Paragraphs 8 and 10, and agreed that all brush would be left onsite with its removal or disposal being the responsibility of the private land owner, thereby removing the cost from the drainage works. He noted that he had concerns with the assessment but, was advised by Mayor Arnold that those concerns would be dealt with at the upcoming Court of Revision.

Moved by D. Randell

Seconded by P. Gilliland

Motion #15 That paragraphs 8 and 10 be revised to alleviate Wayne Wilbur's concerns as per the consideration meeting for the McClure Drain held on March 23, 2016 and to ensure that all brush be left on his property and not be removed by the contractor.

CARRIED

COURT OF REVISION:

Lamond Drain:

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At the appointed time of 6:45 p.m. Mayor Arnold called the Court of Revision to Order to hear assessment appeals for the Lamond Drain.

Mayor Arnold asked anyone interested in appealing their assessment to come forward and be sworn in – nobody came forward. It was noted that no appeals were submitted to the Clerk in writing prior to the hearing.

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by D. Randell

Motion #16 That the Engineer's assessment on the Lamond Drain in accordance with the Engineer's report dated December 11, 2015 be accepted and confirmed and that the Court of Revision on the Lamond Drain be closed.

CARRIED

MPAC – 2016 Reassessment Schedule:

At the appointed time of 7:00 p.m. Mayor Arnold welcomed Tracy Pringle of MPAC to come forward and make her presentation to Council on the 2016 Reassessment Schedule.

Mrs. Pringle went through the slide show included in the council packages and advised that residential assessment notices for the next assessment period will be mailed to residents of St. Clair on April 18, 2016. Ratepayers will have 120 days to appeal their assessment to the Assessment Review Board.

Mayor Arnold thanked Mrs. Pringle for her presentation. He also asked MPAC to consider not backdating successful appeals and putting municipalities in the position to refund large amounts of money when it has not been budgeted for.

Courtright Splash Pad:

At the appointed time of 7:15 p.m. Mayor Arnold welcomed Bob Barnes and Cathy Vickerd to make their presentation to Council related to funding for the Courtright Splash Pad.

Mrs. Vickerd advised that the splash pad project has come in under the budgeted amount of \$200,000 (\$100,000 fundraised by the Committee and \$100,000 matched by the Township) and they would like to use the excess funds for new playground equipment. In their opinion, the current equipment is dated and the metal slides become too hot in the summer for use by local children.

Deputy Mayor Gilliland noted that the proposed location of the splash pad makes errant foul balls from the nearby baseball diamond a safety concern. Mr. Barnes advised a net will be installed to protect the users of the facility from foul balls courtesy of the Moore Optimists.

Mayor Arnold advised that shelters and benching has been included with splash pads in other locations across the Township and that Council would consider a similar cost share for these types of facilities with this project.

Moved by J. Agar

Seconded by J. Degurse

Motion #17 That the Courtright Splash Pad Committee work in conjunction with the Director of Community Services towards a proposal to replace the playground equipment including a shelter and bring it back for consideration of Council to enter into a 50-50 cost share agreement.

CARRIED

DRAINS:

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion #18 That Drainage By-law #12 of 2016, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$78,600.00 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for construction of the Doyle Drain be given first and second readings and be provisionally adopted.

CARRIED

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Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by J. DeGurse

Motion #19 That Drainage By-law #13 of 2016, being a by-law to raise the sum of \$49,005.00 being money expended out of the General Funds of the Township of St. Clair for improvement of the McClure Drain be given first and second readings and be provisionally adopted.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT:

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion #20 That the report of Gary Hackett – Director of Community Services dated March 20, 2016 with regard to the Quotes for Portable Toilets and Cleaning Services be accepted and received and that Council accept the quote from Lambton Sanitation in the amount of \$10,260.00 to provide Portable Toilet and Cleaning Services.

CARRIED

MOTIONS:

BY-LAWS:

Moved by P. Gilliland

Seconded by J. Degurse

Motion #21 That By-law 17 of 2016 being a confirming by-law to confirm the resolutions and motions of St. Clair Township which were adopted up to and including April 4, 2016 be read the necessary three times, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign and that the by-law be thereby passed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Gilliland:

Deputy Mayor Gilliland advised he has been receiving complaints about the new LED streetlights being installed across the Township. The complaints are that they appear to be different in certain locations and that the retrofits on poles where decorative lights used to be make it much darker than the lights before. He speculated that this is due to the shorter poles in these locations. Areas such as the older phases of Paddock Green, Nash Court and Wilkinson Place are much darker with the new lights. Deputy Mayor Gilliland requested a report on an inventory of street lights being retro-fitted on the former decorative, shorter poles identifying all the problem areas and providing an estimate to replace the shorter poles with spun aluminum poles commonly installed as current practice.

Councillor Agar:

Councillor Agar advised that he attended a recent fundraiser for local MPP Bob Bailey where new PC leader Patrick Brown was introduced. It was a great event and Mr. Brown appears to be a very qualified candidate to lead the PC Party.

Councillor Randell:

Councillor Randell will not be able to attend the next meeting of Council, along with the preceding Committee meetings on April 18, 2016.

Councillor Miller:

Councillor Miller attended the recent Police Services Board meeting and advised that the Township should see a refund based on the time of service formula. He also attended the retirement gathering to thank Dale Lockery for his 35 years of dedicated service to the Township. Councillor Miller also noted he has received many compliments about the new lights from ratepayers in the southern part of the Township.

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Councillor Kingston:

Councillor Kingston attended the Open House at the Corunna Legion for review of the County of Lambton Official Plan. She also informed Council about a project being undertaken by the Lambton County Historical Society – Voices of Lambton - where they are looking for people to produce 10 ten-minute videos covering significant Township events over the past 10 years. Councillor Kingston is planting a commemorative tree in Guthrie Park in a brief ceremony to be held on May 1, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. to thank the community for their continued support for her store Kay's Petals and Plants in Corunna. She concluded her report by advising that the Sarnia Lambton Physician Recruitment team may fold due to lack of funding, as reported by local radio.

Councillor DeGurse:

Councillor Degurse inquired as to whether or not the Township should reconsider funding the Physician Recruitment Team in an effort to save the team.

Moved by J. Degurse

Seconded by

Motion #22 That the Township make a donation in the amount of \$5000 to the Sarnia Lambton Physician Recruitment team.

NO SECONDER THEREFORE MOTION DEFEATED

Mayor Arnold:

Mayor Arnold had the opportunity to represent the Township at various events since the last meeting. He attended the Federation of Agriculture meeting where reducing the agriculture assessment percentage to 20% was discussed. Mayor Arnold advised Council that he and CAO John Rodey met with an internet provider about the possibility of fibre optics for each home in Sombra and Port Lambton, with the rural areas being serviced by a wireless option, including the installation of more service towers. The company is expected to produce an estimate on approximate costs shortly. He also attended the retirement gathering for Dale Lockery to thank him for his service throughout his career. Mayor Arnold, along with Chief Anderson, will be traveling to Norwood to see the new command unit before it is delivered. Finally, Mayor Arnold provided the Clerk with a Key 2 Access brochure related to key fobs for visually impaired people to operate a safe crossing at intersections and asked that it be referred to Public Works for review.

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Seeing no other business to discuss, Mayor Arnold called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion #23 That the meeting of Council hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK