



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

**SESSION #2**

December 19, 2022  
3:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers

A Regular Meeting of Council was held Monday, December 19, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. with the following people participating:

	J. Agar	Mayor
	S. Miller	Deputy Mayor (electronically)
	P. Brown	Councillor
	H. Foster	Councillor
	C. Langis	Councillor
	B. Langstaff	Councillor
Staff:	J. Rodey	CAO
	J. Baranek	Clerk
Regrets:	B. Myers	Councillor

**AGENDA:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 Regular Meeting of Council – Session 1 – December 5, 2022

**4. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**4.1 3:15 p.m. - Enbridge Inc. Battery Energy Storage Project - Denise Heckbert**

**4.2 3:30 p.m. – RYDN Bikescooter Rental Business – Katelyn Bedard**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 5.1 Moore Ag Society - Grant Request
- 5.2 Petition - Brigden and Lambton Line
- 5.3 Petition - Dog Kennel Setbacks
- 5.4 Port Lambton Snowball 2023

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 6.1 Building Permit Report - November 2022
- 6.2 SCRCA - 2023 Budget
- 6.3 Concerns about new traffic light

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

Mrs. Heckbert went through her provided presentation and explained IESO has released a Request for Proposal for battery energy storage plants which will assist southwestern Ontario with potential upcoming shortages according to projections.

Enbridge is bidding on three potential sites within the Township and they are the owner of all three: 3132 Tecumseh Road, 1129 Petrolia Line, and 4534 Ladysmith Road.

Mrs. Heckbert concluded her presentation by asking Council for a motion of support to be included in their proposal for each of the three proposed sites.

After the presentation concluded, Mayor Agar asked those in attendance if they had any comments or questions for the presenters. A robust discussion ensued where many concerns were raised including fire risks; potential soil contamination; noise; and potential damage to roads.

Further, Enbridge confirmed they would provide the Township with securities to ensure any road damage was repaired, and reported they would strengthen roads where needed. Enbridge also reported they would be offering training for the Township

Along with a local ratepayer, Mayor Agar voiced his desire to see a community investment fund endowed should these projects be approved for the Township.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Agar declared the meeting closed and asked for any forthcoming motions.

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

**Motion 2** Be it resolved that the applications proposed by Enbridge Inc. for Battery Energy Storage Systems on three sites within the Township be supported in principle.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.2 – 3:30 p.m. – RYDN Bike/Scooter Rental Opportunity – Katelyn Bedard**

At the appointed time of 3:30 p.m., Mayor Agar welcomed Katelyn Bedard to make her presentation.

Rydn is a company who provides the use of e-scooters, or pedal bikes to residents for a small fee. They operate out of many various types of hubs including storage container units, and other types of pavilions or vehicles.

Rydn does not have a specific location in mind, and noted possible spots as those owned by the Township including locations that have close access to the St. Clair River Trail. These units can be as permanent or temporary as the Township desires.

The way it works is a user books a bike or scooter in advance using an app. Once they sign the waiver, and pay the fee, the unit they requested will be available at the desired pick-up and drop-off location.

Currently the team at Rydn is working on designing the necessary liability and waiver forms. Once completed, potential sites will be selected and proposals submitted.

Deputy Mayor Miller noted that other users of public land pay fees and suggested if Council is considering this use in one of the Township parks, it would be only fair to require a similar fee for use of land.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Agar thanked Mrs. Bedard for her presentation and wished her well in the rollout of the project.

#### **5. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion 3** Be it resolved that Council accept the following items of correspondence as per Council's direction:

- CARRIED**

**CARRIED**

**CARRIED**

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6.1 Building Permit Report – November 2022  
6.2 SCRCA – 2023 Budget  
6.3 Concerns about new traffic light – John Flesher

**CARRIED**

**CARRIED**

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**CARRIED**

**CARRIED**



### **Councillor Foster**

Councillor Foster has continued her education through various training modules including ones facilitated by MPAC and the County of Lambton.

Councillor Foster closed her report by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

### **Councillor Langis**

Councillor Langis participated in many events including the Fireman's Dinner and the Township Christmas Party. Councillor Langis also noted she is going to offer an idea to the Heritage Committee to create a local recognition for local athletes achievements. She noted the area has a wealth of past-residents who have achieved great things and would like to see a centralized permanent recognition for their accomplishments.

### **Councillor Langstaff**

Councillor Langstaff attended many events including the Fireman's Award Dinner, the Township Christmas Party and the Golf Committee meeting.

### **Deputy Mayor Miller**

Deputy Mayor Miller attended the County Council meeting; the Township Christmas Party; and the SCRCA meeting. Deputy Mayor Miller apologized for not appearing in person as he is under the weather, and closed his report by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

### **Mayor Agar**

Mayor Agar attended several events including orientation at the County of Lambton; County Council meeting; SLEP meeting; the emergency simulation at the Township EOC; the fireman's turkey raffle; meeting with Diageo; and the firefighter awards dinner.

## **9. BY-LAWS**

Moved by C. Langis

Seconded by H. Foster

**Motion 19** Be it resolved that the following by-law receive all three readings and be thereby passed and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute appurtenant agreements:

9.1 DRAFT By-Law 61 of 2022 – Borrowing By-Law Arena Upgrades Debenture

9.2 DRAFT By-Law 62 of 2022 – Confirming By-Law

9.3 DRAFT By-Law 63 of 2022 – Appointment By-Law

**CARRIED**

## **10. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

10.1 Regular Meeting - Session 3 - Monday, January 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

10.2 Regular Meeting - Session 4 - Monday, February 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

10.3 Regular Meeting - Session 5 - Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

## **11. IN-CAMERA**

Moved by C. Langis

Seconded by P. Brown

**Motion 20** Be it resolved that the meeting enter an in-camera session to consider the following:

11.1 Section 239(2)(i) – to consider a proposal from the Corunna Medical Centre.

11.2 Section 239(2)(d) – to consider an existing employee contract renewal

**CARRIED**

**Rise and Report**

Mayor Agar declared the meeting back into open session and asked for any forthcoming motions; No resolutions were moved.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by H. Foster

**Motion 21** Be it resolved that the meeting do hereby adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

  
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Mayor Jeff Agar

  
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Clerk Jeff Barahek

