

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 Councillor

C. Langis

B. Langstaff

Councillor

Staff:

J. Rodey

CAO

J. Baranek

Clerk

Regrets:

B. Myers

Councillor

AGENDA:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. <u>DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST</u>
- 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - 3.1 Regular Meeting of Council Session 1 December 5, 2022
- 4. <u>DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS</u>
 - 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

- 7.1 Clerk Report Hailey Konecny Commissioner of Oaths
- 7.2 Senior Planner Report Enbridge Battery Storage Zoning Report
- 7.3 Treasurer's Report Explanation of Borrowing By-Law 61 of 2022
- 7.4 Director of Public Works Sanitary Fixed Fee 2023
- 7.5 Coordinator of Works (Roads) Lasalle Line Speed Limit
- 7.6 Coordinator of Works (Roads) Murray Street Parking Report
- 7.7 Coordinator of Works (Water) Courtright Line Easement Request
- 7.8 Coordinator of Works (Water) Monthly Report
- 7.9 Coordinator of Engineering Assumption of Paddock Green Phase 17, 18A, 18B

8. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS/NOTICE OF MOTION

9. BY-LAWS

- 9.1 DRAFT By-Law 61 of 2022 Borrowing By-Law Arena Upgrades Debenture
- 9.2 DRAFT By-Law 66 of 2022 Confirming By-Law
- 9.3 DRAFT By-Law 64 of 2022 Appointment By-Law Committees and Boards

10. IN-CAMERA SESSION

- 10.1 Section 239(2)(i) to consider a proposal from the Corunna Medical Centre
- **10.2** Section 239(2)(d) to consider the renewal of a contracted employee

11. <u>UPCOMING MEETINGS</u>

- 11.1 Regular Meeting Session 3 Monday, January 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- 11.2 Regular Meeting Session 4 Monday, February 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
- 11.3 Regular Meeting Session 5 Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

At the appointed time of 3:00 p.m., Mayor Agar called the meeting to Order and welcomed those in attendance physically and via electronic means.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None Declared.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Moved by C. Langis Seconded by B. Langstaff

Motion 1

Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting Session

#1 held on December 5, 2022, be received and accepted as printed.

CARRIED

4. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

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

At the appointed time of 3:15 p.m., Mayor Agar welcomed Denise Heckbert of Enbridge Inc. to make her presentation related to Battery Energy Storage.

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

<u>Motion 3</u> Be it resolved that Council accept the following items of correspondence as per Council's direction:

- 5.1 Moore Ag Society
- 5.2 Petition Brigden and Lambton Line5.3 Petition Dog Kennel Setbacks
- 5.4 Port Lambton Snowball 2023

CARRIED

5.1 Moved by P. Brown Seconded by H. Foster Motion 4 Be it resolved that the grant request submitted by the Moore Agricultural Society be referred to the 2023 Budget deliberations.

CARRIED

5.2 Moved by C. Langis Seconded by B. Langstaff Motion 5 Be it resolved that the petition for safety improvements at the Brigden Road and Lambton Line intersection be referred to staff for a report.

CARRIED

5.3 Moved by C. Langis Seconded by B. Langstaff Motion 6 Be it resolved that the petition related to setbacks for dog kennels be referred to staff for a report.

CARRIED

5.4 Moved by H. Foster Seconded by B. Langstaff Motion 7 Be it resolved that the request submitted by Sombra Township Childcare to have the rental fees waived to accommodate their annual Snow Pitch Tournament at McDonald Park on January 28, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION

Moved by P. Brown Seconded by C. Langis Motion 8 Be it resolved that the following items of information be received as information:

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

CARRIED

7. REPORT OF COMMITTEES AND STAFF

7.1 Moved by H. Foster Seconded by C. Langis Motion 9 Be it resolved that the Commissioner of Oaths Appointment report submitted by Clerk Jeff Baranek be received as information and that Hailey Konecny be appointed as a Township Commissioner of Oaths.

CARRIED

7.2 Moved by S. Miller Seconded by C. Langis Motion 10 Be it resolved that the Enbridge Battery Power Storage Report as submitted by Senior Planner, Ian MacDougall be received as information. **CARRIED**

7.3 Moved by P. Brown Seconded by B. Langstaff Motion 11 Be it resolved that the following explanation of Borrowing By-law #61 of 2022 report as submitted by George Lozon, Treasurer be received as information.

7.4 Moved by B. Langstaff Seconded by S. Miller Motion 12 Be it resolved that the "Sanitary Fixed Fee Charge Increase for 2023" report as submitted by the Director of Public Works, Brian Black, be received as information.

CARRIED

7.5 Moved by H. Foster Seconded by B. Langstaff

Motion 13 Be it resolved that the "Lasalle Line – Speed Limit Reduction" report submitted by Coordinator of Operations – David Neely be received as information and that the request be referred to the County of Lambton.

CARRIED

7.6 Moved by H. Foster

Motion 14

Be it resolved that the "Murray Street – No Parking" report submitted by Coordinator of Operations – David Neely be received as information and that the existing no parking designation on the west side of Murray Street between Fane Street and Cameron Street be repealed, and that a new no parking zone along the east side of same affected section of Murray Street be approved, and that a corresponding by-law be approved and that signs be installed subsequently.

CARRIED

7.7 Moved by S. Miller Seconded by C. Langis

Motion 15 Be it resolved that the report submitted by Coordinator of Operations
Water/Wastewater Chris Westbrook regarding Mark and Susan Poland's
easement request be received as information.

CARRIED

Moved by C. Langis

Seconded by B. Langstaff

Motion 16 Be it resolved that the request submitted by Mark and Susan Poland for an easement over Optimist Park in Brigden be approved subject to the proponent being responsible for all costs included with its registration inclusive of the required survey.

CARRIED

7.8 Moved by P. Brown Seconded by H. Foster

Motion 17 Be it resolved that the November Operations Water/Wastewater report submitted by Coordinator of Operations Water/Wastewater Chris Westbrook be received as information.

CARRIED

- 7.9 Moved by S. Miller Seconded by C. Langis

 Motion 18 Be it resolved that the "Paddock Green Subdivision Phases 17, 18A and 18B Assumption" report submitted by Coordinator of Engineering Paul daSilva be received as information and that the following recommendations be approved:
 - 1. That the assumption of the Paddock Green Subdivision Phases 17, 18A and 18B in the former Township of Moore be approved by Council
 - 2. That the \$1,045,527.66 in Letters of Credit currently being held as security be released
 - 3. That the Clerk prepare an assumption by-law for the public roadways and municipal services

CARRIED

8. <u>NEW BUSINESS/COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS</u>

Councillor Brown

Councillor Brown attended the Golf Committee meeting and the SCRCA meeting. Councillor Brown suggested an amendment to the Election Sign By-Law for the next municipal election that would prohibit the use of traffic light and streetlight poles for election campaign materials.

Councillor Brown closed his report by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

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 simuation 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

<u>Motion 19</u> 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

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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.

Mayor Jeff Agar

Clerk Jeff Barranek