



Township of St. Clair

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 4.1. Regular Council Meeting - April 7, 2026
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5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- 5.1. St. Clair River Trail Committee - 2025 Review / 2026 Upcoming Projects
[St Clair River Trail Committee Presentation](#)
- 5.2. Mooretown Campground
Brenda Dangela
Hope Dickson
Kathy Blondin

6. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

- 6.1. St. Clair River Run Request
[St Clair River Run Request](#)
- 6.2. Request for Turtle Crossing Sign - St. Clair Parkway
[Request for Turtle Crossing Signage - St Clair Parkway](#)
- 6.3. Mooretown Campground - Consideration for Closure
[Mooretown Campground Consideration for Closure](#)

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1. History of Drainage Conditions - Former Mayor, Steve Arnold
[History of Drainage Conditions - Former Mayor Steve Arnold](#)

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 8.1. MOORETOWN CAMPGROUND - Council will consider the following motion:

WHEREAS the Mooretown Campground has been a landmark feature of the Township of St. Clair and formerly the Township of Moore for generations;

AND WHEREAS it remains a desire for the Council of the Township of St. Clair to continue to offer this facility to our residents and to attract visitors to our community;

AND WHEREAS it is a priority for the Township to ensure quality for all its facilities and services;

AND WHEREAS low revenues and increased operating costs have left the Mooretown Campground in dire state for necessary improvements;

AND WHEREAS the necessary improvements include the upgrading of the hydro, water and electrical services; surface drainage improvements, the replacement of the roof on the mens washroom, and significant improvements to the pool;

AND WHEREAS the necessary improvements are estimated to cost between \$1 million and \$2 million to bring the facility back to its proper quality operation, without improving any of the services;

AND WHEREAS the revenue observed from the Mooretown Campground over the past three years has been \$97,962, but used \$37,457 of General Revenue funds for capital/operating over those same years;

AND WHEREAS it is not a priority of Council to use General Revenue funds to improve a facility only utilized by a small percentage of Township residents;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved:

1. That the Mooretown Campground permanently close after the 2026 camping season.
2. That efforts be made to re-locate any seasonal campers at the two other Township operated campgrounds with priority being given to those who also otherwise reside within the Township.

[Director of Community Services Report - Mooretown Campground 2025 Letters in Support of Closing the Mooretown Campground](#)
[Letters in Opposition of Closing the Mooretown Campground](#)

- 8.2. **Director of Community Services Report** - Mooretown Campground Financials 2023-2026
[Mooretown Campground Financials](#)

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND STAFF

- 9.1. **Clerk's Report** - Important Dates and Lame Duck Status for 2026 Municipal Election
[Important Dates and Lame Duck Status for 2026 Municipal Election](#)
- 9.2. **Coordinator of Operations (Works)** - Request to Waive Road Restrictions - Air Quality Survey Unit
[Waive Road Restrictions](#)
- 9.3. **Planner Report** - Removal of Holding - Paddock Green
[Removal of Holding - Paddock Green](#)

10. DRAINAGE BY-LAWS

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[DRAFT B-L 1 of 2026 - Henry Drain](#)
- 10.2. **By-Law 2 of 2026** - Government Drain No. 3
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[DRAFT B-L 3 of 2026 - Burton Creek Drain 2025](#)

11. BY-LAWS

- 11.1. **By-Law 20 of 2026** - Golf Course Borrowing Authorization
[DRAFT B-L 20 of 2026 - Golf Course Borrowing Authorization](#)
- 11.2. **By-Law 21 of 2026** - Lame Duck Delegation of Authority By-Law
[DRAFT B-L 21 of 2026 - Lame Duck Delegation of Authority Bylaw](#)
- 11.3. **By-Law 22 of 2026** - Confirming By-Law
[DRAFT B-L 22 of 2026 - Confirming By-Law](#)
- 11.4. **By-Law 23 of 2026** - Removal of Holding - Paddock Green
[DRAFT B-L 23 of 2026 - Removal of Holding - Paddock Green](#)
- 11.5. **By-Law 24 of 2026** - Noise By-Law Enforcement Contract - Carson Wilson
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12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 13.1. Regular Meeting - Session 8 - May 4, 2026 at 3:00 pm
- 13.2. Regular Meeting - Session 9 - May 19, 2026 at 6:00 pm
- 13.3. Regular Meeting - Session 10 - June 1, 2026 at 3:00 pm

14. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, April 20, 2026
Council Chambers

The Regular Council of the Township of St. Clair was called to order on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Councillor Bill Myers, Councillor Brad Langstaff, Councillor Cathy Langis, Councillor Holly Foster, Mayor Jeff Agar, Councillor Pat Brown, Deputy Mayor Steve Miller, CAO John Rodey, and Clerk Jeff Baranek

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is being streamed live through the St. Clair Township Website. By attending a public meeting of Council you are consenting to your image, voice and comments being recorded and published to the Township website.

Anyone who is invited to speak will be recorded and their voice, image and comments will form part of the live stream and public record.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We acknowledge that this land on which we are gathered today is part of the ancestral land of the Chippewa, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples, referred to collectively as the Anishinaabeg. It is through the connection of the Anishinaabeg with the spirit of the land, water and air that we recognize their unique cultures, traditions, and values. Together as treaty people, we have a shared responsibility to act with respect for the environment that sustains all life, protecting the future for those generations to come.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None to declare.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting - April 7, 2026

Motion 1

Bill Myers made a motion - Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 7, 2026, be received and approved. Cathy Langis seconded the motion. CARRIED.

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

5.1 St. Clair River Trail Committee - 2025 Review / 2026 Upcoming Projects

On behalf of the St. Clair River Trail, Chairperson Rose Atkins presented the committee's achievements for 2025, and notified Council of their proposed projects for the 2026 season.

Among their many achievements from 2025, the committee installed new garbage cans and bike racks along the trail; the installed an irrigation pump in the pond at Brander Park to help control the mosquito population; initiated an edging program to recover the grown-over portions of the trail; and donated funds to Heritage St. Clair for the installation of a storyboard commemorating

Fawn Island to be installed in Regan Park. In total, the projects commissioned in 2025 cost the committee approximately \$80,000.

For 2026, the Committee will undertake two major projects: the widening of the trail along Lyndoch Street in Corunna from St. Clair Boulevard to Cameron Street, then west through Cruickshank Park to Beresford Street; and they will also contribute to new trails along the waterfront in Corunna joining with a separate shoreline protection project. The widening of the trail along Lyndoch will see the introduction of a new wide strip of asphalt that will act as the bike route complete with markings to differentiate and will cost approximately \$75,000. The waterfront trail project will run in conjunction with a Public Works Capital project and will cost the trail committee approximately \$145,000.

Council thanked Rose and the entire committee for their dedicated and relentless efforts to ensure the trail remains a pinnacle feature of the community. Without volunteers, the trail would have never been commissioned, and it is only because of their efforts that it is the majestic attraction it is today.

5.2 Voice for the Campers of Mooretown Campground

In response to the Notice of Motion on the agenda that would formally terminate the operations of the Mooretown Campground due to increasing operating costs, aging infrastructure, and limited revenue sources, Brenda D'Angela, Hope Dickson, and Kathy Blondin addressed Council encouraging them to reconsider and keep the campground open.

Each presenter spoke at length about what being a seasonal camper means to them and their families noting they all take pride in calling it their home for 5.5 months each year. The presenters spoke passionately about their experiences in the campground and what it has meant to them over the years. They discussed potential revenue generating grant opportunities and potential partnerships with local industries.

Over the past few seasons, the introduction of a social committee has resulted in many park-wide activities including a Christmas-in-the-Park where all accumulated items of clothing and cans of food were donated within the Township to local food banks and to Operation Christmas Tree.

At the end of a very detailed and robust discussion, Clerk Jeff Baranek explained that the motion included on the agenda noted under the Notice of Motion section would need to be formally lifted from the table to be considered.

Motion 2

Steve Miller made a motion - Be it resolved that motion listed under item 8.1 that would formally close the Mooretown Campground after the 2026 operating season, be lifted from Table for consideration. Holly Foster seconded the motion. MOTION LOST

Motion 3

Brad Langstaff made a motion - Be it resolved that staff be directed to retain a third party to undertake a comprehensive study to determine the feasibility of the continued operation of all three Township campgrounds including the costs associated with upgrading the hydro and sewer services; identifying other revenue streams or avenues to increase revenues within the current operational approach; and the fair expectation for getting usership to capacity; and that the study be funded using the Environment and Education Fund. Steve Miller seconded the motion. **(Mayor Agar requested a Recorded Vote)**

CARRIED 5-2 (for: Bill Myers, Brad Langstaff, Cathy Langis, Jeff Agar, Pat Brown; opposed: Holly Foster and Steve Miller).

6. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

6.1 St. Clair River Run Request

Motion 4

Holly Foster made a motion - Be it resolved that the following items of correspondence be received:

- St. Clair River Run Request
- Request for Turtle Crossing Sign - St. Clair Parkway
- Mooretown Campground - Consideration for Closure

Pat Brown seconded the motion. CARRIED.

Motion 5

Bill Myers made a motion Be it resolved that the Township of St. Clair support the Annual St. Clair River Run being held on May 30, 2026 by providing the following:

1. Securing OPP for the rolling road closures starting at the Half Marathon Point
2. Delivering the following items to Brandor Park
 - a. Rectangular tables
 - b. Pylons
 - c. Extra garbage cans
3. Grass cut as close to May 30th as possible
4. Removal of goose poop on the Brander Park portion of the trail if necessary
5. Stocked washrooms at Brander, Branton-Cundick and Marshy Creek (extra toilet paper and paper towels at Brander Park)
6. Extra garbage pails at Brander
7. The roadside portion of Trail swept on Friday

Steve Miller seconded the motion. CARRIED.

6.2 Request for Turtle Crossing Sign - St. Clair Parkway

Motion 6

Steve Miller made a motion - Be it resolved that the Turtle Crossing Sign request be received and filed. Cathy Langis seconded the motion. CARRIED.

6.3 Mooretown Campground - Consideration for Closure

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 History of Drainage Conditions - Former Mayor, Steve Arnold

Motion 7

Steve Miller made a motion - Be it resolved that the information item History of Drainage Conditions submitted by Former Mayor Steve Arnold be received. Holly Foster seconded the motion. CARRIED.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 (Addressed in Motion 2 & 3 above)

Director of Community Services Report – Mooretown Campground 2025

Motion 9

Steve Miller made a motion – Be it resolved that the letters of Support and of Opposition for Closing the Mooretown Campground be received. Bill Myers seconded the motion. CARRIED

8.2 Director of Community Services Report - Mooretown Campground Financials 2023-2026

Motion 10

Brad Langstaff made a motion - Be it resolved that the Mooretown Campground report submitted by Director of Community Services Kendall Lindsay be received as information. Pat Brown seconded the motion. CARRIED.

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND STAFF

9.1 Clerk's Report - Important Dates and Lame Duck Status for 2026 Municipal Election

Motion 11

Cathy Langis made a motion - Be it resolved that the Important Dates and Lame Duck Status for 2026 Municipal Election report submitted by Clerk Jeff Baranek be received and that draft Bylaw 21 of 2026 being a bylaw to delegate the authority to exercise the powers limited by Section 275 of the Municipal Act to the CAO in the event of a Lame Duck Council be considered for approval. Pat Brown seconded the motion. CARRIED.

9.2 Coordinator of Operations (Works) - Request to Waive Road Restrictions - Air Quality Survey Unit

Motion 12

Brad Langstaff made a motion - Be it resolved that the Request to waive road restrictions – Air Quality Survey Unit report submitted by Coordinator of Operations David Neely be received and that restrictions related to “No Truck” roads and ½ load designated roads be waived for the mobile lab truck used by Environment and Climate Change Canada. Steve Miller seconded the motion. CARRIED.

9.3 Planner Report - Removal of Holding - Paddock Green

Motion 13

Pat Brown made a motion - Be it resolved that the Removal of Holding - Paddock Green report submitted by Planner Jordan Wallis be received and that draft Bylaw 23 of 2026 to remove the holding symbol on lands described as Plan 731, Lots 1 to 138 and Part of Block 154 be considered for approval. Holly Foster seconded the motion. CARRIED.

10. DRAINAGE BY-LAWS

10.1 **By-Law 1 of 2026** - Henry Drain

10.2 **By-Law 2 of 2026** - Government Drain No. 3

10.3 By-Law 3 of 2026 - Burton Creek Drain 2025

Motion 14

Brad Langstaff made a motion - Be it resolved that the following drainage by-laws receive all three readings and be thereby passed and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the by-law and any agreements thereto:

10.1 - By-Law 1 of 2026 - Henry Drain

10.2 - By-Law 2 of 2026 - Government Drain No.3

10.3 - By-Law 3 of 2026 - Burton Creek Drain 2025 Bill Myers seconded the motion. CARRIED.

11. BY-LAWS

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11.3 By-Law 22 of 2026 - Confirming By-Law

11.4 By-Law 23 of 2026 - Removal of Holding - Paddock Green

11.5 By-Law 24 of 2026 - Noise By-Law Enforcement Contract - Carson Wilson

Motion 15

Cathy Langis made a motion - Be it resolved that the following by-laws receive all three readings and be thereby passed and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the by-law and any agreements thereto:

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Pat Brown seconded the motion. CARRIED

12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

COUNCILLOR BROWN

Councillor Brown asked staff to maintain the trees in the road allowance along Lyndoch Street in Corunna and install new stakes where needed; remove stakes where no-longer required; and pruning any saplings. Councillor Brown attended the Rural Game Banquet at the Corunna Legion and the SCRCA meeting.

COUNCILLOR FOSTER

Councillor Foster attended the Rural Game Banquet and participated in the last of the asset-management webinars facilitated by the MFOA.

COUNCILLOR LANGIS

Councillor Langis attended the trivia night hosted by the Corunna Kiwanis group at the Parkway Golf Course; she attended the Masters Party also at the golf course; and

attended the Heritage St. Clair meeting noting they have drafts prepared for the dedication of the John DeMars Bridge.

COUNCILLOR LANGSTAFF

Councillor Langstaff attended an event where he was able to converse with Shadow Ag Minister, MP John Barlow. Councillor Langstaff thanked staff for their continued pursuit of compliance and restoration with the local consultants installing fibre optics in the Township.

COUNCILLOR MYERS

Councillor Myers attended the Rural Game Banquet and the Wilkesport Jamboree. Councillor Myers announced to Council that the Wilkesport Hall Board will be having a Community Fun Day on June 13 and extended an invitation for all to attend.

DEPUTY MAYOR MILLER

Deputy Mayor Miller attended the Rural Game Banquet, a County Council meeting, and the recent SCRCA meeting where he noted there is still no clarity for the pending amalgamations of Conservation Authorities.

MAYOR AGAR

Along with MP's Bob Bailey and Steve Pinsonneault, and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, Mayor Agar met with the Board of LAWSS to discuss the direction of the board moving forward.

Mayor Agar hosted the Rural Game Banquet at the Corunna Legion; attended a County Council meeting; attended Kennedy Osborne's Blanket Ceremony at Aamjiwnaang noting it was very emotional and was well attended; and participated in a meeting dealing with IPM.

Mayor Agar closed his report by clarifying that neither this Council, nor any before it, has turned down a grant from a local industry to be used towards improvements on the Mooretown Campground.

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14. ADJOURNMENT

- 14.1 The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Motion 16

Bill Myers made a motion - Be it resolved that the meeting do hereby adjourn. Brad Langstaff seconded the motion. CARRIED.

Mayor - Jeff Agar

Clerk - Jeff Baranek

