

TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION

Date: Wednesday March 2, 2005 Start Time: 1:00 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
5. Adoption of the Agenda
6. Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting
7. Adoption of the Accounts
8. **Delegation**
 1. Ray Bonenberg – MNR – Review Mandate
9. **Committee Reports**
 - a) Finance and Administration Committee
10. **Departmental Reports**

Monthly reports from Waste Management, Treasurer, Fire Department, Roads, Water & Sewage, By-law Enforcement
11. **Bylaws**
12. **Misc Correspondence**
13. **New/Unfinished Business**
 1. Blind Anglers International Tournament – Donation
 2. Civil Marriage Request - Williamson
14. **Closed Meeting to discuss litigation, potential litigation, labour relations, and the security of the property of the municipality.**
15. **Adjournment**

Present:- Reeve Donald Rathwell, Councillors - Art Cobb, Jack Ferguson, Jim Labow, Daryl McLaughlin, Jacob Rook and Beulah Wright.

Councillor Joey Trimm arrived at 1:05 p.m.
Deputy Reeve Ron Lowe arrived at 1:20 p.m.

Staff Present :- Dean Sauriol, Randi Keith, Jacques Benoit, Hal Johnson and Steven Hodson

Prayer was recited

Clerk conducted Roll Call

Conflict - None reported

Adopt Agenda

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Beulah Wright

2005-51 “Be it resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopt the agenda dated March 2nd 2005 for the Regular Council Meeting as submitted with the addition of 13. 2.) Civil Marriage Request – Williamson.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jim Labow

2005-52 “Be it Resolved that the minutes of the previous Regular Council Meeting dated February 16th 2005 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Approval of Accounts

Moved by A. Cobb, Seconded by Beulah Wright

2005-53 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approve the attached schedule of Accounts for the period February 1 – February 28, 2005, in the amount of \$381,987.54 in general purposes and \$39,077.45 for Water Purposes and that the above accounts be paid.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Delegation

Ray Bonenberg – MNR – Review Mandate

Mr. Ray Bonenberg of MNR was present to review the MNR mandate and organization. Mike Bohn and Joanna Gaweda of MNR staff were also present.

Mr. Bonenberg reviewed the services that MNR provide, things such as:-

- Land use planning
- Public Safety and Protection
- National Resources Liaison
- Stewardship Council & Coordinator
- Enforcement and Compliance

A review of how the Ministry works was brought forward. Mr. Bonenberg stated some of the challenges that the Ministry faces.

Several questions were posed.

Committee Reports

Finance and Administration

2004 Councillor’s Statement of Remuneration

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Joey Trimm

2005-54 “Be it Resolved that the Finance and Administration recommend to council that as per Section 284(1) of the Municipal Act the Township of Whitewater Region hereby reports all members of Council 2004 Remuneration and expenses.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Drainage Superintendent – Request

Moved by A. Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2005-55 “Be it Resolved that the Finance and Administration Committee recommend to the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region that the Drainage agreement with the Drainage Superintendent presented by the Township of Admaston/Bromley hereby be accepted as proposed, with the exception that the mileage will be reconsidered at budget time.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

DEPARTMENT: Building and By-law Enforcement

DATE: March 02, 2005

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

- Continuing on my building inspections for all types of permits issued.
 - Issued 2 Building Permits at a value of \$14 500.00 in total. 1 addition to an existing barn and a commercial building.
- We had our first Committee of Adjustment meeting on February 16, 2005. The meeting went well and Ron Lowe was appointed as Chairman and Jack Ferguson was appointed as Vice-Chairman.
- We sent out the proposed Zoning By-law to all agencies and posted the notice in the local newspapers. We are receiving some inquiries and concerns with proposed modifications to the By-law from agencies and the public.
- Went to a Mississauga from February 21 to 25 for a course put on by OBOA and MMAH about Intermediate Plumbing. This is my 9th course taken from a series of courses. I wrote the exam on the Friday and received a 70% mark or higher which was emailed by the facilitator this week. A certificate will follow from MMAH.

Department Head Signature Jacques Benoit

Fire Department

February 25, 2005

Chief/Deputy Chief's Monthly Activities

- Jan 31/05 Deputy Chief Moore attends Westmeath Stn. Practice x 5
- Feb 1/05 Chief Heubner meets with Fire Specialist Bill Bowles
- Feb 2/05 Chief Heubner attends Cobden practice
- Feb 6/05 Chief's Heubner & Moore met over Budget & Jepp Grant
- Feb 9/05 Chief's Heubner & Moore met over new radio's
- Feb 10/05 Chief Heubner attends county chief's meeting
- Feb 14/05 Chief Heubner met fire specialist Bill Bowles
- Feb 21/05 Chief's Heubner & Moore met with Captains on Incident Command Training
- Feb 22/05 Chief's Heubner & Moore met with Fire Specialist Bill Bowles on Simplified Risk Assessment
- Feb 23/05 Chief Heubner attended Beachburg Stn. training
- Feb 24 Chief's Heubner & Moore attended Emergency Plan meeting in the council chamber

TOTAL EMERGENCY (STATION) RESPONSES FOR FEBRUARY - 3

STN. # 1 HALEY'S

Feb 4 Motor Vehicle Accident – Corner Haley & Godfrey Road

STN # 4 BEACHBURG

Feb 10 False Alarm – Beachburg Public School

Feb 20 Motor Vehicle Accident – Government Road

TRUCK/HALL REPORT

F. Falls Stn. 3 Truck # 9640 had ball valve tightened new rad core installed new quick dump extension. 3 small light bulbs replaced.

Beachburg Stn. 4 Truck # 9634 had a major leak in the tank. It was taken down to Asphodel Fire Truck and the tank was removed and repaired. A seam weld let go. It also had several other repairs done on it at Asphodel.

Westmeath Stn. 5 Truck # 9639 had wiring and starter repairs done after the barn fire, wire's burn off.

RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD

I've completed the truck replacement plan for Fire Committee and it will be presented at fire committee.

Christie & Walther have notified me that the new radio's are in and will be delivered next week.

Department Head Signature *Wayne Heubner*

Department : Plants

: February 2005

Date

Monthly Activities:

Normal operation and maintenance activities for the month of February included the following:

A gradual drop in the low lift pumping rates has become evident at the Cobden WTP. Pump suction inlets were cleaned and Piping flanges were removed for inspection revealing no buildup that might hinder flow. The problem is probable wear in the pump impellers and it is hoped that no repair will become necessary until the pumps are replaced with plant upgrades.

A water break repair on Anderson Drive in Beachburg has resulted in a drop in water flow of 100,000 liters per day and a corresponding drop in pump running time of 4.5 hours per day.

The Ministry of the Environment conducted an inspection at the Beachburg WTP this month.

The main thing focused on by the Inspector was a Well Head Protection Plan. It was explained to the Inspector that a subdivision agreement on lands around Jackson Lake had already been in effect prior to the new water regulations. Any actions required in regard to well head protection will no doubt be included in the upcoming inspection report.

More and more difficulty is being experienced in obtaining distribution system water samples in the Haley Townsite. A growing number of residents have water softeners installed eliminating them as sampling sites. As well it is often difficult to find residents at

home. Outside “no freeze taps” that we installed at three residences for our use are often found to be frozen. Sampling stations constructed by our staff and slated for installation last fall need to be installed as soon as frost leaves the ground this year.

Two tanker loads of sludge have been hauled to Ottawa from the Cobden WWTP this month. The new procedures initiated by Ottawa have been going smoothly thus far.

A plant inspection was conducted by Mr. Tor Rustad of the Ministry of the Environment at the end of January and a report has been received this month. We were pleased with the report that included no non compliance items or actions required.

A Septage and Biosolids Management meeting conducted by Dillon Consultants was attended in Pembroke and a workshop planned for March 2nd will be attended in Cobden.

An application has been submitted to the MOE Manager of Approvals requesting an extension to the due date for Water Plant Engineering Reports that are due by November this year. The reason being offered is that the Engineering Reports would conflict with Final Engineering and upgrades that are scheduled for this year, and should be delayed until after this work is completed.

Truck repairs that have been done included a new master cylinder, wheel cylinder, brake pads and rear axle seals all installed by plant staff and new front tires and alignment done by OK Tire.

Plant Manager: *David Simmons*

Department of Public Works

February 2005

Monthly Activities:

This month we had 14 weather responses. February of last year we had 20.

This month we did not have to respond on any weekend days, last year we responded every Saturday and two Sundays.

We have exhausted our winter sand stock in the domes and have had to haul more sand from our pit to replenish. This puts at over seven thousand cubic yards of winter sand applied to our roads and streets (583 tandem loads) this season.

We repaired two water leaks in Beachburg, both were pin holes in service lines. This winter we have not had any problems with frozen service lines, this is due to the previously affected home owners maintaining a small constant flow of water, frozen services have been a problem in past winters.

Public Works Supervisor *Hal Johnson CRS*

DEPARTMENT: TREASURER

DATE: FEBRUARY 2005

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

Interim Billing of Taxes

The 2005 Interim Billing was sent out on February 7th, 2005. The Billing was for \$ 2,563,065.89 which is 50% of last year's taxes. The first instalment is due February 28th and the second instalment is due April 29, 2005.

Payments are being received at a steady stream.

CRF Allocation

The first instalment of the CRF Allocation has been received. The amount is \$ 327,500.00.

There is still no official notice from the Province concerning the reconciliation.

Loans

We did not have to borrow any money for operating so far this year.

Budget

The department heads have commenced their budget deliberations this year. Meetings will be held in March to discuss their requests. We have not received any figures from the Province concerning Police Expenditures.

Waste Management Department

Monthly Report

February, 2005

February 4th – John Deere Excavator floated directly to the Westmeath Landfill from Ontrac in Ottawa. Arrived approximately 3:00 PM.

February 5th – began tearing down the exceptionally large pile of waste resulting from over two (2) months accumulation. Proper placement and compaction will result in the ability to regain or reacquire a portion of the North East corner which was filled up while the excavator was gone.

Jp2g completed and printed Topographic Survey drawings of the Westmeath Landfill as-it-was December 17th 2004 (date of Survey). I acquired six (6) copies which are required for the Closure Plan, Annual Report as well as referencing to determine side slope development, final contours

and available capacity in isolated areas.

CAO forwarded correspondence from MOE Assessment & Approvals Branch to myself with respect to the use of Strontium Waste at the Westmeath Site as a “daily cover”. I prepared and submitted reply and acknowledgement of MOE concerns. All Strontium Waste received at the Westmeath Site and soon the Ross Site will be considered a waste and treated as such. There is an option of utilizing this waste for berm construction, road construction or grading requirements within the approved in-fill area/footprint. This is deemed acceptable to MOE.

Prepared and submitted proposed budget for Waste Management Department.

Completed and submitted Westmeath Landfill Site Final Closure Plan to MOE Assessment & Approvals Branch. Also forwarded to the District Office in Ottawa.

Excavator repairs have proven effective. Tracks remain tight, in place and hydraulic leaks have all been eliminated. Machine is working well.

Landfill Operations Manager Steven Hodson

Blind Anglers International Tournament – Donation

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by A. Cobb

2005-56 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region agree to donate \$500.00 to the Blind Anglers International Fishing Tournament located in Westmeath on June 3-5, 2005.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Civil Marriage Request – Williamson

Moved by Joe Trimm, Seconded by Jim Labow

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region agree to offer the provision of Civil Marriages solemnization to the residents of Ontario and that Cathy Williamson be delegated the authority to provide such solemnization under the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 228 (4) & (5) and such a by-law be prepared.”

Recorded Vote

YEAS		NAYS
	Reeve Rathwell	X
	Deputy Reeve Lowe	X
	Councillor Cobb	X
X	Councillor Trimm	
X	Councillor Rook	
X	Councillor McLaughlin	
	Councillor Ferguson	X
	Councillor Wright	X
X	Councillor Labow	
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Not Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Adjournment

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Beulah Wright

2005-57 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Regular Council Meeting dated March 2nd, 2005 be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Reeve – Donald Rathwell

CAO – Dean Sauriol

