

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Council Meeting**

Meeting Title: Regular Council Meeting Date: Wednesday February 1, 2006

Place: Municipal Council Chambers 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. Lara Mylly & Sandra Tait – Whitewater Bromley Community Health Centre Satellite
9. **Departmental Reports**

Monthly reports from Waste Management, Treasurer, Fire Department, Roads, Water & Sewage, By-law Enforcement
10. **Committee Reports**
 - a) Waste Management Committee
11. **Bylaws**
 - a) 06-02-223 Tile Drain Loan Application – Lot 13, Con 9 - Black
 - b)
12. **Misc Correspondence**
 1. Letter of Concern – Reeve Rathwell
 2. Letter of Response Annual Tax policy decisions – County of Renfrew
 3. Letter of Information - OPP
13. **New/Unfinished Business**
 - 1.
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, Deputy Reeve Ron Lowe, Councillors - Art Cobb, Jack Ferguson, Jim Labow, Daryl McLaughlin, Jacob Rook, Joey Trimm and Beulah Wright.

Staff Present: Dean Sauriol

Prayer was recited

Clerk conducted Roll Call

Conflict – None reported

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Beulah Wright

2006-330 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopt the agenda dated February 1, 2006 for the Regular Council Meeting as submitted with the addition of 13.1) Surplus Land Pt Lot 11 Con 5 Sale – Award – McBride.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jim Labow

2006-331 “Be it Resolved that the minutes of the previous Regular Council Meeting dated January 18, 2006 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Tax Bills

The Interim Bills will be sent out in the beginning of February. The bill will be 50% of last year's taxes.

Department Head Signature.....Randi Keith

Department: Fire

Fire Chief: Wayne Heubner

Chief/Deputy Chief's Monthly Activities January 2006

- Jan 2/06 Chief Moore attends Westmeath Station practice x4.
- Jan 4/06 Chief Heubner attended Council Meeting
- Jan 4/06 Chief Heubner attended Cobden Station practice.
- Jan 7/06 Chief Heubner met with Fort Garry Fire Truck representative.
- Jan 18/06 Chief Heubner attended Cobden Station practice.
- Jan 20/06 Chief's Heubner/Moore along with Reeve Don Rathwell open the Trainer Facilitator Fire course in Cobden.
- Jan 23/06 Chief Heubner takes Legislation 101 Fire course in Pembroke.
- Jan 24/06 Chief Heubner attends 911 Fire Comm. Meeting.
- Jan 25/06 Chief Heubner attends County Chief's meeting in Pembroke.
- Jan 26/06 Fire Marshal's Korocial and Wislinski meet with Chief Heubner in Cobden and go over Whitewater progress.
- Jan 27/06 Chief Heubner attends the opening of the Fire Truck proposals.
- Jan 28/06 Chief's Heubner/Moore meet with the Cobden Station Captains.
- Jan 29/06 Chief's Heubner/Moore worked on CCAC paperwork.
- Jan 30/06 Chief's Heubner/Moore attend Cobden Fire Association meeting.
- Jan 31/06 Chief's Heubner/Moore met with Bill Bowles and Dan Korocial on completing Simplified Risk Assessment.

TOTAL EMERGENCY (STATION) RESPONSES FOR JANUARY, 2006

- STN. #1 HALEY'S
- STN. #2 COBDEN
- Jan 17 (Chimney Fire) 1 Muskrat Street, Cobden
- 23 (Chimney Fire) 23 Main Street, Cobden
- STN. #3 FORESTERS FALLS
- STN #4 BEACHBURG
- Jan 20 (Chimney Fire) 1958 Beachburg Road
- STN #5 WESTMEATH
- Jan 20 (Chimney Fire) 1958 Beachburg Road

TRUCK/HALL REPORT

- HALEY'S STN. 1
- COBDEN STN. 2 No report from Cobden Hall
- F. FALLS STN 3
- BEACHBURG STN 4 Ice dam on Beachburg STN. has come loose and needs to be repaired.
- WESTMEATH STN 5

RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD

The operating Guidelines for Whitewater Region are being perused by Deputy Chief and will then be presented to the Fire Committee.

A complete yearend report will be submitted to Fire Chair as soon as all Station reports are submitted to Chief.

After perusing the packages from 4 fire truck companies, it is my recommendation that the quote supplied by Fort Garry Fire Truck be accepted as submitted.

Department Head Signature.....Wayne Heubner

Department of PUBLIC WORKS

January 2006

Monthly Activities:

This month we had 22 weather responses most of which involved ice; this has depleted our sand reserves by ¾.

The type of weather responses this year have required much overtime before and after our regular time, more than once we have been very close to non compliance, with hours of driving in a week.

The polite letters have not had much impact on the parking problem being encountered by the plow operators. We are receiving complaints that the sight line is dangerously restricted at the intersection of Gould and Main St.

(Coming from the school side) by vehicles being left on the area of the paving brick (not intended for parking) staff has made the County aware of the complaints, this problem needs to be corrected before there is serious incident.

The snow blower we purchased for loading trucks has allowed the snow removal program to become very efficient.

At this time we feel that with some additional equipment (a trailer) we might be able to add Westmeath and Foresters Falls sidewalks to a more regular plowing schedule.

We have had several cases of water flowing over the roads after the heavy rains, this is causing problems now, but we expect it is going to create big problems during the spring thaw.

We have had two water breaks in Cobden in January one on Crawford and one on Truelove and one on highway 17 in December, (there has been 6 breaks within 60meters of this break in the recent past).

We have had two major sewer main blockages, requiring the services of Sewer Matic to remedy the problems.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the issue of winter parking in Whitewater be revisited.

Staff recommends that a trailer be added to our fleet to enable the sidewalk cleaning service to be expanded.

Staff recommends that Cobden water lines be upgraded on 17hwy from Cowley St. to the end of that system.

Staff recommends that a cleaning program be budgeted for and started in /06 and maintained to completion

Department Head Signature.....Hal Johnson

Monthly Activities:

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

An information package was prepared for MacViro Consultants including historical data on Cobden WTP raw water components; aluminum sulfate treatment dosages etc. to be used in calculations for upgrade sludge handling requirements. It appears that they are planning to run the wastewater force main down Bonnechere Street from the Water Plant to the Sewage Plant instead of up Main Street to a gravity sewer on Hwy, 17.

A reply has been prepared for the report on the November 2, 2005 Beachburg Water Treatment Plant inspection conducted by the Ministry of the Environment. The report contained two Actions required on regulatory issues and thirteen Recommended Actions on best practice issues. All items were dealt with in the reply.

The new heating system, installed in the plant, is now functioning very well. Water has been accumulating on the generator room floor and appears to be entering through the back wall during rain events. A section of eaves trough will be installed at the roof edge in this area to see if the problem can be corrected. The electrical inspector pointed out the possible hazard of water in the area of a floor mounted transformer in this room.

A report of a person attempting a break-in at the Haley Water Plant was received and investigated this month. A resident had noticed what was described as a suspicious looking person attempting entry to the plant. Investigation revealed that the person was finishing the new well pump testing. Historical data from the existing Heather Place well was supplied to JP2G Consultants to be used in completing a hydro geological report on the new well. An unannounced inspection was carried out by a Ministry of the Environment Inspector at the Haley Plant this month.

Sludge haulage at the Cobden Waste Water Treatment Plant was held off through December, 2005 although the sludge inventory at the plant was running high. Sludge haulage has been started to the Pickard Plant in Ottawa this month. Our hauler, Thomas Pumping, used a smaller truck requiring three trips to haul 63 cubic meters instead of the usual two trips hauling 60 cubic meters. The cost per cubic meter is still the same as for two trip haulages. Shane Severin wrote a Class III Wastewater Treatment exam at Algonquin College in Ottawa. A Waste Water Treatment Plant inspection by the MOE is scheduled for February.

Department Head Signature.....David Simmons

DEPARTMENT: Building and By-law Enforcement DATE: January 30, 2005
MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

- Doing building inspections for the closing of building permit files for previous years.
- Issued 8 Building Permits at a value of \$ 565 500.00 in total. 2 new single family dwellings, one seasonal dwelling, one agricultural accessory building (manure pit), one demolition of a seasonal dwelling, and 3 residential accessory building additions.

2005 Building Permits

28	Single Family Dwelling (SFD)	12	Agricultural Buildings
50	SFD Additions	4	Agricultural Additions
11	SFD Alterations	6	Commercial Buildings
9	Accessory Buildings	1	Commercial Addition
21	Garages	6	Commercial Alteration
3	Garage Additions	3	Demolition
3	Carports		

Total of 157 Building Permits at a value of \$ 6,366,980

Total of 70 septic permits (new and replacements)

RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD:
None

Department Head Signature.....Jacques Benoit

Committee Reports

a) Waste Management Committee

Household Hazardous Waste

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin
2006-333 "Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Waste Management Committee recommend to Council that we participate in the OVWRC and Town of Renfrew Household Hazardous Waste Program for 2006."

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Ross Landfill Site – Tender

Moved by Daryl McLaughlin, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2006-334 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Waste Management Committee recommend to Council that we accept the low tender of \$9635.35 from Hydro One for the supply and installation of Hydro Service at the Ross Landfill Site.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

2006 Cobden Waste Site Work Plan

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin

2006-335 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Waste Management Committee recommend to Council that we accept the 2006 Cobden Waste Site Work Plan as presented.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Tile Drain Loan Application

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Art Cobb

2006-336 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to impose special annual drainage rates upon land known as lot 13 Con 9 – Black and the said by-law be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law numbered 06-02-223 be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 1st day of February, 2006.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Miscellaneous Correspondence

- 1) Letter of Concern - Information – Reeve commented on the provincial decision to close the 2 Liquor Control Board of Ontario locations in the Township for one day a week each.
- 2) Letter of Response – Annual Tax Policy - Information – Acknowledge as received
- 3) Letter of Information – O.P.P. – Information given

Surplus Land Sale

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2006-337 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region award the surplus land Part Lot 11, Con 5 Westmeath to the only bidder Mr. Harry McBride for \$300.00.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Adjournment

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Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Art Cobb

2006-338 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Regular Council Meeting dated February 1, 2006 be adjourned at 2:15 p.m.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

CAO/CLERK