

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Council Meeting**

Meeting Title: Regular Council Meeting Date: Wednesday June 7, 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**
9. **Departmental Reports**
Monthly reports from Waste Management, Treasurer, Fire Department, Roads, Water & Sewage, By-law Enforcement
10. **Committee Reports**
 - i) Waste Management Committee
 - ii) Public Works Committee
11. **Bylaws**
 - a) 06-06-240 Employment Bylaw # 9
 - b) 06-06- 241 2006 Tax Rate Bylaw
 - c) 06-06- 242 Municipal Election Vote By Mail Bylaw
12. **Misc Correspondence**
 1. Letter of Information - Gallant
 2. Four Year Council Term - Information
13. **New/Unfinished Business**
 1. 2006 Hourly Wage Employees Cola Increase
 2. Request to stop up Traffic – July 1 – Cobden Legion
 3. Tax Write Offs
 4. Declaration of Surplus Municipal Land
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, Joseph Trimm, And Beulah Wright

Staff Present: Dean Sauriol

Prayer was recited

Clerk conducted Roll Call

Conflict – None Reported

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2006-418 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopt the agenda dated June 7th, 2006 for the Regular Council Meeting as submitted with the addition of 13.5) Summer Meeting Schedule and 10. iii) Library Committee.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2006-419 “Be it Resolved that the Minutes of the previous Regular Council Meeting dated May 24th, 2006 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Adoption of Accounts

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Ron Lowe

2006-420 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approve the attached schedule of Accounts for the period May 1st - May 31st, 2006 in

the amount of \$613,161.97 in general purposes and \$37,669.49 for Water Purposes and that the above accounts be paid.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Delegation - None

Departmental Reports

Department: Waste Management

MAY 2006

Request for Proposals/Quotation for the Supply and Delivery of One (1) Hydraulic Crawler Excavator, Model Year 2000 or Newer has been completed and distributed. The Invitation will be advertised for the last week of May and the first week of June in the local papers as well.

The Public Works Department is coordinating a ditching event (during the month of June) which will forward all excavated material to the Westmeath Landfill. Material will be spread over the entire waste mound if volumes allow. This application will hopefully contribute somewhere in the range of 6 inches to 1 foot of the required 2 ½ feet of final cover and all exposed waste on the mound should be buried.

Surveyors were at the Ross Site taking shots for the newly acquired Contamination Attenuation Zone (30 acre +/- parcel) during the final week of May.

The allowable waste perimeter (30 meter buffer zone identified) at the Cobden Site has been identified and flagged. Arrangements will be made to have the stockpile of hydrocarbon contaminated soils spread within this area (to occur summer).

Arranging to have an isolated area at the Northern corner of the Ross Site permanently covered with material from the trench. This corner will not see any more waste as it is outside of the allowable perimeter. The covering of this area is also a directive from MOE with respect to the issuance of our C of A for the Ross Site

Operations at the Ross Site are going smoothly thus far. Waste volumes received this Spring have been high. Presently giving thought to the best way to attack the next extensive dig within the trench now that we have had a few months of traffic and waste. Although early to be considering the dig, it will take extensive planning to assure efficient operations with respect to road placement as well as waste deposition.

Department Head Signature.....Steven Hodson

Department: Treasurer

MAY 2006

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Budget

Council met on May 10, 2006 to discuss the budget. After much discussion, it was decided to increase the tax rate by 5%. We will raise \$2,076,255 in taxes and the total 2006 budget is \$5,142,687.00. Due to a decrease in County and School board tax rates, a dwelling assessed at \$100,000.- will see a decrease in taxes of \$46.98.

Water

The second installment of water is due on May 31/2006. The payments are coming in at a steady rate.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE MADE:

None at this time

Department Head Signature.....Randi Keith

Department: Fire

MAY 2006

CHIEF / DEPUTY CHIEF'S MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

- May 1/06 D-Chief Moore attends Westmeath Stn. practices x 5
- May 2/06 Chief's Heubner and Moore present OG's to Station Captains
- May 10/06 Chief Heubner attends Council
- May 15/06 Chief's Heubner and Moore visit Westmeath Hall
- May 16/06 Chief Heubner met with CACC staff on radio protocol
- May 16/06 Chief's Heubner and Moore met with Bill Bowles and started compiling data on the Master Fire Plan.
- May 23/06 Chief's Heubner and Moore met in Beachburg County plan
- May 24/06 Chief Heubner was asked to sit in on Caessant Cares accreditation.
- May 24/06 Chief Heubner and OFM Adviser Dan Koroscial attended Council re: Certificate of Compliance

Total Emergency (Station) Responses for May

STN. #1 HALEY'S
 May 1 (Hydro Pole Fire) 15266 Highway 17
 May 26 1915 Chenaux Rd.

STN. #2 COBDEN
 May 15 (Car Fire) Highway # 17 and Greenwood R.
 May 15 (Controlled Burn) Highway # 17 and Snake River
 May 31 (CO2 Leak) 1569 Mineview Rd.

STN. #3 FORESTERS FALLS

May	23	(CO2 Leak) 1569 Mineview Rd.
STN.	#4	BEACHBURG
May	14	(Truck Fire) 643-B Curtis Trail
May	27	(Alarm Activation) 20 Cameron St.
STN.	#5	WESTMEATH
May	4	(Truck Fire) 995 Yackabuskie Rd.

TRUCK/HALL REPORT

HALEY'S	STN. 1	Tanker 9719 had springs replaced. New Pumper 9625 lettered. Auto extrication training. County Mutual Aid held at Haley Hall.
COBDEN	STN.2	Logos Land inspection and Bromley Westmeath Health Centre carried out by Cobden Station.
F. FALLS	STN.3	Regular training carried on.
BEACHBURG	STN.4	DI's and training continues.
WESTMEATH	STN.5	Truck 9639 had minor pump leak repaired.

RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD

Richard Stone of Richards Repair and Service has brought to my attention that Beachburg Tanker 9718 has had continuing brake problems with fluid leaking into the motor. It is getting increasingly harder to find parts for this truck.

Department Head Signature.....Wayne Heubner

Department: PUBLIC WORKS

MAY 2006

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

This month we had approximately thirteen consecutive days of rain, the result of which was extensive road surface damage. We have spent a lot of resources trying to catch up.

We have repaired some areas of frost damage that required excavation (Pleasant Valley and Sutherland Rd.)

We have started grading in preparation for dust control. This spring we have had more culverts blocked than ever before and this has become time and labour intense.

Our trappers have removed a large quantity of these nuisance beavers but the population is growing so fast that they can't keep ahead.

The street furniture has been put out, the tennis net up, skateboard items put in place and the docks are in. (The dock in Westmeath requires the water level to be low to install that dock.) Garbage cans are in place and this service has been taken over by Waste Management. The grass contract was started in the beginning of May.

Department Head Signature.....Hal Johnson

Department : Plants

Date : May, 2006

Monthly Activities:

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

The filter under drain strainer rejuvenation attempted in April at the Cobden Water Treatment Plant, is continuing to provide very good results. Backwash rates that had previously dropped to 0.40 M³/Min./M² are still being achieved at 0.60 M³/Min./M², a 50 % increase.

Vapor locking has started occurring in the hypochlorite metering pumps but is so far being relieved by daily flushing.

Blockage of the chlorine pressure reducing feed injectors at the Beachburg Water Treatment Plant necessitated repairs. Hopefully new smaller capacity metering pumps will be installed with plant upgrades eliminating the need for pressure reducing injectors.

The aluminum sulfate metering pump stopped working due to internal electronic problems. Eventually a pump comprising parts from all remaining malfunctioning pumps was assembled and is working satisfactorily thus far. A new spectrophotometer was purchased for the plant replacing non functioning unit that was declared obsolete and unrepairable by the manufacturer.

Problems with the hypochlorite injection system at the Haley Treatment Plant required replacement of a chlorine injector and also repair to the metering pump liquid end.

An electrical problem with the Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant chlorine sample pump was repaired. After unsuccessful attempts to repair the # 1 air blower, a new unit was budgeted for this year. The blower has been ordered and received and will be installed.

Problems with locating a supplier of sodium hypochlorite chlorination solution have been ongoing since our former supplier curtailed delivery without notice. We are working with the Eganville Plants to secure a new supplier and are getting close to finding one that can supply at reasonable cost however thus far a 15 to 25 % price increase appears inevitable. Another issue is that, in order to get the lowest price, we will need to install 1000 liter bulk tanks at the Cobden Wastewater Plant and the Beachburg Water Plant, along with containment. The Cobden Water Plant upgrades include installation of a bulk tank with containment. Beachburg upgrades would need to increase the planned size of one tank as well as the planned size of containment. Details of requirements have been discussed with the Ministry of Environment.

Plant operators have all completed the mandatory 3 year MOE course "Prevention of Water Borne Illness" by correspondence.

The annual OWWA OMWA water conference was attended in Toronto and a meeting was attended in Quinty West dealing with Quality Management Systems and Operational Plans. Efforts will be made to draft operational plans prior to them becoming mandatory in 2007.

No trespassing signs have been posted at the water plants as per the latest MOE inspection requirements. No smoking signs have been posted as required.

Department Head Signature.....David Simmons

DEPARTMENT: Building and By-law Enforcement

DATE: June 2, 2006

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

-Doing many building inspections for all types of permits issued.

-Issued 20 Building Permits at a value of \$2 310 500.00 in total. 2 new single family dwellings, 10 addition/renovation to existing residential, 5 residential accessory buildings, 1 commercial plumbing, 1 Industrial addition and 1 new institutional building.

-Attended the Laurentian Valley's municipal office for our local Chapters Ontario Building Official Association meeting and also met with all the local building inspectors. We had a presentation by Valley Window & Door on the Energy Star rated windows and also on their pre-engineered sunrooms and how to fit on the Bill 124 regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD:

None

Department Head Signature.....Jacques Benoit

Request for Proposal - Excavator

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded By Ron Lowe

2006-421 "Be it Resolved that the Waste Management Committee recommend to Council that the RFP for the purchase for an excavator be accepted as submitted and amended. The advertising of the RFP be placed by way of local newspaper and invitations."

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Public Works Committee - Information

Library Committee - Information

Employment By-Law # 9

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Art Cobb

2006-422 "Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-Law to implement Employment By-law # 9 and the said by-law be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 06-06-240 be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 7th day of June, 2006"

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

2006 Tax Rates

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Beulah Wright

2006-423 "Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to provide for the Approval of the 2006 Budget, the Adoption of 2006 Tax Rates and Special Area Rates and the said by-law be read a first, second and third time and that the said by-law be numbered 06-06-241 be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book, this 7th day of June."

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Municipal Election - Vote By Mail

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2006-424 "Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to authorize the Clerk to use Vote by Mail for the 2006 Municipal Election and the said by-law be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 06-06-242 be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 7th day of June, 2006."

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Letter of Information - Gallant - Information given

Four Year Council Term - Information given

2006 COLA Increase

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2006-425 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region agree to set the 2006 COLA increase for all hourly wage employees at 3%.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Request to stop-up Traffic

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Beulah Wright

2006-426 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region permit the Cobden and District Legion to halt motor vehicle traffic on some Cobden Streets for approximately 15 minutes on July 1, 2006 in order to host “Pride in Canada” Bicycle Parade.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Tax Write-Offs

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Ron Lowe

2006-427 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region write off taxes for the following properties:

**Roll # 049-055-034 (\$3,016.98), Roll # 049-060-14110 (\$2,463.57),
Roll # 051-045-041 (\$7,065.14) and Roll #058-020-11 (\$7,020.37).”**

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Declaration of Surplus Municipal Land

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2006-428 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region declare the following properties surplus to the Corporation:

Roll # 049-055-034, Pt. Lots 6 & 7 Con 6, Ross PIN # 57223-0025

Roll # 051-045-041, Lot 111, Plan 65, Cobden, PIN # 57227-0053

Roll # 058-020-110, Lot 217, Plan 151, Westmeath PIN 57195-0036”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Summer Meeting Schedule

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2006-429 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region agree to implement a summer Council meeting schedule as follows:

Regular Council July 5 1:00 p.m.

Regular Council August 2 1:00 p.m.

All other meetings during July/August 2006 would be at the call of the Chair of Reeve.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Committee of the Whole

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Art Cobb

2006-430 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region convene into Committee of the Whole to discuss property and personnel.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Adjournment

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Ron Lowe

2006-431 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region Committee of the Whole Meeting, dated June 7th, 2006 hereby be adjourned.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Adjournment

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Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded Jacob Rook

2006-432 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Regular Council Meeting dated June 7th, 2006 be adjourned at 3:35 p.m.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

REEVE

CAO/Clerk