

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION  
Council Meeting**

**Meeting Title: Regular Council Meeting Date: Wednesday October 4, 2006**

**Place: Municipal Council Chambers Start Time: 1:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

- A. Public Meeting**
- i) Zoning Amendment - Pt Lots 25, Con 7 – Ross – Dunbar**
  - 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. Lawrie Barton – Whitewater Historical Society
  - 9. Departmental Reports**

Monthly reports from Waste Management, Treasurer, Fire Department, Roads, Water & Sewage, By-law Enforcement
  - 10. Committee Reports**
    - a. Public Works Committee
  - 11. Bylaws**
    - a) 06-10-258 Beachburg Recreation Lease Agreement
    - b) 06-10-259 Zoning Amendment - Pt Lots 25, Con 7 – Ross – Dunbar
  - 12. Misc Correspondence**
    - 1. Jim Hutton - County of Renfrew – MOE Response
    - 2. Crossroads Community Club – Thank You
    - 3. Renfrew County Plowmen’s Association – Thank You
  - 13. New/Unfinished Business**
    - 1. Century Milling – Surplus Sale Results
  - 14. Closed Meeting to discuss litigation, potential litigation, labour relations, and the security of the property of the municipality.**
  - 15. Adjournment**

**Public Meeting**

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

**2006-493 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region convene into a Public Meeting in connection with a Zoning By-law Amendment.**

- 1. Zoning Amendments - Pt Lot 25, Conc 7 - Ross - Dunbar”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

Clerk reviewed notification requirements

**Adjournment**

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

**2006-494 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Public Meeting dated October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 be hereby adjourned at 1:05 p.m.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

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

Deputy Reeve Ron Lowe was absent.

Staff Present: Dean Sauriol

Prayer was recited.

Reeve requested a moment of silence on behalf of the Military community.

Clerk conducted Roll Call

**Conflict** - None reported

**Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Art Cobb

**2006-495 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region adopt the Agenda dated October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 for the Regular Council Meeting as submitted with the addition of 13.2) Library Report.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jim Labow

**2006-496 “Be it Resolved that the Minutes of the previous Regular Council meeting dated September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 be adopted as circulated.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Adoption of Accounts**

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Beulah Wright

**2006-497 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approve the attached schedule of Accounts for the period Sept. 1 - Sept. 30, 2006, in the amount of \$1, 449, 159.37 in general purposes and \$70, 765.60 for Water Purposes and that the above accounts be paid.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Delegation**

**Lawrie Barton - Whitewater Region Historical Society**

Lawrie Barton and Rita Patterson were present to update Council on the Historical Society’s current status.

Mentioned that the furnace in the Exhibit Hall is no longer operable. Ms. Barton asked if Council would be agreeable to an application to the Trillium Foundation for the refurbishment of the Exhibit Hall.

Several ideas and questions were put forth.

**Departmental Reports**

Departmental Reports were reviewed and discussed

**Department: Waste Management**

**September 2006**

Arranged to have Jp2g assess the monitoring wells at the Westmeath Site and determine the number which will require up-grades (protective steel casing and locks). Perry Larochelle and I will likely carry out the up-grades in October. Digging, placement of the casings and hauling in all the gear to each well location is all carried out by hand.

Monitoring well up-grades at the Cobden Site will hopefully occur this fall as well. These may be carried out by Golder Associates (Sub-Contractor for Jp2g) as they have typically done the sampling at this location.

Excavating of the trench for Phase I at the Ross Landfill continues. When the excavator is not working the garbage and when Ron, or myself, have a spare moment, we are digging sand for the trench. I am arranging a large dozer for some time in October to excavate more sand and clay. There is roughly 50,000 cubic meters of material to remove from this trench and its development requires much thought and consideration with respect to future landfilling as well as road placement.

Arrangements are also being made to put a large dozer into the Cobden Site to move around and effectively grade the large quantity of hydrocarbon contaminated soils which have not been touched since being placed in the site.

I have registered myself for a three (3) day training course in Mississauga at the Epic Educational Program Innovations Center for the end of October. The course is called Landfill Design and Management for Long Term Performance.

Mark Humphries has been assisting Ron with the Garbage collection on Tuesday mornings during September. That has been going quite well and will continue.

Jp2g are re-drafting my blueprints for the proposed building at the Ross Site. I will hopefully get to put together a Construction Tender for it this Fall.

The Fall surface water sampling for the Westmeath Site took place late this month.

**Department Head Signature.....Steven Hodson**

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

Tax Payments

The second installment of the final 2006 taxes was due on September 30, 2006. The amount billed was \$1,572,534.00. The payments are coming in at a steady stream. More and more of the ratepayers are taking advantage of our Pre-authorized Payment Plan. The Township has also now installed a debit machine and several rate payers are taking advantage of this mode of payment. As there is a \$0.15 transaction fee, the minimum amount to be charged to a debit machine is \$10.00.

County and School Board Levies

The County and School Board Levies were paid on September 30, 2006. A total of \$973,517.43 was paid, \$469,777.43 was paid to the school boards and \$503,740.00 was paid to the County.

Budget

The Township's revenue and expenditures are fairly well in line with the budget. Some areas such as penalty on taxes and tax sale revenue are a little below budgeted figures, however sale of land are above budgeted figures. Council's budget is in line except for Seminars. However, the budget for other expenditures is under budget so far. Administration is over budget in advertising. This is due to more notices to the ratepayers. Fire Department is under budget in all categories except Courses and Memberships. Building, By-Law Enforcement and Planning is at this point well under budget. Under Transportation, Equipment Rental shows overspending. However, some of this can be re-allocated to Major Road Construction as it pertains to re-construction of the Zion Line. Sanitary Sewers are in line with budgeted figures. Waste Management budget is under budget overall. Some of the categories such as land acquisition are over budget as nothing was budgeted for this category. The same goes for equipment rental at the Ross site. Also more large recycling bins had to be purchased than what we had planned. Also the budget for Freon Removal, Signs and Pick-up of Tires are over budget. These are categories that are difficult to budget for. Park and Tourist Booth are over in Capital Expenditures and Building Maintenance as needed repairs were done to the Raft and the Tourist Booth. The Industrial Park is well under budget.

**Department Head Signature.....Randi Keith**

**Department: Fire**

**September 2006**

**Chief/Deputy Chief Monthly Activities**

- Sept. 2/06 Chief's Heubner/Moore attend 3278 Queens Line fire
- 3/06 Chief's Heubner/Moore met with Captains Church/Rathwell on paging
- 4/06 Chief's Heubner/Moore attend Westmeath Stn. with O.G.'s.
- 6/06 Chief's Heubner/Moore attend Cobden Stn. practice
- 6/06 Chief Heubner attends council meeting
- 11/06 Chief's Heubner/Moore attend Haley Stn. with O.G.'s
- 12/06 Chief's Heubner/Moore, Dean, Jake, Reeve Rathwell attend meeting with CACC staff - re: paging
- 16/06 Foresters Falls Stn. attends plowing match to park cars
- 18/06 Chief's Heubner/Moore attend Beachburg Stn. With O.G.'s
- 23/06 Deputy Chief Moore/Captain Church met with a resident of the Haley area on a chimney concern.
- 25/06 Deputy Chief Moore attends practices at Westmeath and Beachburg
- 26/06 Deputy Chief Moore hosted a meeting with our Insurance carrier (VFIS) open to all fire staff at Beachburg Stn.
- 27/06 Deputy Chief Moore met with a supplier of fire equipment for pricing into 2007

**Emergency Station Responses from August 31 to September 28/06: 24**

**STN.#1 - Haleys**

- Aug. 31 (MVA) 1416 Chenaux Road
- Sept. 2 (barn fire) 3278 Queen's Line
- 10 (hay fire) 528 Faught Rd.
- 17 (tractor fire) 1654 Queen's Line
- 23 (MVA) 1298 Grant Settlement Rd.
- 24 (MVA) 1126 Government Rd.

**STN.#2 - Cobden**

- Sept. 2 (barn fire) 3278 Queen's Line
- 10 (hay fire) 528 Faught Road
- 16 (false alarm) 9 Pembroke St.
- 24 (tree fire/hydro) 328 Kohlsmith Rd.

**STN.#3 - Foresters Falls**

- Sept. 2 (barn fire) 3278 Queen's Line
- 10 (hay fire) 528 Faught Rd.
- 23 (MVA) 1298 Grant Settlement Rd.

**STN.#4 - Beachburg**

- Sept. 2 (barn fire) 3278 Queen's Line
- 10 (hay fire) 528 Faught Rd.

- 20 (hydro pole fire) 4426 Beachburg Rd.
- 22 (controlled burn) 1471 Hawthorne Rd.
- 22 (controlled burn) 1844 Lapasse Rd.
- 24 (MVA) 1126 Government Rd.

**STN.#5 - Westmeath**

- Sept. 2 (barn fire) cancelled on route - Queen's Line
- 6 (burn complaint) 27 Grace St.
- 10 (hay fire) 528 Faught Rd.
- 20 (hydro pole fire) 4426 Beachburg Rd.
- 22 (controlled burn) 1471 Hawthorne Rd.
- 22 (controlled burn) 1844 Lapasse Rd.
- 22 (controlled burn) 1471 Hawthorne Rd.

**Hay Stn.** took part in a 2 stn. training night with Cobden and 1 extrication session

**Cobden Stn.** - no report filed

**Foresters Falls Stn.** has had its oil fired furnace inspected and defects are to be carried out. One training session has taken place.

**Beachburg Stn.** has had 1 training session and 1 meeting with the O.G.'s. Truck #9718 has been removed from service and is gone for repair with electrical problems.

**Westmeath Stn.** has had 3 training sessions. Inspection of oil fired furnace is expected by month end. There have been 3 resignations this month.

**Recommendations/Motions to be brought forward:** that the rough curb area in front of the Westmeath Stn. be repaired before winter; that tree trimming at the Westmeath Stn. (firefighters parking area) be carried out before spring.

**Acting Department Head.....Mike Moore**

**Department of PUBLIC WORKS**

**September 2006**

**Monthly Activities:**

We have completed the base work on the Zion line and are waiting on the weather to break so we can install the double surface treatment, several days with out rain are required. As soon as the Zion line is completed we will start the culvert on the Kerr Line, We require the construction signs in order to set up the detour and construction site. During the time in between construction projects we are trying to get caught up on some other jobs, such as blocked culverts (Beaver) cold patching grading brush cutting and putting away the street furniture. We were approx. three weeks behind all summer but we think we have caught up by one week by the end of September. We have completed the modifications on the Olmsted Jeffery Lake Rd. as per instruction from Council; this work was completed on September 29<sup>th</sup>/06.

**Department Head Signature.....Hal Johnson**

**Department: Water and Sewage**

**September 2006**

**Monthly Activities:**

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

An alum shipment received this month included one full pallet containing bags that had gotten wet and were rock hard. General Chemical Ltd. was contacted to credit us for the damaged product.

Water main flushing of the Cobden system early this month revealed brown water at six hydrants, however since the flushing, the brown water problem appears to have abated. Treatment options such as the addition of potassium permanganate to remove the manganese in the treatment process were discussed with Robinson Consultants.

A MOE inspection of the Cobden Water Plant was conducted this month. One water sample taken by the Inspector resulted in an adverse water incident having to be reported, a process that followed to it's completion, requires the better part of a day. We have not had a bad sample result in the past two years and a resample of this one returned a clean result. A report on the plant inspection is forthcoming.

The new eave trough installed at the rear of the Beachburg Water Treatment Plant appears to have solved the floor flooding problem in that area of the plant.

The one alum metering pump at the plant has been problematic. Any remaining surplus pumps have been scavenged for parts, however the pump continues to blow fuses. A new metering pump may need to be purchased before plant upgrades begin. The condition of all metering pumps at this facility has been discussed with MacViro Consultants at their request.

One water complaint was investigated in Beachburg and the issue was determined to be related to the presence of chlorine in the water and also the fact that the Beachburg water, being a well supply, contains 200 mg/l hardness. It was suggested to the resident that if the situation is undesirable, installation of a water softener might be considered as a remedy.

A new well has been drilled at the Haley Heather Place site and pumping tests etc. have yet to be done. Repairs for damage caused to a lawn adjacent to the plant property are in progress with prices for top soiling and re-seeding sought and forwarded to Robinson Consultants at their request..

The variable speed drive on the new air blower installed at the Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant this month had some initial problems with tripping out for no apparent reason. Reprogramming attempts on the drive appear

to have been successful as it has been operating well since.

Above average precipitation and infiltration have increased flows to the plant increasing treatment costs this year. Unauthorized entry to the Wastewater Plant grounds was discovered this month however no damage or vandalism was detected. All equipment left outside, for the sake of our convenience, has since been stored indoors.

A meeting was attended at the training center of the new Pembroke Waste Water Treatment Plant. The purpose of the meeting was to assess training needs and opportunities locally.

**Department Head Signature.....David Simmons**

**Department: By-Law Enforcement**

**September 2006**

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:**

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

-Issued 22 Building Permits at a value of \$572 700.00 in total. 3 new single family dwellings, 5 addition/renovation to existing residential and 9 residential accessory buildings, one commercial accessory building, one school portable and 3 Agricultural accessory buildings.

-Attended the Admaston/Bromley'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 Adrian Lee of Bionest to introduce us to a new secondary treatment sewage system.

**RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD:**

None

**Department Head Signature.....Jacques Benoit**

Committee Reports - Public Works Committee

**Fall Work Schedule**

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jim Labow

**2006-498 “Be it Resolved that the Public Works Committee authorize the Public Works Supervisor to hire part-time workers in order to complete the work scheduled for this fall.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Olmstead-Jeffrey Lake Road - Buraczewski**

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jim Labow

**2006-499 “Be it Resolved that we use Township equipment to place a thin layer of cold patch on the south land of Olmstead-Jeffrey Lake Road to attempt to divert some water from the road way away from the driveway of Mr. Buraczewski and that this be the only improvement attempted.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Beachburg Recreation Lease Agreement**

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

**2006-500 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to Authorize the Reeve and Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Beachburg Recreation Association and the said by-law be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 06-10-258 be signed by the Reeve and clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Zoning Amendment - Ross - Dunbar**

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Art Cobb

**2006-501 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to amend the Zoning By-law for Pt. Lot 25, Conc 7 - Ross - Dunbar and the said by-law be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 06-10-259 be signed by the Reeve and clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Misc. Correspondence**

**Jim Hutton - County of Renfrew - MOE Response - Information given**

**Crossroads Community Club - Thank you - Information given**

**Renfrew County Plowmen's Association - Thank you - Information given**

**Century Milling - Surplus Land**

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

**2006-502 "Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region write off taxes and penalty in the amount of \$131, 447.46 for Roll # 4758051040039.**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Century Milling - Surplus Sale Results**

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Beulah Wright

**2006-503 "Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region accept the tender amount of \$31, 000.00 for property known as Pt. Blk D, Plan 65, 78 Pembroke Street from Bonnechere Excavating Inc."**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**New/Unfinished Business**

**Library**

Councillor Wright spoke to invite all to the Library Trivia Night.

**Cobden Park**

Consensus that Break Away Theatre Company be granted permission to use the Cobden Park for a Spook Walk on October 28, 2006.

**Committee of the Whole**

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Beulah Wright

**2006-504 "Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region convene into Committee of the Whole to discuss possible legal actions."**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Adjournment**

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jim Labow

**2006-505 "Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region Committee of the Whole Meeting dated October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 hereby be adjourned."**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Adjournment**

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jim Labow

**2006-506 "Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Regular Council Meeting dated October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 be adjourned at 3:25 p.m."**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

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