

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Council Meeting**

Meeting Title: Regular Council Meeting Date: Wednesday April 4, 2007

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**
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9. **Departmental Reports**

Monthly reports from Waste Management, Treasurer, Fire Department, Roads, Water & Sewage, By-law Enforcement
10. **Committee Reports**
 1. Public Works Committee
11. **Bylaws**
 - a) 07 – 04 – 285 Land Acquisition – Waste Management – Gutz
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12. **Misc Correspondence**
 1. Pembroke and Area Airport – Meeting Report
 2. City of Pembroke Support of Resolution – 60-40 funding split
13. **New/Unfinished Business**
 1. Request for parcel of Land – Jamieson - 13 Jamieson Crescent
 2. Request to erect Banner – Beachburg Road
 3. Appointment of Animal Control Officer – Steven Fiegen
14. **Closed Meeting to discuss litigation, potential litigation, labour relations, and the security of the property of the municipality.**
15. **Adjournment**

Present: Councillors: Art Cobb, Jack Ferguson, Jim Labow, Izett McBride, Daryl McLaughlin, Jacob Rook, and Joseph Trimm

Mayor Donald Rathwell and Deputy Mayor Ron Lowe were both absent.

Staff Present: Dean Sauriol

Appointment

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2007-649 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region appoint Art Cobb to preside in place of Mayor Donald Rathwell for the April 4th, 2007 Regular Council Meeting.”

Carried
Art Cobb

Prayer was recited

Clerk conducted Roll Call

Conflict - None Reported

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Jim Labow

2007-650 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region adopt the Agenda dated April 4th, 2007 for the Regular Council Meeting as submitted.”

Carried
Art Cobb

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2007-651 “Be it Resolved that the Minutes of the previous Regular Council Meeting dated March 21st, 2007 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried
Art Cobb

Stn. # 3	Foresters Falls	
Mar 19 / 07	House Fire	341 Rapid Rd.
Mar 22 / 07	Building Fire x 2	16356 Highway # 17 East of Cobden.
Stn. # 4	Beachburg	
Mar 12 / 07	Chimney Fire	1503 Indian Rd.
Mar 17 / 07	Dryer Fire	1870 Beachburg Rd.
Mar 19 / 07	House Fire	341 Rapid Rd.
Mar 22 / 07	Building Fire	16356 Highway # 17 East of Cobden.
Mar 27 / 07	Dryer Fire	1806 Beachburg Rd.
Stn. # 5	Westmeath	
Mar 12 / 07	Chimney Fire	1503 Indian Rd.
Mar 19 / 07	House Fire	341 Rapid Rd.

Truck / Hall Report

Haley Stn. 1 Installed hangers on truck # 9625

Cobden Stn. 2 Pumper # 9633 needs immediate considerable repairs and may be out of service for some time.

Forester Falls Stn. 3

Beachburg Stn. 4

Westmeath Stn. 5 Repairs to pumper # 9636 have been completed.
Rabbit pump has also been repaired.

Recommendations

Cobden Pumper # 9633 needs major repairs and a new pumper needs to be looked at sooner than later. I would recommend that a Thermal Imaging Camera be looked into also.

Department Head Signature.....Wayne Heubner

Department: Roads

March 2007

Monthly Activities:

This month we have had 15 weather responses, compared to 24 in March 06.

We have had a lot more frozen culvert this year than any other year and this is due to the large volumes of rain in December and January and was still running in many ditches during the real cold weather in February. The wet weather December and January has also caused the gravel roads to become saturated and as the frost starts to come out they have turned to mush. This condition has been hard to deal with, we have to allow some frost to come out and drying to occur before we grade or add gravel because the heavy equipment and the trucks can totally destroy the roads. We have been monitoring and as soon as possible we have tried to make what improvements are possible. We are cold patching with two crews to attempt to fill the pot holes on the paved roads. We have started some brushing on the Behm Line and Pleasant Valley Rd.

Our Mechanic has started and is nicely under way with getting our fleet in shape, BUT we recognise immediately that a vehicle is going to be key to the success of this venture.

I have put together a list of the work for /07 as follows.

Public Works

Proposed Work Scheduled for 2007

(not in sequence of priority)

Roads

- Repair drainage problem Calvin Rd. @ Haley Station
- Replace entrance culvert at Melnik, Chaffeys Trail
- Replace culvert Kohlsmith Rd.
- Replace 2 culvert 2 Lacroix bay Rd.
- Replace culvert Powers Rd.
- Replace culvert Zion Line
- Reset culvert on Poff Rd.
- Replace 5 culverts on pleasant Valley Rd.
- Ditching on Bromely Line
- Ditching on Desjardin Rd.
- Upgrades on Sutherland Road (ditching and gravel)
- Upgrades on Pleasant valley & Fletcher Rds.(ditching and gravel)
- Pre construction upgrades and engineering on corner at Gibson Lake
- Widen the road at Turcottes on Kohlsmith Rd so the mail box can be moved farther back.
- Sweep the urban streets and rural intersections.
- Initiate a program to remove build up from edge of roads to allow the water to drain to the ditches.
- **Construction**
- Brushing With the Bush hog.
- Installing and removing the docks and raft Cobden and docks in Westmeath
- General day to day maintenance (grading, cold patching, removal of wind fall trees, unblocking culverts beaver have blocked)

Water & Sewer

- ❖ Flow test and color code all fire hydrants (Beachburg and Cobden)
- ❖ Flush all hydrants and inspect.
- ❖ Repair or replace four hydrants that are not working properly.
- ❖ Locate and operate all valves
- ❖ Maintenance flushing on Dixon St. and upper section of Astrolabe

Recommendations:

Staff recommends the purchase of a vehicle for our mechanic, and to be equipped as a service vehicle.

Department Head Signature.....Hal Johnson

Department: Water & Sewage

March 2007

Monthly Activities:

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

Foundation walls in the substructure of the Cobden Water Plant addition have been completed. Forming is being

placed for the pouring of the concrete floor. Benching is to be placed in the equalization/sludge settling tank following a request as was noted in the February plants report. As well a second access hatch to this tank is to be installed as was requested.

Blockage in the polymer feed line in the old plant building could not be removed necessitating the installation of a new chemical line.

A number of changes to electrical equipment was required following an inspection of the plants conducted by the Electrical Safety Authority. At the Cobden Water Plant we are required to obtain CSA approval for the treated water chlorine analyzer. Metcon Engineering, the supplier of the analyzer, informs me that the services of a local inspector would be required to have the unit certified. We also have two more of these units in service.

The recirculator drive in the Beachburg Water Plant treatment unit required repair of the drive motor. The sodium hypochlorite metering pump feed lines became plugged with chemical residue. The lines were successfully cleared using hydrochloric acid followed by water flushing.

Alternative landscaping changes to the area around the dug well house are being considered in order to satisfy the Inspector's requirement for drainage arising from the last MOE plant inspection. The work will be done as soon as the ground is dry enough.

Changes to the Beachburg plant following the electrical inspection consist of installing a twenty amp breaker, electrical relay, and slot receptacle in the existing magnetrol/compressor electrical circuit.

The Haley engineering drawings have been modified to increase the size of the chlorine contact chamber. This follows our notification to the engineers of errors in their CT (chlorine residual/chlorine contact time) calculations. Minor electrical changes required by the electrical inspector consisting of adding fusing to the power returned circuit of the Haley plant are being done.

Following a safety inspection at the Cobden Wastewater Plant, a section of catwalk and railing is being installed at the aerobic digester. A electric winch is also being installed for the submersible sludge pump to improve operator safety at the same site. A new discharge hose was also installed on the pump

A new sludge pump winch is being installed at the Morton Street lift station.

A confined space entry course was attended at the Pembroke Training Center.

Department Head Signature.....David Simmons

Department: Building and By-Law

March 2007

Monthly Activities:

-Carried out building, plumbing, septic and By-law inspections and attend meetings for future developments. I attended approximately 13 building inspections, 1 plumbing inspections, 0 septic inspections, 1 By-law inspections and 3 meetings for proposed future and existing developments.

-Issued 6 Building Permits at a value of \$187 000.00 in total. 2 Single Family Dwelling, one addition to existing barn, 2 Agricultural accessory building, and demolition of cottage.

Attended a 2 day Ontario Waste Water Association (OOWA) conference in Huntville. The information at the conference was about the new changes in the new Ontario Building Code (OBC) and how it is going to affect the inspectors and the installers and they also introduce many new types of septic systems available on the market.

-Hosted our local Chapters Ontario Building Official Association meeting here in our Council Chambers and met with all the local building officials. We had lengthy discussion on the changes to the new OBC and especially the higher insulation requirements in some areas. The Chapter is trying to be consistent in the County on the interpretation of the OBC to make a smooth transition for contractors to go to a different Township.

RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD:

None

Department Head Signature.....Jacques Benoit

Land Acquisition - Waste Management

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Izett McBride

2007-653 "Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to acquire land for Waste Management purposes and the said by-law be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 07-04-285 be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 4th day of April, 2007."

Carried
Art Cobb

Appointment of Drainage Superintendent

Moved by Izett McBride, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2007-654 "Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to appoint Steve Hodson as the Township's Drainage Superintendent and the said by-law be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 07-04-286 be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 4th day of April, 2007."

Carried
Art Cobb

Appointment of Fenceviewers etc.

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2007-655 "Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to appoint Fence Viewers, Livestock Valuators, Fire Wardens and Pound keepers and the said by-law be numbered 07-04-287 be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 4th day of April, 2007."

Carried
Art Cobb

Curbside Recycling Contract

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2007-656 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Beaumen Waste Management Ltd. regarding curbside pick-up of recyclables and the said by-law be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 07-04-288 be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 4th day of April, 2007.”

Carried
Art Cobb

Animal Shelter Contract

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Izett McBride

2007-657 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement regarding the control of animals and the said by-law be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 07-04-289 be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 4th day of April, 2007.”

Carried
Art Cobb

Pembroke and Area Airport - Meeting Report

Councillor Labow updated Council on the Pembroke and Area Airport activities.

Pembroke - 60/40 Funding Split

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2007-658 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the City of Pembroke resolution appealing to the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to implement a 60/40 split in funding.”

Carried
Art Cobb

Parcel of Land - 13 Jamieson Crescent

Moved by Izett McBride, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2007-659 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region agree to return land known as Part 9 on plan 49R-12290 to Mr. Art Jamieson and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare the by-law.”

Carried
Art Cobb

Request to Erect Banner - Beachburg

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Izett McBride

2007-660 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region agree to allow a banner to span across Beachburg Road welcoming people to the World Freestyle Kayaking Championships.”

Carried
Art Cobb

Animal Control Officer

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2007-661 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region are pleased to appoint Mr. Steven Fiegen to the position of Animal Control Officer.”

Carried
Art Cobb

Committee of the Whole

Moved by Jim Labow, Jack Ferguson

2007-662 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region convene into Committee of the Whole to discuss possible litigation.”

Carried
Art Cobb

Adjournment

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Jim Labow

2007-663 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region Committee of the Whole Meeting dated April 4, 2007 hereby be adjourned.”

Carried
Art Cobb

Adjournment

Moved by Izett McBride, Moved by Jack Ferguson

2007-664 "Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Regular Council Meeting dated April 4th, 2007 be adjourned at 2:50 p.m."

Carried
Art Cobb

MAYOR

CAO/Clerk