

TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Committee Meeting

Meeting Title: Fire Committee

Date: Wed, August 1, 2007

Place: Municipal Council Chambers

Start Time: 2:30 p.m.

FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Previous Minutes
3. Master Fire Plan Review
4. Personnel
5. Other Business
6. Adjournment

Present: Mayor Don Rathwell, Deputy Mayor Ron Lowe Councillors: Art Cobb, Jack Ferguson, Jim Labow, Izett McBride, Daryl McLaughlin, Joey Trimm and Jacob Rook

Staff Present: Dean Sauriol, Fire Chief Wayne Heubner and Deputy Fire Chief Mike Moore

Consultant Bill Bowes was also present.

Prayer was recited

Clerk conducted Roll Call

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Art Cobb

“Be it resolved that the minutes of the previous Fire Committee Meeting dated June 6, 2007 be adopted as circulated”

Carried
Joey Trimm

Master Fire Plan Review

Consultant Bill Bowles made brief remarks regarding the Master Fire Plan, explaining some points gathered for the production of the report.

Councillor McBride asked if we were to reduce a station, what would need to be reviewed and which one we would close. Mr. Bowles stated we should look at calls and costs of each station. The closing of a station would more than likely decrease the level of service.

Deputy Mayor Ron Lowe requested that Mr. Bowles explain why we can't compare costs from similar municipalities. Mr. Bowles stated that to compare costs would include too many variables.

Deputy Mayor Ron Lowe stated that he would like more recommendations regarding consolidation and cost saving methods in the study.

Mr. Bowles stated that he feels that he achieved some of the goals that Mr. Lowe was after. He walked through his recommendations regarding the existing fire stations.

Mr. Cobb made several financial comments.

Mayor Rathwell made the comment that he would have also liked to see some recommendations.

Fire chief, Wayne Heubner, explained some of the reasons why the decisions were made or not made.

Councillor McBride stated that fire service is certainly a very political department.

Mr. Bowles explained some of the legislations that we are governed by.

Councillor Labow asked whether or not the tanker shuttle had been done. The answer was, not at this time.

Councillor Labow stated that he would like to see some statistics gathered regarding calls, personnel attendance, etc.

Comments on the future progress of the municipality should be dealt with in this report.

Mr. Bowles thanked staff and the cooperation of the Township for its help.

Chairperson Trimm stated that the Fire Chief bring back an itemized list of what has been done and what will be done regarding the report.
The document should be reviewed annually and discussed.

Firefighters Hired

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin

“Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Fire Committee recommend to Council that the following firefighters be hired:

Gaetan Jacques - Cobden

David Norton – Cobden

Warren Stewart – Beachburg

Thomas Hader – Beachburg

Travis Stewart – Cobden”

Carried
Joey Trimm

Resignations

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Jim Labow

“Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Fire Committee recommend to Council that they accept the retirement notification from:

Andrew Rathwell – Cobden

Scott Morphy – Beachburg

Andrew Coulas – Cobden”

Carried
Joey Trimm

Extrication Boundaries

Fire Chief, Wayne Heubner, brought council up to date regarding their discussion with the City. No change at this time.

Adjournment

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Izett McBride

“Be it resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Fire Committee Meeting dated August 1, 2007 be adjourned at 4:00 p.m”

Carried
Joey Trimm