

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Council Meeting**

Meeting Title: Regular Council Meeting Date: Wednesday October 1, 2008

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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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.
9. **Departmental Reports**
Monthly reports from Waste Management, Treasurer, Fire Department, Roads, Water & Sewage, By-law Enforcement
10. **Committee Reports**
11. **Bylaws**
 - 1.
12. **Misc Correspondence**
 - 1.
13. **New/Unfinished Business**
 1. Appointment of Public Works Assistant – Sandra Moss
14. **Closed Meeting to discuss litigation, potential litigation, labour relations, and the security of the property of the municipality.**
15. **Adjournment**

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

Staff Present: Dean Sauriol

Prayer was recited

Clerk conducted Roll Call

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest - None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Art Cobb

2008-1061 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region adopt the agenda dated October 1, 2008 for the Regular Council meeting as submitted.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Ron Lowe

2008-1062 “Be it Resolved that the minutes from the previous Regular Council meeting dated September 17, 2008 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Adoption of Accounts

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Art Cobb

2008-1063 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approve the attached schedule of Accounts for the period September 1 – September 30, 2008, in the amount of \$1,884,964.19 in general purposes and \$35,111.88 for Water Purposes and that the above accounts be paid.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Delegation – None

Department Reports

Township of Whitewater Region Waste Management Department Monthly Departmental Report September, 2008

Our shipment of blue boxes has arrived at the Site. 500 in total.

Summer surface water sampling for the Westmeath Landfill was attempted. There was no water present at the stations.

All fridges on site (132 units) were pumped of ozone-depleting gases by Eric Hutley Ltd. They will now be removed from the Site

The stockpile of scrap tires was removed from site by Ontario Tire Recovery.

The Terex excavator had its 2250 hour oil change this month. I ordered a new Turbo assembly for the machine as it is certainly not functioning properly.

Shaping of the slopes on Sparlings property was completed around the beginning of the month. We broadcasted 110 lb of grass seed over the slopes and it is beginning to take as the weather has certainly cooperated. This project is complete. Still awaiting feedback from MOE in Toronto on the closure plan for the Site. Specifically, we need verification as to the acceptability of the proposed CAZ as well as the utilization of the hydrocarbon contaminated soils for final cover.

The Westmeath landfill is currently receiving its last application of cover material. Loads are being dumped on the crest of the waste mound where they will be spread (likely in the Spring). Broadcasting of seed will then occur and that should put final closure to this Site aside from on-going monitoring.

Waste received at the Site is beginning to show signs of slowing down now for the Fall – Winter.

Steven Hodson, Landfill Operations Manager

WHITEWATER REGION DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Treasury

MONTHLY ACTIVITY: September 2008

TAXES

The second installment of the 2008 Final taxes was due on September 30, 2008. For this installment, we billed \$1,301,407.00 which is the taxes for the uncapped properties (residential, farm and managed forest).

WATER ARREARS

Registered letters were sent out to several ratepayers at the beginning of September whose water accounts are over 12 months in arrears. They have until September 30th to make payment or payment arrangements otherwise their water will be turned off.

COUNTY AND SCHOOL BOARD LEVIES

The County and School Board levies were paid on September 30, 2008. A total of \$1,011,024.45 was paid, \$535,721.00 to the County and \$475,303.45 was paid to the School Boards.

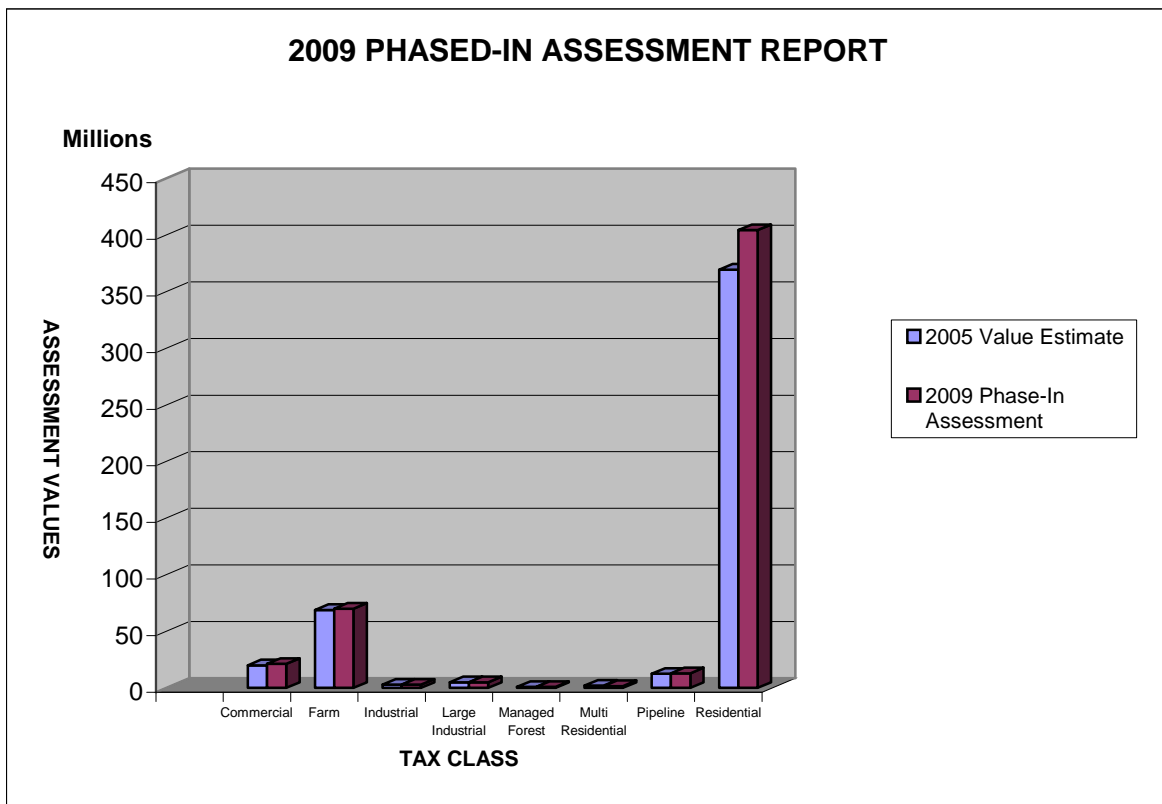
PROPERTY ASSESSMENT NOTICES – 2009 to 2012

The Assessment Notices for the 2009 to 2012 property tax years have now been sent out by MPAC. The last assessment update was in 2005 for the 2006, 2007 and 2008 taxation years. Assessed values will now be calculated as of January 1, 2008 instead of January 1, 2005. New in 2009 will be the mandatory phase-in of assessment increases for all property classes.

The following chart and graph shows the PRELIMINARY 2009 phased-in assessment values by tax class:

| Realty Tax Class | 2005 Value Estimate | 2009 Phase-In Assessment | % Change in Value Estimate |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Commercial | 20,013,719 | 21,193,422 | 5.89 |
| Farm | 68,930,020 | 69,935,025 | 1.46 |
| Industrial | 2,858,273 | 2,852,502 | -0.20 |
| Large Industrial | 4,904,486 | 4,928,924 | 0.50 |
| Managed Forest | 817,480 | 871,361 | 6.59 |
| Multi Residential | 2,041,000 | 1,550,000 | -24.06 |
| Pipeline | 12,406,000 | 12,949,250 | 4.38 |
| Residential | 369,559,032 | 404,488,708 | 9.45 |

2009 PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT REPORT



These figures are based on the notices and therefore are only preliminary – the 2009 assessment roll will contain the finalized numbers. It should also be noted that the percentage change within a tax class will vary depending upon the property code i.e. Property Code 110 (vacant land parcel on water) has a higher % change than Property Code 301 (single family dwelling not on water). An analysis of the assessment values will be completed once the 2009 assessment roll has been received (expected December 9, 2008).

Annette Mantifel
Treasurer/Deputy CAO

WHITEWATER REGION FIRE DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

**TOTAL EMERGENCY (STATION) RESPONSES FOR Sept. 31, 057-05
Sept 31, 2008**

Fire Chief Wayne Heubner

Sept 4 / 08 Chief Moore attends Westmeath Stn. practices x 5.
 Sept 3 / 08 Chief Heubner attends Council.
 Sept 6 / 08 Chief Moore attends Cobden Stn. practice.
 Sept 11 / 08 Chief Heubner and Moore met with Class A rep.
 Sept 11 / 08 Chief Heubner, Moore attend Foresters Falls interviews.
 Sept 17 / 08 Chief Heubner, Moore attend Cobden Stn. practice
 Sept 23 / 08 Chief Heubner, Moore attend Firefighters interviews.
 Stn. # 1 Haley's

Sept 03 / 08 462 Chenaux Rd. van fire.
 Sept 04 / 08 Street light burning 544 Sullivan St.

Stn. # 2 Cobden

Sept 05 / 08 Brush Burn.

Stn. # 3 Foresters Falls

Sept. 02 / 08 MVA corner of Beachburg and Foresters Falls Rd.

Stn. # 4 Beachburg

Sept 13 / 08 CO2 Alarm activation 15 Earl St.

Stn. # 5 Westmeath

Truck / Hall Report

Haley Stn. 1 Repaired tower cable
3 men took Z brake course.

Cobden Stn. 2 Baffles have been installed in the new tanker
Lights and radio will be transferred shortly.

Forester Falls Stn. 3 Bi-weekly training session.

Beachburg Stn. 4 Weekly training sessions continues.

Westmeath Stn. 5 Weekly training continues.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Cobden new Tanker unit 9721 has been moved over to Douglas to have baffles installed. Light bar and radio's will be moved shortly by our staff.

T.W.P. Whitewater Region Departmental Report

Department of PUBLIC WORKS September 2008 Monthly Activities:

Zion Line construction is complete. Ditching has been done on Desjardin Rd. Cold patching has been ongoing on certain roads. Maintenance grading and the addition of gravel has been done on various roads Sutherland Rd, Timm Rd, Pleasant Valley Rd, and the hill on Orin Rd. New gates have been installed at the Cobden Beach. Various calls for fallen trees was taken care of after one evening of wind. The past two weeks have been busy hauling winter sand into the storage domes at Mineview and Westmeath garages. The area at train tracks in Beachburg installed culvert and added gravel for the Oct 5th train arrival.

Hal Johnson CRS-I

Public Works Supervisor

WHITEWATER REGION DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Building and By-law Enforcement DATE: September 29, 2008

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

- Carried out numerous building, plumbing, septic and By-law inspections and attend meetings for future developments.
- Issued 8 Building Permits at a value of \$637,000.00 in total. 3 Single Family Dwelling, 8 addition/renovation to existing residential.
- Attended Pembroke's City Hall for our local Chapters Ontario Building Official Association meeting and also met with all the local building inspectors. We had a presentation by Kevin Price who is the Technical Field Representative for Uponor Ltd who are a manufacturer of PEX piping and systems.

RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD:

None

Committee Reports – None

Bylaws – None

Misc. Correspondence – None

Appointment of Public Works Assistant – Sandra Moss

Carried Jacob Rook, Seconded by Art Cobb

2008-1064 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region is pleased to appoint Sandra Moss to a full time permanent status as Public Works Assistant effective immediately with all associated benefits according to our current Human Resources Policy and Procedures manual.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Closed meeting – Nothing

Adjournment

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2008-1065 “Be it resolved that the council of the Township of Whitewater Region Regular council meeting dated October 1, 2008 be adjourned at 1:20pm.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Mayor, Donald Rathwell

CAO, Dean Sauriol

