

TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Council Meeting

Meeting Title: Regular Council Meeting Date: Wednesday February 4, 2009

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**
 - 1.
11. **Bylaws**
 - 1.
12. **Misc Correspondence**
 1. AMO Communication Alert – 2009 Federal Budget Announcements
 2. Town of Arnprior – Support of Resolution – Renfrew County Commuter Rail Day
 3. County of Renfrew – Letter of Appreciation
13. **New/Unfinished Business**
 1. Beachburg Arena Fundraiser – Special Occasion Permit
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 reported

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Ron Lowe

2009-1142 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region adopt the agenda dated February 4, 2009 for the Regular Council meeting as submitted with the addition of 13 2) Severance B242/06 (1) & B243/06 (2) Matthews.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Ron Lowe

2009-1143 “Be it Resolved that the minutes from the previous Regular Council meeting dated January 21, 2009 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Adoption of Accounts

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Joey Trimm

2009-1144 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approve the attached schedule of Accounts for the period January 1 – January 31, 2009, in the amount of \$397,064.88 in general purposes and \$4,051.11 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
January, 2009**

Grinding of brush pile occurred early in the month.

Forwarded all the 2008 Monitoring Program laboratory analysis & field data for the three sites to the hydro geologist (Jp2g) in Ottawa. They prepare the Hydro geological Reports for the Department which are attached to the Annual Operations Reports. Reports are required by the province and are due at the end of March.

The Public Works Department is moving the ground-up brush pile down to the active landfilling area for us. This is our winter – spring cover material while the ground is frozen.

New Service Truck ordered for the Waste Management Department this month. Arrival will be in a few months.

Prepared a five (5) year projected capital assets plan for the Waste Management Department this month.

Received written response from Mr. Ed Sparling this month with respect to the slope stabilization project at the Cobden Site. He viewed the works with an Engineering Consultant and seemed satisfied, with the exception of the Southern slope (Northern slope/perimeter of the Municipal Lands). He and his Engineer feel there is not enough back-fill to stop potential erosion on his Southern slope. I forwarded a letter of reply.

This winter the Department (with the services of our Consultant) will be preparing the formal application process to seek Ministry approval for the Ross Landfill Sites full potential capacity. Although there should be several years of capacity remaining in the trench, I anticipate this application process will take years. Technical review, hydro geological studies & review, local impact analysis, etc.

Steven Hodson, Landfill Operations Manager

WHITEWATER REGION DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Treasury

MONTHLY ACTIVITY: January 2009

WATER BILLS

The first installment of water/sewer for the 2009 year was due January 30th, 2009. A total of \$98,462.23 was billed in water revenue and \$46,392.48 was billed in sewer revenue.

TAX BILLS

The Interim Tax bills were sent out during January with the 1st installment due February 27th and the 2nd installment due April 30th. The total dollar amount of the February installment is \$1,551,180.42 (\$1,252,212.63 for uncapped taxes and \$298,967.79 for capped taxes).

BUDGET

The Auditor has started the final audit but no figures are available yet. Once the final audit is complete, department heads will be provided with their final 2008 figures and be asked to provide their initial 2009 budget figures – possibly by the end of February. Departments were asked to provide their five year capital plan by the end of January.

POLICING

As mentioned last meeting, we have now received our 2009 Policing estimate – it is \$629,781 which is up \$36,598 or 6.17% from the 2008 Policing estimate. This figure will be adjusted once the 2008 year-end reconciliation has been completed.

Annette Mantifel, Treasurer

WHITEWATER REGION FIRE DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

TOTAL EMERGENCY (STATION) RESPONSES FOR Jan. 31, 000-16

	Fire Chief	Wayne Heubner	Jan. 31, 2009
Jan	4 / 09	Chief	Heubner / Moore met with Stn. Capt's year end.
Jan	5 / 09	Chief	Moore attends Westmeath Stn. practice x 4.
Jan	7 / 09	Chief	Heubner attends Council.
Jan	7 / 09	Chief	Heubner attended Cobden Stn. practice.
Jan	14 / 09	Chief	Heubner, Moore attend Const. J. Hewitt traffic meeting.

Jan 21 / 09 Chief Heubner, attended Cobden Stn. practice.
Stn. # 1 Haley's

Jan 10 / 09 MVC highway # 17 & Dombroski Rd.
Jan 13 / 09 MVC highway # 17 & Oattes Rd.
Jan 14 / 09 House fire 46 Government Rd.
Jan 15 / 09 Barn fire 18678 Highway # 17.
Jan 23 / 09 MVC 1142 Magnesium Rd.
Jan 24 / 09 MVC highway # 17 & Godfrey Rd.
Jan 29 / 09 MVC highway # 17 & Haley Rd.

Stn. # 2 Cobden

Jan 05 / 09 Alarm activation 12 Wren Dr. Cobden.
Jan 13 / 09 MVC highway # 17 & Oattes Rd.
Jan 14 / 09 House fire 46 Gov. Rd.
Jan 15 / 09 Barn fire 18678 highway # 17
Jan 16 / 09 Chimney fire 20899 highway # 17
Jan 24 / 09 MVC highway # 17 & Turcotte Rd.
Jan 29 / 09 Tractor Trailer fire highway # 17
West of Greenwood Rd.

Stn. # 3 Foresters Falls

Jan 14 / 09 House fire 46 Gov. Rd.
Jan 15 / 09 Barn fire 18678 highway # 17.

Stn. # 4 Beachburg

Jan 14 / 09 House fire 46 Gov. Rd.
Jan 15 / 09 Barn fire 18678 highway # 17.
Jan 16 / 09 Alarm activation 19 Smith St.
Jan 17 / 09 MVC Beachburg Rd. & Zion Line.
Jan 21 / 09 Car fire 1 Vera Cres.

Stn. # 5 Westmeath

Jan 14 / 09 House fire 46 Gov. Rd.
Jan 15 / 09 Barn fire 18678 highway # 17.

Truck / Hall Report

Haley

Stn. 1 Met with OPP and trained on MVC'S.
Regular monthly training.

Cobden

Stn. 2 9840 charging system repaired.
Main pressure gauge on 9633 not working.

Forester Falls

Stn. 3 No station report filed.

Beachburg

Stn. 4 9718 had batteries replaced.
McCrea heating called no heat in hall.
Overhead door repaired.

Westmeath

Stn. 5 Weekly DI's completed along with weekly
Training.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Beachburg Station doors need weather stripping replaced on bay doors.

Other recommendations will be brought forward at budget time, that is if any money is available.

T.W.P. Whitewater Region Departmental Report

Department of PUBLIC WORKS January 2009 Monthly Activities:

This month we had 18 weather responses, compared to 19 last year at this time. Staff have been busy plowing, salting/sanding and doing snow removal.

With the addition of the new tandem we have been plowing Cobden with a tandem this has substantially reduced the amount of time it takes to plow the Village. This has allowed us the opportunity to try some changes to our plow routes to see if we can improve service in certain areas.

During one of our plow operations we were able to implement the changes. But due to mechanical problems on most of our storm responses the trucks had to share routes to get all the routes completed.

This month we did some brushing in various areas to various roads to eliminate the interference with our plow equipment during plow operations.

Hal Johnson CRS-I

Public Works Supervisor

WHITEWATER REGION DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Department: Plants

Date: January, 2009

Monthly Activities:

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

After extensive correspondence, Corix is trying some programming changes to correct the problem with their raw water inlet valve at the Cobden Water Plant. We are still waiting for Corix to send the parts required for the Uninterrupted Power Supply to their panel.

We have yet to receive a reply from Robinson Consultants regarding the inability of the settling tank to produce acceptable suspended solids levels and have been questioned by the MOE inspector as to the status.

Several other issues are being looked into by Detra.

All four gas heaters are now operational.

Bell Telephone was called in to repair a lost line connection to the plant.

The hypochlorite transfer pump self destructed and has been sent to Metcon Engineering for Warranty.

Updating of the Operations Manual, as required by the MOE is nearing completion and confirmation of completion will be sent to the Inspector.

Rondeau Electric has run electrical conduit and done the wiring required for five day flow reporting on the PLC at the Beachburg Water Plant. Five day low lift pump run time was discovered to be included in the requirements of the Permit to Take Water. I had missed this requirement when arranging the reprogramming to the PLC however Dakins has agreed to include it at no extra cost. They will have a programmer on site January 4th to make the necessary programming changes. The Operations Manual will be updated to include changes. As a temporary measure a small electric heater was installed in the generator enclosure at the Haley Water Plant to ensure starting. The generator had inadvertently been supplied without a cold weather starting kit. Rondeau Electric has acquired the heaters and installed them. The system was tested and is functioning well.

Stroma Engineering has come to the plant and successfully programmed the PLC for the required changes.

Two sludge haulages to Eganville from the Cobden Wastewater Plant have been done this year using Thomas Pumping.

The flow transmitter and ultrasonic level transducer at the plant failed. The units were found to be beyond repair and replacement units that were stored on site were installed, tested, programmed, and put into service by plant staff.

A MOE plant inspection is anticipated within one month.

A backup 4800 watt electric heater was installed at the Industrial Park main building by plant staff. This is to work in conjunction with a similar unit previously installed.

Plant Manager: *David Simmons*

WHITEWATER REGION DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Building and By-law Enforcement DATE: February 2, 2009

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

-Carried out numerous building, plumbing, septic and By-law inspections and attend meetings for future developments.

-Issued 5 Building Permits at a value of \$33,000.00 in total. One addition/renovation to existing residential, one new wood stove installation, one residential plumbing permit, one barn addition and one farm accessory buildings.

-Attended our local Chapters Ontario Building Official Association meeting held at the Town of Deep River Municipal office. We also met with all the local building inspectors. WE had a presentation from the Roxul insulation company.

RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD:

None

Committee Reports – None

AMO Communication Alert – 2009 Federal Budget Announcements – information

Town of Arnprior – Support of Resolution – Renfrew County - Commuter Rail Day
Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Art Cobb

2009-1145 “Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region strongly support the Town of Arnprior resolution asking that the County of Renfrew contribute financially toward the expenses incurred from the Commuter Rail Day held on October 5, 2008.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

County of Renfrew – Letter of Appreciation – Information

Beachburg Arena Fundraiser – Special Occasion Permit

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2009-1146 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region declare the fundraising Hockey Tournament to be held in Beachburg on March 6, 7 & 8, 2009 be declared a community festival and does not knowingly contravene any municipal bylaws.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Severance B242/06 (1) & B243/06 (2) – Matthews

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin

2009-1147 “Be it resolved that the council of the Township of Whitewater Region upon review of the justification report prepared by JP2G, continue to support Don Matthews original development proposal as identified in the original application. Also council reaffirms the resolution that was sent to the County of Renfrew recently.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Closed Meeting

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Jim Labow

2009-1148 “Be it resolved that the council of the Township of Whitewater Region convene into Committee of the whole to discuss property issues.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Closed meeting adjournment

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2009-1149 “Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region committee of the whole meeting dated February 4, 2009 hereby be adjourned.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Adjournment

Moved by Izett McBride, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2009-1150 “Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region Regular council meeting dated February 4, 2009 be adjourned at 2:15pm.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Mayor, Donald Rathwell

CAO, Dean Sauriol