

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Council Meeting**

Meeting Title: Regular Council Meeting Date: Wednesday July 8, 2009

Place: Westmeath Recreation Centre Start Time: 1:00 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- A. Public Meeting
1. Zoning Amendment Pt Lot 23, Conc 4, Ross – Davidson
 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. **Louise Donaldson – Commuter Rail information**
 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**
 1. 09-07-389 Road Naming Bylaw – Big Sky Country Trail
 2. 09-07-390 Zion Line Reconstruction Breen Bylaw
 3. 09-07-391 Tile Drain Bylaw - Robertson, Wright
 4. 09-07-392 Zoning Amendment Pt Lot 23 Conc 4 Ross – Davidson
 12. **Misc Correspondence**
 1. Renfrew County Victim Crisis Assistance & Referral Service – Golf Invitation
 - 2.
 13. **New/Unfinished Business**
 1. Livestock Claim – McEwen
 2. Horse Signage Request – White
 3. Special Occasion Permit – Legion Pig Roast
 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 Ron Lowe, Seconded by Art Cobb

2009-1268 “Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region convene into a public meeting in connection with a zoning bylaw amendment.

1. Zoning amendment Pt Lot 23, Conc 4 Ross - Davidson.”

Carried
Donald

Rathwell

Adjournment of Public Meeting

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Ron Lowe

2009-1269 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Public Meeting dated July 8, 2009 be hereby adjourned at 1:05p.m.”

Carried
Donald

Rathwell

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 – Councilor McBride declared on Item 1 (1) road naming Bylaw.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by, Art Cobb Seconded by Ron Lowe

2009-1270 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region adopt the agenda dated June 3, 2009 for the Regular Council meeting as submitted.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Art Cobb

2009-1271 “Be it Resolved that the minutes from the previous Regular Council meeting dated June 17, 2009 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Adoption of Accounts

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Ron Lowe

2009-1272 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approve the attached schedule of Accounts for the period June 1 – June 30, 2009, in the amount of \$1,867,857.53 in general purposes and \$53,313.25 for Water Purposes and that the above accounts be paid.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Delegation: Louise Donaldson – Commuter Rail Information

Louise Donaldson, executive director of SADC and Harry Gow were present to discuss the commuter survey and its results.

Ms. Donaldson reviewed the rail abandonment of the track through our Township. Once some of the decisions are made we may have to make some quick decisions.

Mr. Gow spoke on the abandonment process of the rail track and what we would be up against.

Discussion on what Revenue might be made by this rail line.

CN would like to communicate with an established corporation regarding the rail transfer.

Consensus that support of the Rail Concept in general

Department Reports:

**Township of Whitewater Region
Waste Management Department
Monthly Departmental Report
June, 2009**

Had to resubmit 2008 Third Quarter MHSW Report to Waste Diversion Ontario / Stewardship Ontario for reimbursement for Mobile Hazardous Waste Event held last August. It appears we may recover somewhere in the range of \$4,500.00 (roughly 50% of our expense).

Westmeath Landfill Surface Water Sampling (Spring Event) was carried out early in the month.

Met with our hydrogeologist at the Cobden Landfill for a final review before we locate the position for the new Monitoring Well on Paxton’s property. It appears the new well will be situated beyond the proposed CAZ just off the hydro corridor/easement.

New truck is now within the fleet (picked up June 4th).

Spreading soil over the waste mound at the Cobden Landfill Site. This will be the final application. Weeds & grasses are beginning to take on the rehabilitated side slopes (Sparling’s property). Some mild erosion/wash outs occurred over the winter/early spring on the slopes.

Nad-Core Environmental floated equipment in to grind brush pile. Completed June 20th.

Expecting to soon see demolition material from Timminco arrive at the Ross Site. The material will be primarily fire brick from the furnaces as well as wood waste from the building(s). A large volume is expected. The department has received a few calls from Contractors bidding the job.

The 95 gal. commercial blue bins shall be removed from the Ross Landfill Site, effective June 30th. Recycling in Whitewater Region will be solely curb-side collection.

Steven Hodson, Landfill Operations Manager

WHITEWATER REGION DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Treasury/Administration

MONTHLY ACTIVITY: June 2009

WATER BILLING

The third installment of the 2009 water billing is due July 31, 2009. A total of \$95,511.25 was billed in water revenue and \$43,375.50 was billed in sewer revenue.

TAX BILLING

The final tax bills for the uncapped classes have been processed and mailed out. A total of \$2,945,112.88 was billed with the Township’s tax portion being \$2,183,110.38. The final tax bills for the capped classes will be processed later in July.

COUNTY AND SCHOOL BOARD LEVIES

The County and School Board levies were paid at the end of June with \$575,909.00 paid to the County and \$439,780.51 paid to the School Boards.

BUDGET

After 6 months of operation, the departments have spent the following:

Expenditure:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Amount Spent</u>	<u>% Spent</u>
Policing	\$558,899	\$191,528	34%
Council	\$219,660	\$86,632	39%
Administration	\$1,469,758	\$501,668	34%
Fire Dept.	\$454,025	\$204,194	45%
Building/By-Law/Planning	\$145,047	\$62,916	43%
Roads	\$3,012,540	\$1,207,594	40%

Street Lighting	\$94,450	\$44,684	47%
Sewer	\$198,000	\$110,541	56%
Waste Management	\$575,970	\$313,086	54%
Parks	\$82,902	\$58,296	70%
Recreation	\$91,950	\$82,481	90%
Industrial Park	\$22,200	\$9,961	45%
Emergency Planning	\$3,000	\$2,551	85%
Other (Crossing Guards, Airport, Tile Drain, Transf. to Haley)	\$142,848	\$70,922	50%

Revenue*:

Taxes	\$2,510,333	\$2,183,110	87%
Special Charges	\$30,000	\$0	0%
Sewer Charges	\$198,000	\$90,038	45%
Tile Drain	\$98,033	\$62,033	63%
Street Lighting	\$72,880	\$59,632	82%
Grant-in-Lieu	\$121,950	\$72,090	59%
Ontario Grants	\$2,647,312	\$742,253	28%
Other Grants	\$62,945	\$0	0%
Administration	\$832,750	\$360,792	43%
Building/By-Law/Planning	\$115,800	\$61,589	53%
Waste Management	\$374,725	\$138,543	37%
Other (Fire)	\$52,600	\$41,317	79%

*Revenue amounts for the office and road construction have not all been transferred in until all expenditures have been completed.

Annette Mantifel, Treasurer/Deputy CAO

WHITEWATER REGION FIRE DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

TOTAL EMERGENCY (STATION) RESPONSES FOR June 30, 049-05
 Fire Chief Wayne Heubner June 30, 2009

- June 1 / 09 Chief Moore attends Westmeath Stn. practice x 5.
- June 1 / 09 Chief Heubner, Moore conduct interviews.
- June 3 / 09 Chief Heubner attends council.
- June 3 / 09 Chief Heubner attended Cobden Stn. practice.
- June 8 / 09 Chief Moore, Annette met on Asset Management.
- June 11 / 09 Chief Heubner, Moore, Church met with Wilderness Tours.
- June 12 / 09 Chief Heubner, Dean, Richard and Joe met re: new truck RFP.
- June 15 / 09 Chief Heubner, Moore and truck comm. Met with Fort Garry rep.
- June 17 / 09 Chief Heubner attended evening council session.
- June 18 / 09 Chief Heubner attended Cobden Stn. practice.
- June 20 / 09 Chief Heubner, Moore met with Stn. Captains.
- Stn. # 1 Haley's
 - June 12 / 09 Garage fire 2226 Snake River Line.
 - June 23 / 09 Shed fire 3318 Queens Line.
 - June 29 / 09 House fire 1592 Foresters Falls Rd.
- Stn. # 2 Cobden
 - June 12 / 09 Garage fire 2226 Snake River Line.
 - June 23 / 09 Shed fire 3318 Queens Line.
 - June 29 / 09 House fire 1592 Foresters Falls Rd.
- Stn. # 3 Foresters Falls
 - June 12 / 09 Garage fire 2226 Snake River Line.
 - June 23 / 09 Shed fire 3318 Queens Line.
 - June 29 / 09 House fire 1592 Foresters Falls Rd.
- Stn. # 4 Beachburg
 - June 12 / 09 Garage fire 2226 Snake River Line.
 - June 23 / 09 Shed fire 3318 Queens Line.
 - June 23 / 09 Tree on house and hydro lines 1596 Bea. Rd.
 - June 29 / 09 House fire 1592 Foresters Falls Rd.
 - June 29 / 09 Tree on hydro lines 1757 Bea. Rd.
- Stn. # 5 Westmeath
 - June 23 / 09 Shed fire 3318 Queens Line.
 - June 29 / 09 House fire 1592 Foresters Falls Rd.
- Truck / Hall Report
- Haley Stn. 1 Regular monthly training.
Several inspections carried out in June.
Tanker 9719 had work done on it.
- Cobden Stn. 2 Regular monthly training.
Some light work done on 9840.
- Forester Falls Stn. 3 Regular monthly training.
Several serious roof leaks discovered.
- Beachburg Stn. 4 Regular monthly training.
Truck 9718 had safety done.
- Westmeath Stn. 5 Regular monthly training.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Westmeath Stn. paving to be completed some time this summer.
 Cobden Stn. waiting arrival of new pumper 9633. We should have the new pumper in about 2 weeks.
 Our new thermal imaging camera arrived at the house fire, and was a welcome addition. We were able to see into the walls of the house and send fire fighters home earlier.

T.W.P. Whitewater Region Departmental Report

Department of PUBLIC WORKS

June 2009 Monthly Activities:

This month we have been doing many various jobs due to the time of year. As construction has begun we have taken out many dips in Hila Rd and replaced two culverts it is now ready for the resurfacing portion of this project. The HLA, Double Surface Treatment and Gravel tenders have been closed and rewarded to the lowest bidder in each area. H&H has completed paving various patches where water main breaks were this past winter. Cold patching and grading have been ongoing throughout the township, we have added calcium for dust control to most of the gravel roads. Guard rails have been repaired on Rox Siding Road and Pinewood Park Rd. The large culvert before the railway track on Pinewood Park Rd was blocked by a beaver dam, which caused a major back up of water. Murray Buckwalt was brought in with the excavator to try and open the culvert. Part of the road washed out due to the volume of water being held back. The road was secured and brought down to one lane of traffic, the culvert was repaired and the road rebuilt. Beavers have been a major problem this year, blocking the culverts and causing road washouts. Lapasse Rd has been cold patched, and leveled off from Gore Line to Bromley Line to prepare it for an overlay of surface treatment.

We have started cutting the roadside grass and brush, as well as trimming around signs. The recent rainy weather has not been co-operating with these projects, as well as causing more road washouts.

Recommendations: Staff purposes to council to put a single surface treatment over the end of Zion Line that meets Hila Rd. This single treatment would help protect the road from any further deterioration, as it is really starting to fall apart.

Hal Johnson CRS-I
Public Works Supervisor

WHITEWATER REGION DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Department: Plants Date: June, 2009

Monthly Activities:

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

Problems with the new decant system at the Cobden Water Plant had resulted in pumping the complete settling tank volumes directly to the Wastewater Plant since the maximum permitted level for suspended solids in supernatant returned to the lake could not be met. Suspended solids test results had ranged from 26.1 to 51.6 mg/l where the maximum permitted suspended solids is 25 mg/l. The floating decant head was removed from the settling tank and replaced with a unit designed and constructed at the plant. As well a polyethylene baffle curtain was installed in the tank separating the backwash/desludging inlet section from the settling/supernating section in order to create a more quiescent settling zone. The new system has been tested and the two test pumping cycles to date produced suspended solids test results of 13.8 mg/l and 4.1 mg/l, well within the maximum permitted. Robinson Consultants has been notified that the standard is now being met and supernatant return to the lake has been resumed. Topsoil was spread and seeded around the plant and rainfall during the last week is producing new grass growth. New coolant hoses were installed on the diesel stand by power unit at the Beachburg Water Plant as a preventive measure and the cooling system was flushed and refilled. The old hoses will be kept on site for emergency backup use.

New auto samplers were installed and commissioned by plant staff at the Cobden Wastewater Plant. The new samplers have heating and cooling capability to maintain 4° C sample collection temperature as required by the MOE.

The plant building is being prepared for relocation of the hypochlorinators and chemical tanks to include the installation of chemical containment. This work being done by plant staff will meet the requirements of the latest plant inspection.

Meetings were conducted on site with Rod MacGibbon of WESA in order to complete the risk assessment phase of the Operational Plans that are under way. This phase catalogues potential hazards in each plant with respect to likelihood, severity, and detectability of each hazard identified. It also identifies Critical Control Points associated with each item assessed.

The plants are being prepared for MOE inspections which are anticipated at any time now.

Plant Manager: *David Simmons*

WHITEWATER REGION DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Building and By-law Enforcement

DATE: July 06, 2009

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

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

-Issued 15 Building Permits at a value of \$469,000.00 in total. one Single Family Dwelling, 4 addition/renovation to existing residential, 4 residential accessory buildings, 3 addition to residential accessory buildings, one commercial accessory building, 2 agricultural accessory buildings.

-Inspected all our Municipal Drains with Fisheries and Ocean to have them all classified to expedite the approval for when we may require maintenance work.

RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD:

None

Road Allowance Usage Request – Gypsy Lane

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Art Cobb

2009-1273 “Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of the Whitewater Region is in favour of Harold Gilchrist’s request and further recommend to that under the severance process a rezoning and development agreement be prepared to address the use and extension of Gypsy lane and further that it to be registered on title that the Township will bear no responsibility for future maintenance or upgrading to this section of road and further that all costs incurred in this process be born by the land owners involved.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2009-1274 “Be it resolved that the Public Works Committee recommend that a stop ahead sign be erected on Lacroix Bay Rd/Greenway Drive and that a No exit sign be erected at the beginning of Moore’s Beach Rd.”

Carried
Donald

Rathwell

Beachburg Garage – Declared Surplus

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Art Cobb

2009-1275 “Be it resolved that the Whitewater Region Public Works Committee recommend to council that we declare the Beachburg Garage, better known as 1823 Beachburg Rd Plan 6 Block G PT Lots 49 & 56 surplus.”

Carried
Donald

Rathwell

Councilor McBride declared conflict and excused himself.

09-07-389 - Road Naming Bylaw – Big Sky Country Trail

Moved by Jack Ferguson. Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin

2009-1276 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to name certain streets in the Township – Big Sky Country Trail and the said bylaw be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 09-07-389 be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 8th day of July, 2009.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

09-07-390 - Zion Line Reconstruction Breen Bylaw

Moved by Izett McBride, Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin

2009-1277 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to realign property for the Zion Line – Breen and the said bylaw be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 09-07-390 be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 8th day of June, 2009.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

09-07-391 - Tile Drain Bylaw - Robertson, Wright

Moved by Daryl McLaughlin, Seconded by Izett McBride

2009-1278 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to authorize a Tile Drain on East Part Lot 10 EML Westmeath Robertson and Pt Lot 14, Con 10 EML Westmeath Wright and the said bylaw be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 09-07-391 be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 8th day of July, 2009.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

09-07-392 - Zoning Amendment Pt Lot 23 Conc 4Ross – Davidson

Moved by Izett McBride, Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin

2009-1279 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to amend the Westmeath Zoning Bylaw Pt Lot 23, Conc 4 Ross – Davidson and the said bylaw be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 09-07-392 be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 8th day of July, 2009.”

Carried
Donald

Rathwell

Renfrew County Victim Crisis Assistance & Referral Service – Golf Invitation – Information

Livestock Claim – McEwen

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Jim Labow

2009-1280 “Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region reimburse Anne Bridget McEwen \$380 for two North Country sheep killed by wolves on June 29th, 2009.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Livestock Claim – McEwen

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Jim Labow

2009-1281 “Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region reimburse Anne Bridget McEwen \$160 for one North Country cross sheep killed by wolves on July 2, 2009.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Livestock Claim – McEwen

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2009-1282 “Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region reimburse Anne Bridget McEwen \$200 for one North Country cross sheep killed by wolves on July 5th, 2009.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Horse Signage Request – White

No action

Special Occasion Permit – Legion Pig Roast

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2009-1283 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region declare the Cobden Legion Pig Roast a community festival and does not knowingly contravene any municipal bylaws and a Special Occasion Permit be requested.”

Carried
Donald

Rathwell

Closed meeting – Nothing

Adjournment

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Jim Labow

2009-1284 “Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region Regular Council meeting dated July 8, 2009 be adjourned at 2:25pm.”

Carried
Donald

Rathwell