

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Committee Meeting**

Meeting Title: Finance and Administration Date: Wed October 7, 2009

Place: Westmeath Recreation Centre Start Time: 2:30 p.m.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Minutes
3. Council Composition Review – Discussion
4. Other Business
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5. Meeting to discuss litigation, potential litigation, labour relations, and the security of the property of the municipality.
6. Adjournment

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

Staff Present: Dean Sauriol

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin

“Be it Resolved that the minutes of the previous Finance and Administration Meeting dated August 12, 2009 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried
Art Cobb

Council Composition Review – Discussion

Clerk introduced the topic.

Mayor Rathwell made several comments as head of council stating that he has been very fortunate with this Council’s support. He would like a final decision by November. Councillor McLaughlin stated he was concerned about the rural representation and that if there was only one member in a ward then the rural representation is at risk.

Deputy Mayor Lowe stated that the original amalgamated Township stated initially that we would possibly reduce the council.

Councillor Cobb stated initially at amalgamation that we would review the complement as opposed to reducing when the time comes.

Councillor Trimm stated he campaigned on reducing the number of councillors.

Councillor Labow stated that he also would like to see Council reduced.

Councillor McBride stated that we should look at what the roles are on Council. He would like to see smaller committees which would make councillors more knowledgeable. He also stated that he is concerned about the representation.

Councillor Cobb stated that he see’s the council task as not yet being completed and we should be selling our Municipality and this is a huge task.

Councillor Ferguson stated that he is in favour of the status quo.

Councillor Trimm stated he would like to be more efficient – i.e. fewer councillors, fewer committees and more knowledgeable.

Consensus that we entertain a motion on this issue today.

Council Composition

Moved by Joe Trimm, Seconded by Jim Labow

“Be it resolved that the Finance and Administration committee recommend to council that the council be reduced to consist of the following; Mayor and Deputy Mayor at large. One (1) council representation elected from each ward. Councillor Trimm requested recorded vote.”

YEAS:

**Joey Trimm
Jim Labow**

NAYS:

**Jacob Rook
Daryl McLaughlin**

Ron Lowe
Donald Rathwell

Izett McBride
Jack Ferguson
Art Cobb

Defeated
Art Cobb

Council Composition

Moved by Izett McBride, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

“Be it resolved that the Finance and Administration committee recommend to council that the existing council complement remain. Mayor at large and two (2) members elected from each ward with the Deputy Mayor selected within. Mayor Rathwell requested recorded vote.”

YEAS:

Jacob Rook
Izett McBride
Daryl McLaughlin
Jack Ferguson
Art Cobb

NAYS:

Donald Rathwell
Joey Trimm
Jim Labow
Ron Lowe

Carried
Art Cobb

Closed meeting – Nothing

Adjournment

Moved by Daryl McLaughlin, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region Finance and Administration meeting dated October 7, 2009 be adjourned at 2:35pm.”

Carried
Art Cobb