

TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Council Meeting

Meeting Title: Regular Council Meeting Date: Wednesday April 7, 2010

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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- A. Public Meeting
1. Zoning Amendment Lots 14, Con 1 EML, Westmeath – Whitmore
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. **Whitewater Region Public Library - 2010 Budget**
 2. **Norm Lemke & Mike Nolan - County of Renfrew – Discussion of Letter from Hawthorne**
 9. **Departmental Reports**
Monthly reports from Waste Management, Treasurer, Fire Department, Roads, Water & Sewage, By-law Enforcement
 10. **Committee Reports**
 1. Community Policing Advisory Committee - Minutes
 11. **Bylaws**
 1. 10-04-425 Zoning Amendment Lots 14, Con 1 EML, Westmeath – Whitmore
 12. **Misc Correspondence**
 1. Blind Anglers Fishing Tournament – Invitation
 2. Victim Services of Renfrew County – Chocolate Gala - Invitation
 3. Ottawa River Power Corp. - Power Savings Blitz
 13. **New/Unfinished Business**
 1. Canadian Pacific Rail line – Municipal Support of Resolutions
 2. Severance Application – Pt Lot 10, North Front D - Westmeath B04/10 – O'Brien
 3. 4th Annual Beachburg Jam – Special Occasion Permit
 4. Cobden Agricultural Fair – Sponsor Request
 5. Ontario Electricity Distributors – Settlement of Late Payment Penalty Litigation
 6. Purchasing of Water Debentures -
 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 Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin

2010-1439 “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 14, Conc 1 EML Westmeath – Whitmore.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Clerk reviewed notification requirements.
No comments from Public. No comments from Council.

Adjournment of Public Meeting

Moved by Daryl McLaughlin, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2010-1440 “Be it resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Public Meeting dated April 7, 2010 is 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 – None

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by, Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin

2010-1441 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region adopt the agenda dated April 7, 2010 for the Regular Council meeting as submitted.”

Carried
Donald

Rathwell

Adoption of the minutes

Moved by Daryl McLaughlin, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2010-1442 “Be it resolved that the minutes of the previous Regular Council meeting dated March 17, 2010 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Adoption of the Accounts

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin

2010-1443 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approve the attached schedule of Accounts for the period March 1 – March 31, 2010, in the amount of \$1,464,715.47 in general purposes and \$23,909.69 for Water Purposes and that the above accounts be paid.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Delegation

Whitewater Region Public Library- 2010 Budget – Tabled to a later date.

Norm Lemke & Mike Nolan - County of Renfrew – Discussion of Letter from Hawthorne

Norm Lemke CAO of the County of Renfrew, also Mike Nolan Chief of Paramedics Services were present.

Mr. Lemke expressed sympathies to the Hawthorne family, Marsha and members.

Mr. Nolan gave a brief historical outlook on the changes over time to the ambulance services.

Mr. Nolan explained that County service provides ambulance service to entire county and beyond.

Other challenges they encounter are the 10,000 sq km with 10 vehicles.

Start of Day – 2 in Pembroke/ 2 in Eganville/ 2 in Renfrew. One of those vehicles station themselves in outlining areas for the day.

20,000 calls per year.

Legislated response time is 90% in 19 minutes.

WWR 2005 90 percentile 25.49 minutes

WWR 2009 90 percentile 25.16 minutes

Average: 16 minutes

Other programs include Access Defibrillation Program

Councillor McBride – asked about differences between day and night

2/3 of calls happen during the daytime – 10 vehicles

1/3 of calls happen during the night – 7 vehicles

Councillor Trimm asked who determines numbers of vehicles.

Mr. Nolan stated that the province set regulated vehicle funding based on formula.

Councillor Cobb asked if 19 minutes is satisfactory.

Mr. Nolan stated that the 19 minutes is a current County standard.

Deputy Mayor asked about the development of ambulance be more centrally located in our Township.

Mr. Nolan stated that they could take a look and report back to council.

Councillor McLaughlin asked if the call volume is increasing over the past few years.

Mayor Rathwell thanked Mr. Nolan and Mr. Lemke and stated that Council will discuss the issue and if we have any suggestions we will let the County know.

Department Reports

**Township of Whitewater Region
Waste Management Department
Monthly Departmental Report
March, 2010**

Second load of tires removed from Site first day of the month. Ontario Tire Recovery submitted weights as well as first claim for funding (Sept. 1, 2009 – Dec. 31st, 2010). As a registered Collector, we should see somewhere in the range of \$1,500 for our first submission. This should be close to covering the cost of the disposal/removal of stockpiled tires received pre-program.

Rolled over & reformed Southern and Western berms of sand inward along the trench perimeter. This will ensure landfilling operations do not migrate into the 30m buffer as well as provide a convenient stockpile of cover.

250 Jack Pine seedling have been ordered from Ferguson's Forest Center in Kemptville to further establish the visual barrier / wind break surrounding the landfill.

A large amount of litter has been picked up around the site following winter. Ongoing whenever possible. Renting tandem truck for periodic movement of aggregate around the site.

Two (2) Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Events have been scheduled for 2010. They are scheduled to occur on Saturday, May 15th, 2010 and Saturday, September 25th, 2010. Each event will run from 9:00AM – 1:00PM at the Ross Mineview Public Works Yard as usual.

WHITEWATER REGION DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Treasury

MONTHLY ACTIVITY: March 2010

PAYMENT TO SCHOOL BOARD AND COUNTY

The first installment of the County and School Board levies was paid on March 31st; \$555,815.00 was paid to the County, \$365,515.77 was paid to the English Public School Board, \$93,647.37 was paid to the English Separate School Board, \$4,531.05 was paid to the French Public School Board and \$13,408.76 was paid to the French Separate School Board.

2010 BUDGET

We are in the process of receiving the departments' preliminary budget figures and capital expenditure listings. Once all budgets have been received we will be meeting with the department heads for the first discussion of the budget.

TAX ARREARS

Of the fifty-nine properties that are over three years in arrears, payment/partial payment has been received or arrangements have been made on most of the properties. The deadline for payment/response was March 31st, 2010.

2010 EDUCATION RATES

We are still awaiting further written notification but based on the information being supplied by OPTA, the Residential Education Tax Rate for 2010 has again been reduced. The 2010 residential education rate is 0.241% compared to 0.252% last year and compared to 0.264% in 2008. A residential property with an assessment of \$100,000 will pay \$11.00 less in education taxes this year compared to last year.

Annette Mantifel, Treasurer/Deputy CAO

WHITEWATER REGION FIRE DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

TOTAL EMERGENCY (STATION) RESPONSES FOR	31-Mar-10	13-030
	10	
Fire Chief Wayne Heubner	31-Mar-10	

DATE:

- 01-Mar-10 Chief Moore attends Westmeath Stn. practices x 5.
Chief
 - 02-Mar-10 Chief Heubner attends Heath & Safety coarse.
Chief
 - 03-Mar-10 Chief Heubner attends Council.
Chief
 - 03-Mar-10 Chief Heubner, Moore met with chair.
Chief
 - 04-Mar-10 Chief Heubner attends Heath & Safety coarse.
Chief
 - 17-Mar-10 Chief Heubner attends Cobden Stn. practice.
 - 20-Mar-10 Chief Heubner attends Municipal Coarse in Eganville.
 - 25-Mar-10 Chief Heubner, Moore and Capts. attend Fire Conference.
 - 28-Mar-10 Chief Heubner, Moore work on Month end and bills.
- Stn. # 1**
- Haley's**
 - 21-Mar-10 Grass / shed fire 1058 McGonegal Rd. Rd.
 - 25-Mar-10 Fire pit burning. 538 Sullivan St.
 - 28-Mar-10 Grass fire 922 Kerr line.
 - 28-Mar-10 Grass fire 10 Haley Rd. A-B

31-Mar-10 Fire pit burning. 538 Sullivan St.
Stn. # 2
Cobden
21-Mar-10 Grass / shed fire 1058 McGonegal Rd.
26-Mar-10 Garage fire Mountain Rd. Mutual Aid.
Stn. # 3
Foresters Falls
28-Mar-10 Grass fire 922 Kerr line.
Stn. # 4
Beachburg
05-Mar-10 Fire in wall 39 Robertson Dr.
17-Mar-10 Grass fire 546 Malloy Rd.
19-Mar-10 Unknown fire 1637 Beachburg Rd.
19-Mar-10 Unknown fire Cameron St.
21-Mar-10 Grass / shed fire 1058 McGonegal Rd.
25-Mar-10 Alarm 52 Grace St.
28-Mar-10 Grass fire Bromley Line / Morgan Trail.
31-Mar-10 Grass fire Bromley Line / Morgan Trail.
Stn. # 5

Westmeath
17-Mar-10 Grass fire 546 Malloy Rd.
21-Mar-10 Grass / shed fire 1058 McGonegal Rd.
25-Mar-10 Alarm 52 Grace St.
28-Mar-10 Grass fire Bromley line / Morgan Trail.
31-Mar-10 Grass fire Bromley line / Morgan Trail.

Truck/Hall Report

Haley	Stn. 1	Bi-weekly training continues. Roof and inside painting completed.
Cobden	Stn. 2	Bi-weekly training continues.
Forester Falls	Stn. 3	Bi-weekly training continues.
Beachburg	Stn. 4	Weekly training sessions continue.
Westmeath	Stn. 5	Weekly training continues

RECOMMENDATIONS

Foresters Falls Stn. needs new garage doors.
Westmeath Stn. needs furnace repairs.
Pagers needs to be purchased ASAP.
Waiting for budget to complete this work.

T.W.P. Whitewater Region Departmental Report

Department of PUBLIC WORKS March 2010 Monthly Activities:

We had 1 weather responses this month compared to 11 last year at this time. We started off the month removing snow from the streets in Beachburg. We moved snow out of ditches where we usually have problems in the spring. Cleared problem culverts, we have beaver problems already and have contacted the trapper.

½ load signs have been put up on all roads.

Grading has started and all roads have been graded once. The roads that received the gravel last fall were in the best shape through the winter and spring and therefore were left till the last part in the grading schedule. Most of the grading was completed with only one grader as the older 740 was being repaired. The streets in Cobden and Foresters Falls have been swept, Beachburg is being worked on. Sweeping of the intersections has been started and will be completed after repairs are done to TRC3.

We have been brushing along the roads to keep the growth down.

Hal Johnson CRS-I

Public Works Supervisor

WHITEWATER REGION DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Building and By-law Enforcement

DATE: April 1, 2010

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

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

-Issued 8 Building Permits at a value of \$838,000.00 in total. 3 Single Family Dwellings, 3

Renovation/Addition to existing residential dwelling, one residential accessory building and one Commercial Accessory building.

RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD:

None

Committee Reports - Community Policing Advisory Committee - Information

10-04-425 -Zoning Amendment Lots 14, Con 1 EML, Westmeath – Whitmore

Moved by Daryl McLaughlin, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2010-1444 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to amend the Westmeath Zoning Bylaw Pt Lots 14, Con 1 EML Westmeath – Whitmore and the said bylaw be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 10-04-425 be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 7th day of April, 2010.

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Blind Anglers Fishing Tournament – Invitation – Information

Victim Services of Renfrew County – Chocolate Gala – Invitation - Information

Ottawa River Power Corp. - Power Savings Blitz - Information

Canadian Pacific Rail line – Municipal Support of Resolutions

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

**2010-1445 “*WHEREAS* rail service is a vital transportation link required for the maintenance and development of sustainable and vibrant communities throughout rural Ontario;
AND WHEREAS the loss of rail service from Smith Falls to Sudbury would represent a devastating economic impact to an area that has been severely impacted by the current economic recession and requires improvements to all transportation infrastructure to compete on a level playing field for community sustainability;
AND WHEREAS Canadian Pacific has issued a Notice of Sale or Discontinuance of Railway Line in accordance with the Canadian Transportation Act for the Chalk River rail line (mile 0.5 to mile 104.0) between Smith Falls and Petawawa;
AND WHEREAS Canadian Pacific has also indicated that a Notice of Sale or Discontinuance will be given for the rail line between mile 104.0 Chalk River Sub and mile 70 North Bay Sub (Petawawa to Mattawa) and that a short-line operator will be sought for the line between Temiscaming and Sudbury only;
AND WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments have a responsibility to all Canadians and Ontarians, respectively, to ensure that vital transportation infrastructure that was established to serve all Canadians, with substantial investments by Canadian Taxpayers, is not lost to the detriment of existing and future citizens of rural Ontario;
AND WHEREAS, rail transportation is an environmentally responsible means of transporting goods, particularly in the face of rising energy and transportation costs;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:
THAT the federal and provincial governments commit to a funding program that will permit to economic viability of short-line railways, thereby maintaining valuable railway transportation infrastructure corridors;
AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities between North Bay and Sudbury, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, MPs and MPPs representing constituents in the affected areas, the Honorable John Baird, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honorable Kathleen Wynne, Ontario Minister of Transportation, Geoff Hare, Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Transportation Agency, and Rick Poznikoff, Canadian Pacific Railway.**

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Severance Application – Pt Lot 10, North Front D - Westmeath B04/10 – O’Brien

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2010-1446 “Be it resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region has no objection to severance application B4/10 – O’Brien on condition that flood plain issues identified in the planners report are addressed.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

4th Annual Beachburg Jam – Special Occasion Permit

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Art Cobb

2010-1447 “Be it resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region declare the 4th Annual Beachburg Jam a special occasion celebration which does not knowingly contravene any municipal bylaws.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Cobden Agricultural Fair – Sponsor Request - Information

Ontario Electricity Distributors – Settlement of Late Payment Penalty Litigation

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2010-1448 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region agree authorize the Clerk to sign the Consent and Opt out Right signifying the municipalities approval of the settlement regarding the Settlement of Late Payment Penalty Litigation class action suit at a cost of \$705.03 from Cobden Hydro.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Purchasing of Water Debentures

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2010-1449 “Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region authorize staff to move forward and begin the process of calling for debentures in the amount of 1.4 Million for the work that has been completed on the municipal water plants.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell

Closed meeting – Nothing

Adjournment

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2010-1450 “Be it resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region regular council meeting dated April 7, 2010 be adjourned at 3:15pm.”

Mayor, Donald Rathwell

Dean Sauriol, CAO/Clerk