

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Committee Meeting**

Meeting Title: Fire Committee

Date: Wed, January 5, 2011

Place: Municipal Council Chambers

Start Time: 2:30pm

FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Previous Minutes
3. Bylaw to Charge Fees for Services Provided by Fire and Emergency Services – Review
4. Bylaw to regulate parking on Highways and Streets – Hannah Street – Review
5. Bylaw for Automatic Aid Fire Protection – Twp of Admaston Bromley – Review and Update
6. Bylaw to impose User Fees for Monitored Automatic Alarms (False) – Review
7. Training, Practice and Standby – Review and discussion of Monthly Compensation
8. Personnel Changes
9. Other Business
10. Closed Meeting to discuss litigation, potential litigation, labour relations, and the security of the property of the municipality.
11. Adjournment

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1. Present: Councillors: Mayor Jim Labow, Deputy Mayor Izett McBride, Reeve Donald Rathwell, Cathy Regier, Joey Trimm, Daryl McLaughlin and Allen Dick.

Staff Present: Dean Sauriol and Wayne Heubner

Councillors Present: Allen Dick and Daryl McLaughlin

Consensus, members agreed to allow Councillors Dick and McLaughlin to participate in the meeting.

2. **Adoption of Previous Minutes**
Moved by Joey Trimm, Seconded by Donald Rathwell
“Be it Resolved that the minutes of the previous Fire Committee Meeting dated September 1st, 2011 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried
Cathy Regier

3. **By-law to Charge Fees for Services Provided by Fire and Emergency Services**
Fire Chief commented on the increase of fees allowable that the province has

approved.

Some comments regarding why we charge these fees.

Consensus that we have the clerk prepare the bylaws for Council to amend the fees for Services provided by Fire and Emergency Services in the amount of \$410.00/hour per vehicle.

4. By law to regulate parking on Highways and Streets – Hannah Street

Fire Chief commented on reasons why we are regulating parking on both sides of Hannah Street.

Councillor Trimm asked if we should look at the widening of the street.

Councillor Trimm stated that if we pass a By-law we better be prepared to enforce.

Consensus that we make the change to any side of Hannah Street and the By-law to be forwarded to Council.

Reeve Rathwell stated we might be overworking this.

5. Bylaw for Automatic Aid Fire Protection – Twp of Admaston/Bromley

Clerk reviewed the existing By-law regarding automatic aid to Admaston/Bromley.

Also went over the 2010 calls.

Fire Chief explained the Boundaries.

Fire Chief stated that we normally respond to less than 10 calls

Councillor Dick asked who covers us when we are out.

Councillor McLaughlin asked if and what the increases the agreement has seen over the history.

Consensus that a By-law be prepared and that an increase in yearly fee to \$7000 per year and for a 4 year agreement be proposed to Admaston/Bromley Township.

6. By-law to impose User Fees for Monitored Automatic Alarms (False)

Discussion on a proposed By-law for Monitored Automatic Alarms (False).

Some members stated that some municipalities are beginning to implement these types of By-laws.

Consensus that clerk prepare a By-law for Monitored Automatic Alarms (False) for Council for their approval as submitted.

7. Training, Practice and Standby

Some discussion on the issue of fee increase of Training, Practice and Standby.

Suggestion that if we increase it \$25 monthly from \$50 to \$75 and if we have 70 members and 12 months and they all attend then it would costs \$21,000 to budget.

Moved by Donald Rathwell, Seconded by Joe Trimm

“Be it Resolved that the Fire Committee recommend to Council that the Training, Practice and Standby be increased by \$25 per Month and a total for TPS for \$75 per month effective January 1, 2011.”

Carried
Cathy Regier

8. Personnel Changes

Moved by Donald Rathwell, Seconded by Joey Trimm

“Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Fire Committee recommend to Council that they accept the resignation notification from:”

**Jen Schraeder – Beachburg
Jess Laderoute – Westmeath
Ray Campbell – Haley
Joe Clendinning – Cobden**

**Trevor Johnson – Beachburg
Josh England – Westmeath
Brendan Belaire – Haley**

Carried
Cathy Regier

Moved by Izett McBride, Seconded by Jim Labow

“Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Fire Committee recommend to Council that the following firefighters be hired:”

**Patrick Davidson – Cobden
Michael Lott – Cobden
Mike Almand – Beachburg**

**Trevor McTaggart – Cobden
Daniel Cobus – Foresters Falls
Jonathan Gervais – Westmeath**

Carried
Cathy Regier

9. Other Business

Nothing

10. Closed Meeting to discuss litigation, potential litigation, labour relations, and the security of the property of the municipality.

Nothing.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Izett McBride

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region Fire Committee meeting dated January 5, 2011 be adjourned at 4:00 P.M.”

Carried
Cathy Regier