

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION**  
**Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Title: Water & Sewer Comm Meeting**

**Date: Thursday Jan 6, 2011**

**Place: Whitewater Region Council Chambers**

**Start Time: 7:00 PM**

**WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Gary Scandlan Watson and Associates – Water Rates Presentation and Review
  - Information will be provided at meeting by Mr. Scandlan
3. Other Business

Adjournment

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

Staff Present: Dean Sauriol, Annette Mantifel, and Hope Dillabough.

Consensus, members agreed to allow Councilors Regier and McBride to participate in the meeting.

**2. Water Rates Presentation**

Mr. Gary Scandlan from Watson and Associates was in attendance to present a water rate review of all three plants.

He went through levels of mandatory requirements that municipalities must conduct on their Water Systems.

Spoke about a component that we must prepare for the province as part of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Following our Certification which we received on January 5, within six months we must prepare a Financial Plan and submit to province.

Mr. Scandlan stated his presentation would be dealing with:

- Legislation for Water (Wastewater)
- Consumption and fore cast
- Capital Needs and Financing
- Lifecycle Costs (Existing Infrastructure)
- Operating Expenditures
- Water Rates
- Policy Matters
- Next Steps

Spoke briefly about the Water Tight Legislation which stated that Counties would be uploaded municipal water systems. That hasn't yet materialized.

All plans and license must be recertified on a 5 year recurring plan.

Mr. Scandlan went on to describe how the rates developed and descriptions of what they represent.

Walked through the basis for the calculations and proposed rates.

Described the difference with Capital Budgets.

Talked at length about the Sustainability aspect of Water Systems.

Discussion on what we do next.

Input on how we might receive public input.

Mr. Scandlan stated that Water and Waste water are one of the Municipal Responsibilities that are governed in whole and in part by the province.

He proceeded to walk committee through three scenarios of Rates:

- Scenario:
- 1) Combined system based on current rate structure
  - 2) User rates based on residential equivalents
  - 3) Residential Equivalents Units and Combined System

Explained all scenarios and presented rates.

Committee then discussed logistics of how this should proceed.

Decision was to prepare a backgrounder sheet and send it out with our first quarter water bills.

On the backgrounder we would schedule a Public Meeting.

The first quarter water bills would be at the existing rates.

### **3. Other Business**

Nothing

### **4. Adjournment**

Moved by Donald Rathwell, Seconded by Joey Trimm

**“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region Water & Sewer Committee meeting dated January 6, 2011 be adjourned at 9:00 P.M.”**

Carried  
Daryl McLaughlin