

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION**  
**Long Term Planning Session Thursday Mar 14, 2002 6:00 p.m.**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Works Department**
3. **Fire Department**
4. **Administration Department**
5. **Water & Sewer Department**
6. **Other Business**
7. **Adjournment**

Present:- Reeve Gordon White, Deputy Reeve Donald Rathwell, Councillors - Donna Campbell, Art Cobb, Jack Ferguson, Robert Gervais, Jim Labow, Ron Lowe and Joey Trimm.

Staff Present:- Dean Sauriol and Randi Keith

Reeve White opened the meeting

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Position on contracting out - hope Council will set policy**

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| Councillor Cobb     | Staff occupied vs. best "Bang for the buck."  |
| Councillor Gervais  | Reduce staff if contracting out.  |
| Councillor Cobb     | Employees more conscientious - not same tie in.   |
| Councillor Trimm    | Position be hybrid - contract out pick up of garbage, recycling - could possibly contract out for example, payroll look at tasks. |
| Reeve White         | Got contract out into Union contract by hard work \$100/hr to snowplow - contract \$130-140. Like to know what it is costing us.  |
| Councillor Lowe     | Contracting out a necessity - look at what equipment is costing us, still has to pay for it.                                      |
| Councillor Trimm    | If tender too low, quite often cut corners to make money.   |
| Dep. Rv. Rathwell   | Keep in agreement re contracting.   |
| Councillor Ferguson | Agree to keep hybrid.   |
| Councillor Labow    | If tender too often - won't get good price.   |
| Councillor Campbell | Look at situation - been involved in contracting.   |
| Councillor Lowe     | Put down level of service we want.  |
| Councillor Gervais  | Continue as is - no firm policy - Capital projects utilize own staff vs   |

contract.

- Councillor Trimm Be policy - Contractor for roads be township direction be taken by Roads Supervisor to participate in tender. Contract out portion of it that we don't have equipment.
- Dep. Rv. Rathwell Use our own resources.
- Councillor Lowe Does the roads department contract to water?
- Councillor Gervais Yes except in emergency, cheaper to bring in contractor to fix job.
- Councillor Ferguson Agree Township be own contractor.
- Councillor Trimm If job too large for Township - contract out.
- Councillor Labow Two employees experienced in water plant - restricted by Union. Roads crew repair distribution, stay within plant.
- Councillor Lowe In training
- Councillor Lowe All points have merits. Against PW used as fire hall. Fire Hall has short comings, but better - Councillor Gervais idea has merit - need storage for equipment, in one place some savings.
- Councillor Campbell Long range of 5-10 years not accomplished in 5 years need one building.
- Councillor Cobb Be realistic. Have to end of 2002 to complete project. Passed resolution - still dispose of garages - go with what we planned.
- CAO Sauriol Spread out - no team work - move into one garage. Two garages could do work - go to one Fire Chief - not working together.
- Councillor Gervais What is wrong with driving to work, not the time to put in one garage.  
Not  
shut down garages yet.
- Councillor Lowe Should have done in first place. Go to one spot.
- Councillor Gervais Construction Season use one garage - Westmeath rattle Ross wick this year.
- Councillor Campbell Hired Public Works Supervisor, how often do we talk to Public Works.
- Councillor Gervais Merit - concern dealing with Union - undermine Public Works Supervisor.
- Councillor Cobb Planning meeting Monday morning.
- Councillor Lowe Should have met with employees, answer to Public Works Supervisor.
- Councillor Trimm Council should deal with policy, not supervisors..
- Councillor Gervais Employees have a job description. Much discussion took place on whether to have a meeting with the roads employees.

## **FIRE - 2 YEAR PLAN**

Remain with 4 Fire Chiefs, for this period unless agreed by Fire Chiefs.

Set maximum number of Fire people for each of the former Municipalities.

**Equipment replacement** - budget for 1 Fire Truck for former Westmeath in 2002 Budget.

Budget to replace 4 Breathing Apparatus for former Westmeath Fire Station.

### 5 Year Plan

- S To reduce 4 Fire Chiefs to 1 for Whitewater Region
- S To Review if 5 Stations are required in this Municipality.
- S These items may be addressed in Fire Review.

When we go to 1 Chief, all purchases for Fire Department over \$100.00 be approved by Signing Purchasing Requisition of the amount of purchase.

Other purchases - under \$100.00 can be verbally approved.

Council Trimm Recommends a follow up to report - re ad ho committee.  
Councillor Gervais Make no changes until after report.

Councillor Campbell What time frame? 12-18 months, have to address issues re equipment.

Councillor Cobb Referring to trucks and halls

CAO Sauriol What about Beachburg Fire Hall. Ask Government if use later.

Councillor Lowe Wait until report comes from Fire Marshall's Office. Can Transition Board money be used for facility.

CAO Sauriol Jp2g is working on drawings - tendered out.

Councillor Gervais Sell junk at Ross Garage

CAO Sauriol Will make up a list of surplus equipment

Reeve White Province will claw back - get on with construction.  
Westmeath Fire Chief has resigned.

Dep Reeve Rathwell Spoke about recognition

Councillor Gervais Recommended a policy - token of appreciation of \$150.00

CAO Sauriol Will come back with recommendation on what County is doing.

Councillor Lowe What are we doing re fire fighters in Westmeath

Councillor Labow On ad hoc Committee?

CAO Sauriol Should be on Fire Committee

Councillor Gervais Are we replacing a fire chief?

Dep Reeve Rathwell Think about what to do. See if Mike Moore could take over some.  
Nothing decided tonight.

### WASTE MANAGEMENT - Landfill Sites - 2 year plan

To start a process to get to one waste site to reduce costs.

We must first address the Westmeath site - get approval to complete.

To Press our Engineers to get the Ross certificate of Approval to take all Whitewater Waste.  
To increase costs, all black bags not the garbage, containers i.e. (Contract Boxes) increase to \$2.00 bag regular household size and \$2.50 for Yard & Garden waste bags.

Councillor Trimm No green garbage in Landfill, unless in yellow bags.

Councillor Gervais Review of garbage 2002. Issue of Golden Bags. One site operating.

Dep Reeve Rathwell Charge \$3.00 per bag

Councillor Lowe Get to one site, will stop lots of problem - used to \$5. Commercial need to be given incentive to use dump right. By giving commercial a break - bringing money in.

Councillor Trimm If business' fill up dump quicker should be given a break? No. Talking green garbage.

Councillor Labow Agree to go to one site. \$2.00 should be \$3.00 bins charge realistic price Beachburg had highest rate of recycling.

CAO Sauriol Certificate of Approval application sent in - purchased land - in works.

Dep Reeve Rathwell Change to Westmeath site - situation will change residential 0.2cu.ft., 0.50  
Bin fee - transportation  
Much discussion on waste.

**Administration** - Review this building

CAO Sauriol Administration working well - look at when in five or two years? Should be in Urban Centre - get summer student.

Dep Reeve Rathwell Not plan for this as a permanent home - make plan for new building - leave as is now.

Councillor Gervais Agree with 2 years look at 5 years one operation at Ross Garage. Have Beachburg as next option.

Councillor Labow By-law Consolidation - OP & Zoning By-law causing Building Inspector great concerns

CAO Sauriol Do some time, probably in 1 yr - 3 yrs.

Councillor Lowe Hold off on major build office for 2 years - worked well for Council. Stay with status quo.

Councillor Ferguson Only been 1 year wait for 2 - 3 years. Decide on then.

Councillor Cobb Cannot wait for as long as Hwy 17.

Dep Reeve Rathwell Look at approval

**Water/ Sewer**

Councillor Lowe Certificate of Approval, Cobden - tender in May upgrades in June ext.2003, Beachburg and Haley same - working on Haley. Cost in Cobden considerable.  
Water tower tender May 2002 - complete December 2002.  
Sewer plant - plan upgrade - put money aside, upgrades coming 3 - 5 years establish rates for reserves.

Dep. Reeve Rathwell Agree paint of water tower. Raise rates at Haley. Think noting if in June,

up rates in June - \$50.00 month. Haley not solved.

Councillor Lowe Have rate increase in place by budget.

CAO Sauriol Walkerton report due end of months - many problem in water, next bill in May.  
161,000 in capital Beachburg  
300,000 in capital Cobden

Breathing Apparatus - 1990 & 1991 air bottles, re: \$2250.00 each, new \$565.00 need decision by Friday.

Councillor Gervais 12 year bottles - what life line  
Councillor Lowe If good for 10 years, buy them, if not 10 years don't  
Councillor Gervais Go where they are necessary. Is it budget.

**Purchase of Air Bottles**

Moved by Robert Gervais, Seconded by Ron Lowe

**2002-94 "Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Whitewater Region approve the purchase of 11 Air Bottles at a price of \$250.00 each plus tax and shipping provided that there is still a 5 year life span without retesting subject to the approval of the CAO."**

Recorded Vote	Yeas	Name	Nays
	X	White	
	X	Campbell	
	X	Ferguson	
		Gervais	X
	X	Labow	
	X	Trimm	
	X	Lowe	
		Cobb	X
	X	Rathwell	
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			Carried Gordon White Reeve

**Council**

Councillor Gervais 4 Councillors and no ward

Councillor Lowe Stay as is with ward system. 4 Councillors in Ward, Reeve and Deputy Reeve elected at large, representative from municipality should be same way equal representative from the municipality.

Dep Reeve Rathwell Looked at one municipality. Remain same for one more election, worked well together - go to 6 Councillors - 6 can work, tie vote lost vote - 6-8 years go to one municipality, no wards - good mixture - should be reduced

Councillor Ferguson Agree with Deputy Reeve Rathwell, one more term.

Councillor Campbell Agree one more term, then Council of 5, no wards look at whole picture.

Councillor Labow Agree with majority, status quo, one more, then cut Council, skip wards.

Councillor Gervais Relieved that we agree, within 10 years reduce Council, skip wards.

Councillor Lowe Stay with 9 Councillors, Council has lot to do

Reeve White Potential Municipality can grow through amalgamation.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Donna Campbell, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

**2002-95 “Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Whitewater Region adjourn this special meeting of Council at 10:05 p.m.”**

Carried  
Gordon White  
Reeve

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