

TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION

Date: *Wednesday May 5, 2004* Start Time: *7:00 p.m.*

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**
9. **Committee Report**
10. **Departmental Reports**
Monthly reports from Waste Management, Treasurer, Fire Department, Roads, Water & Sewage
11. **Bylaws**
 1. 04-05-157 Employment Bylaw #7
 2. 04-05-158 Human Resources Corporate Policies and Procedures Amendment Bylaw
 3. 04-05-159 Amendment to Watering Bylaw #03-03-108
12. **Misc Correspondence**
 1. Ontario Statute Highway Memorials Request - OPP
 2. Letter of Invitation - Community Policing Awards ceremony - June 29, 2004 Petawawa Civic Centre
 3. Letter of Concern - Nuisance Bears - Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards
 4. Performance Measurement Program - OPP - Information
 5. Water System Upgrades - Yakabuski Resolution
13. **New/Unfinished Business**
 1. Request to erect a Flower Structure - Beachburg Horticultural Society
 2. Act to Amend the Marine Liability Act Bill C-493 - Resolution
 3. Blind Anglers Int'l Fishing Tournament - Donation Request
 4. Tile Drain Loan - Gould
14. **Closed Meeting to discuss litigation, potential litigation, labour relations and the security of the property of the municipality.**
15. **Adjournment**

Present:- Reeve Donald Rathwell, Deputy Reeve Ron Lowe, Councillors - Jack Ferguson, Daryl McLaughlin, Jacob Rook, Joey Trimm and Beulah Wright.

Absent :- Councillors - Art Cobb and Jim Labow

Staff Present :- D. Sauriol

Prayer was recited

Clerk conducted Roll Call

Conflict - None reported

Adopt Agenda

Moved by Daryl McLaughlin, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2004-127 "Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopt the agenda dated May 5th, 2004 for the Regular Council Meeting as submitted."

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin

2004-128 "Be it Resolved that the minutes of the previous Regular Council Meeting dated April 21st, 2004 be adopted as circulated."

Carried

Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Adoption of Accounts

Moved by Daryl McLaughlin, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2004-129 "Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approve the attached schedule of Accounts for the period April 1 - April 30, 2004, in the amount of \$277,105.38 in general purposes and \$13,946.35 for Water Purposes and that the above accounts be paid."

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

DELEGATION - None

COMMITTEE REPORT - None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS - received and discussed

DEPARTMENT: Building and By-law Enforcement DATE: May 03, 2004

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

- Continuing on my building and septic inspections for all types of permits issued.
- Issued 11 Building Permits at an estimated value of \$332 000.00 in total. 1 residential accessory building, 1 residential demolition, 2 agricultural storage buildings, 1 commercial addition and 6 residential addition.
- Attended an "Ecoflo" installer and designer training session in Renfrew on April 27, 2004. Ecoflo is a manufacturer of fully integrated on-site wastewater treatment system consisting of a small fiberglass shell with PT-PFB-150 Peat and an absorption bed made of stone and sand layer. The manufacturer invites all regulators for septic systems at no charge to educate them on the new systems available.

Department Head Signature Jacques Benoit _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT

April 30, 2004

Chief's Monthly Activities

- April 1-4/04 Chief's Heubner, Moore, Captain Bruce Rathwell, CAO Dean Sauriol attended the North Eastern Fire Education Conference in North Bay.
- April 5/04 Chief Heubner/Moore and Fire Prevention Public Education Team met with Fire Services Specialist W.A. Bill Bowles, re Whitewater Risk Assessment.
- April 8/04 Chief Heubner discussed Fire Truck with Asphodel Fire Truck.
- April 14/04 Chief Heubner/Moore inspected Whitewater/Bromley Health Centre.
- April 19/04 Chief Heubner spoke to VCARS Group.
- April 21/04 Chief Heubner attended Renfrew County Chief's meeting in Pembroke.
- April 21/04 Chief's Heubner, Moore met with Superior Fire Truck representative who later addressed Council.
- April 22/04 Chief's Heubner, Moore met with Christie & Walther.
- April 26/04 Chief Heubner attended Cobden Stn. Fire Association Meeting.
- April 27/04 Attended Haley Fire Hall meeting.
- April 29/04 Met with 911 Committee in Petawawa.
- April 30/04 Chief's Heubner, Moore, Captains Church and Moore inspected 17 West Bar & Grill.

TOTAL EMERGENCY (STATION) RESPONSES FOR APRIL - 23

STN. # 1 HALEY'S

- April 3 (House Fire) 2156 Foresters Falls Rd.
- 8 (Grass Fire) 1657 Acres Rd.,
- 14 (M.V.A.) 1061 Haley Rd.,
- 29 (Grass Fire) 876 Faught Rd.

STN # 2 COBDEN

- April 3 (House Fire) 2156 Foresters Falls Rd.
- 14 (M.V.A.) 1061 Haley's Rd.
- 26 (Grass Fire) 166 Mountain View Rd.
- 27 (Grass Fire) 583 McPeak Line A-B Township
- 29 (Grass Fire) 876 Faught Rd.

STN # 3 FORESTERS FALLS

- April 3 (House Fire) 2156 Foresters Falls Rd.
- 5 (Smoke Alarm) 422 Broome Rd,

STN # 4 BEACHBURG

- April 3 (House Fire) 2156 Foresters Falls Rd.
- 3 (Garbage Burn) 10-37 Rapid Rd
- 5 (Smoke Alarm) 422 Broome Rd
- 16 (Brush Fire) Yakabuskie Rd.
- 19 (Chimney Fire) 1470 Bromley Line
- 22 (Grass Fire) Beachburg cancelled
- 23 (Garbage Fire)

STN # 5 WESTMEATH

April 3 (Grass Fire) 37 Rapid Rd.
 16 (Grass Fire) 1140 Wright Rd.
 19 (Chimney Fire) 1470 Bromley Line
 23 (Garbage Fire) 10 Rapid Rd.

TRUCK/HALL REPORT

Asphodel Fire Truck sent E-Mail pictures to Chief Moore, and after speaking with them they informed Chief's Heubner and Moore that the new fire truck was well underway and they expect to deliver the truck to Whitewater Region some time near the end of May or sooner.

Captain Church expects to meet with the contractor and review the repairs to the Haley Fire Hall. A number of trucks were out of service for repairs in April.

RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD

As in the previous month's Council Pack I recommend that Whitewater Region look into purchasing a second pumper for Whitewater Region Fire Dept. This would cut down on the high cost of keeping the aging fleet on the road.

Additional 6 Bunker suits should be purchased for Whitewater Region along with 6 BA's for the Department.

Department Head Wayne Heubner

A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

April 2004

Monthly Activities:

We had 1 weather response this month, we have removed the plow equipment and set our equipment up for summer activities.

We have as expected had extraordinary break up of the roads beyond what is normal, this was because of the late heavy rain last fall followed by unseasonably low temperatures and the resulting ice build up in the ditches and culverts over the winter.

We have graded as much as we could with two graders (weather permitting) and hauled gravel to them as required. We used our backhoe to install 2 culverts so far and it has worked well for the small culverts.

We were cold patching when possible with a crew and a one ton (#6) and an other crew and a tandem (#10). At this point we have used almost 1/2 as much cold patch as was used in /03 again the biggest reason is weather conditions .

We have started our sweeping program in the urban areas with our own forces and will clean the park areas next.

I am in the process of and almost finished revising our entire WHMIS , MSDS binders .

Now that the snow has gone we can see the garbage that has been discarded in our ditches, the worst places are Astrolabe Rd. gravel end, Behm Rd., Government Rd., Powers Rd., Blind Line and Meath Hill Rd. We have had personnel picking up this garbage for the last two weeks this clean up comes at a cost and is time consuming, time that could be better used in other areas.

I recommend that council ask the OPP to concentrate extra effort in curbing this problem .

Department Head Hal Johnson

DEPARTMENT PLANTS

Date : April 2004

Monthly Activities:

Normal operation and maintenance activities for the month of December included the following:

Winter level settings in the elevated water storage tank telemetry control at the Cobden WTP, necessary to prevent freezing, means extended off times for the plant operation. This in turn causes a drop in distribution system chlorine residuals especially as water temperatures begin to rise. Telemetry has been adjusted to summer level control to offset this effect and chlorine dosages and dry well flushing rates at water main dead ends are being adjusted to maintain required residuals.

Reports from the Ministry of The Environment Beachburg WTP and Permit To Take Water inspections have been received and replied to. The main issues identified in the reports were: upgrading of the drilled well casing, alteration of the plant heat extraction system to eliminate treated water flow monitoring errors, implementation of recommendations contained in the 2003 Wellhead Protection Area Study report, additional contingency measures for chlorine metering pump failures, security fencing and security surveillance system for the plant and wells, and contingency plans dealing with a breach in security to the facility. Other issues identified are being dealt with and the well casing has been extended and capped.

Operations Manuals for all the water plants will be updated to include some form of contingency plans dealing with breach in security according to the MOE Inspector's recommendation for the Beachburg Plant.

A letter was received from Kara Smith, MOE Inspector, indicating it is her understanding that if additional GUDI studies are conducted at the Beachburg WTP proving that effective in-situ filtration is achieved, additional treatment will still be required at the Beachburg WTP.

Greg and Shane took an exam preparation course and are preparing to write Level III Water Treatment certification exams at Algonquin College in Ottawa in May.

An effort is being made at the Cobden WWTP to accommodate sludge production until the spreading fields are dry enough in order to eliminate an extra haulage to Ottawa (\$3100.00).

The Pembroke Plant Manager brought Operators, preparing for certification exams, for a tour of the Township Plants. We were requested at this time for help in obtaining sludge disposal farms, in the Township, for use by the Pembroke plant who already have some Township sites approved. This would seem to be a reasonable effort on our part as the Plant Manager unofficially indicated that Pembroke may be able to take our sludge at their future new plant.

Plant Manager David Simmons

DEPARTMENT:

TREASURER

DATE: APRIL 2004

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

Taxes

The second instalment of the 2004 Interim Taxes was due on April 30th, 2004.

Budget

The Department Heads have submitted their preliminary budgets. The CAO and Treasurer will schedule a meeting with the Department Heads to discuss the budgets. A meeting will then be scheduled with Council for further deliberations and finalizing of the budget.

We have received the figures for Policing. The estimate for 2004 is \$ 612,788.59. We have now received a 2003 year-end credit adjustment of \$ 13,164.16 for policing, bringing policing figures down to \$599,624.43. This is an increase of \$89,282.43 or 17.5% over 2003

We have received an extra \$ 102,000 in Community Reinvestment Funding which consists of \$36,000 in policing costs and \$ 66,000 in Share of Upper-Tier Net Costs.

Education Tax Rate

The Province has informed us that the Education Tax Rate for Residential Properties will be 0.296% in 2004. The rate for 2003 was 0.335%. This translates to a decrease of \$39.00 for a house assessed at 100,000 calculated on the education portion only.

Respectfully Submitted *Randi Keith, Treasurer*

By-laws

Employment By-law # 7 04-05-157

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Ron Lowe

2004-130 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact By-law # 04-05-157 establishing Employment By-law # 7 be read a first, second and passed this third reading, this 5th day of May, 2004.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Human Resources Corporate Policies 04-05-158

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2004-131 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact By-law # 04-05-158 to amend the Human Resources Corporate Policies and Procedures be read a first, second and passed this third reading, this 5th day of May, 2004.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Amend the Watering By-law

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Ron Lowe

2004-132 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact By-law # 04-05-159 to amend the Watering By-law # 03-03-108 be read a first, second and passed this third reading, this 5th day of May, 2004.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Correspondence

OPP Highway Memorial

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2004-133 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the idea of naming the Bonnechere Bridge in honour of Sr. Cst. Philip R. SHRIVE who lost his life in the line of duty.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Community Policing Awards - June 29, 2004 - Information

Nuisance Bears

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2004-134 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region agree with the Township of Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards suggestions in its letter April 22, 2004 addressed to MNR regarding the costs associated with nuisance bears.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

OPP - Performance Measurement Program - Information

Water Systems Upgrades - Yakabuski

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2004-135 “WHEREAS the Ontario Government is implementing Regulation 170/03, and in doing so will bankrupt town halls, church’s, small businesses, local community centres and campgrounds.”

AND WHEREAS meeting the requirements of Regulation 170/03 has meant excessive costs and financial burdens for all drinking water system owners, which they cannot realistically afford.

AND WHEREAS funding from the Provincial Government is required immediately to offset these costs, which without, will lead to further financial devastation throughout Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Township of Whitewater Region petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: That the Dalton McGuinty Government abandon the implementation of Regulation 170/03 until such time as it agrees to provide funding to meet the regulations requirements, as per Recommendation 84 of Justice O’Connor’s report.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

New/Unfinished Business

Horticulture - structure

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2004-136 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region agree to allow the Beachburg Horticultural Society to erect a small structure at the Beachburg Cenotaph to provide a larger flower bed.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Marine Liability Act Bill C-493

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2004-137 “WHEREAS tourism is a significant employer in Renfrew County, Eastern Ontario and the rest of Canada;

AND WHEREAS the compulsory insurance requirement contained in the Marine Liability Act threatens the entire adventure tourism industry in Canada,

AND WHEREAS Private Member’s Bill C-493, 37th Parliament, 3rd Session introduced by Cheryl Gallant M.P., Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke would amend the Marine Liability Act to exempt adventure tourism activity and any other recreational marine activity from this Act;

NOW THEREFORE this council endorse Bill C-493 and call upon the Parliament of Canada to move with haste to enact this Bill into Law.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Blind Anglers Tournament

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Beulah Wright

2004-138 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region agree to donate \$500.00 to the 2004 Blind Anglers International Tournament located at Nangor Resort.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Tile Drain Loan

Moved by Daryl McLaughlin, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2004-139 “Be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region approve a Tile Drain Loan in the amount of \$12,000.00 for Barry Gould pending funding from the Province.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Into Committee of the Whole

Moved by Daryl McLaughlin, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2004-140 “Be it resolved that The Council of the Township of Whitewater Region convene into Committee of the Whole to discuss a Personnel Issue.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Out of Committee of the Whole

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin

2004-141 “Be it resolved that The Council of the Township of Whitewater Region Committee of the Whole Meeting, dated May 5/04 hereby be adjourned.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Adjournment

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin

2004-142 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Regular Council Meeting dated May 5, 2004 be adjourned at 8:55.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Reeve

CAO

