

**'TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION**

Date: *Wednesday Sept 1, 2004* Start Time: *7:00 p.m.*

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

- A. Public Meeting
  - i) **Zoning Amendment - Lot 21 and Pt Lot 26, Plan 65 - Cobden - Olmstead**
    - 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. Gunther Borck - Water Watch Association - Presentation Bill 170/03
      - 2. Paul Melcher, Pembroke and District Community Living
    - 9. **Committee Report**
    - 10. **Departmental Reports**
      - Monthly reports from Waste Management, Treasurer, Fire Department, Roads, Water & Sewage, Bylaw Enforcement
    - 11. **Bylaws**
      - 1. 04-09-169 Zoning Amendment -Lot 21 and Pt Lot 26, Plan 65 - Cobden - Olmstead
    - 12. **Misc Correspondence**
      - 1. Renfrew County and District Health Unit - West Nile virus
      - 2. Laurentian Valley - Support of Resolutions - Double Hatter Firefighters & Ontarians with Disabilities
      - 3. Greater Madawaska - Support of Resolution - Safe Drinking Water Act regulation 170/03
    - 13. **New/Unfinished Business**
      - 1. Cedar Brush Collection along Municipal Right of Ways - Request
      - 2. Gravel Tender Results
      - 3. Severance Application - Pt lot 11 Con 2 E.M.L. Westmeath > Langton B85/04
      - 4. Severance Application - Pt East Half Lot 7 Con 5 E.M.L. Beachburg > Jamieson B125/04(1), B126/04(2), B127/04(3), B128/04(4)
      - 5. Severance Application - Pt Lot 30 East Front "B" Westmeath > Robertson B87/04(1), B88/04(2), B93/04
      - 6. Livestock Claims
      - 7. September 15, 2004 Council Meeting - Reschedule
    - 14. **Closed Meeting to discuss litigation, potential litigation, labour relations and the security of the property of the municipality.**
    - 15. **Adjournment**

**Public Meeting**

**Convene into Public Meeting**

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jim Labow

**2004-223 "Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region Convene into a Public Meeting in connection with Zoning Amendments."**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Zoning Amendment - Lot 21 and Pt Lot 26, Plan 65 - Cobden - Olmstead**

Clerk reviewed notification requirements. Notification was by mail.

**Adjourn Public Meeting**

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Beulah Wright

**2004-224 "Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Public Meeting dated Sept 1/04 be hereby adjourned at 7:05 p.m."**

Carried

Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
7:10 p.m.**

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

Absent:- Councillor Art Cobb

Staff Present :- Dean Sauriol

Prayer was recited

Clerk conducted Roll Call

Conflict - Councillor Ferguson declared conflict of interest regarding item 13(2)

**Allow Delegation to address Council**

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Joe Trimm

**2004-225 “Be it Resolved that The Council of the Township of Whitewater Region agree to allow Mr. Paul Melcher, Pembroke and District Community Living a delegation to address Council.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Adopt Agenda**

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

**2004-226 “Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopt the agenda dated September 1 st , 2004 for the Regular Council Meeting as submitted with the addition of 8 2) Paul Melcher, Pembroke and District Community Living.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Beulah Wright

**2004-227 “Be it Resolved that the minutes of the previous Regular Council Meeting dated August 11th, 2004 be adopted as circulated.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Adoption of Accounts**

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Jacob Rook

**2004-228 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approve the attached schedule of Accounts for the period August 1 - August 31, 2004, in the amount of \$382,139.68 in general purposes and \$65,535.04 for Water Purposes and that the above accounts be paid.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

## **Delegations**

Gunther Borck - Water Watch Association - Presentation Bill 170/03

Mr. Gunther Borck and Roger Imhof - from the Water Watch Association, presented on Bill 170/03.

Asking Province to split regulation 170/03 into two sections :-

Municipal Water Systems

Privately owned Water Systems

Would like the province to exempt all the privately owned water system and removed from the regulation.

Mr. Imhof stated the cost for his small resort would be very costly to comply with Bill 170/03.

## **Regulation 170/03**

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Beulah Wright

**2004-229 “Whereas the Ontario Government continues to implement Regulation 170/03 which adversely affects town halls, churches, municipal offices and owners of small business including motels, resorts, campgrounds and restaurants on private water systems.**

**And Whereas meeting requirements of Regulation 170/03 has meant and will mean excessive costs and severe financial burdens on owners of businesses by requiring them to install very costly chlorination systems that will force many to close their doors permanently.**

**And Whereas there is no demonstrated proof that this new regulation will improve drinking water that has been, and continues to be safe in rural municipalities like those in Renfrew County heretofore monitored by the Ministry of Health.**

**And Whereas Ontario Regulation 170/03 was passed without consultation with rural owners of private drinking water systems and their supporters.**

**And Whereas these private stakeholders should have been consulted concerning the necessity of the said regulation with respect to economic, environmental and health impact on rural Ontario.**

**Therefore, be it resolved, that the Township of Whitewater Region urges the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to revise Regulation 170/03 in order to allow the exemption of all privately owned water systems from the said regulation and**

**Therefore, be it also resolved that the Legislature re-introduce provincial water testing procedure under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

## **Paul Melcher, Pembroke and District Community Living**

Mr. Paul Melcher and Ron Tremblay from Pembroke and District Community Living made a presentation.

New Program - New place to live - Fund raising endeavour.

Mr. Tremblay reviewed the current programs of the Association and also reviewed the new program.

He made a plea for funds for the program the association is trying to raise \$30,000.00 for the program.

Councillor Trimm spoke of his dilemma regarding he understood the reason for the program but the province should be funding.

Deputy Reeve asked when the goal is set to. Also he stated his concern re: Budget Deliberations.

## **No Committee Reports**

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Departmental Reports were reviewed

**DEPARTMENT: Building and By-law Enforcement**

**DATE: August 30, 2004**

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:**

-Continuing on my building and septic inspections for all types of permits issued.

-Issued 15 Building Permits at an estimated value of \$746 500.00 in total. 3 residential accessory building, 1 commercial renovation, 4 new single family dwelling, 5 residential addition/renovation 1 residential demolition and 1 agricultural accessory building.

-Prepared construction drawings for the roof tender for the Westmeath garage and the Cobden Sewage Plant complete with tender documents with the help of Hal Johnson. We also had site visits on August 18 for both projects who were attended by myself, Hal Johnson and 3 contractors.

-Have been working and meeting with our planner to finalize the second Draft for the new proposed zoning by-law.

**Department Head Signature ..... Jacques Benoit**

**Fire Department**

**August 30, 2004**

**Chief/Deputy Chief's Monthly Activities**

- Aug 6/04 Chiefs Heubner, Moore met with Kenwood Radio People
- Aug 9/04 Chief Moore attends Westmeath practice
- Aug 11/04 Chief's Heubner, Moore and Fire Prevention Public Education Comm. meet with Bill Bowles
- Aug 18/04 Chief Heubner attends Cobden practice
- Aug 20/04 Chief Heubner and 911 Comm met with Ken Becking
- Aug 25/04 William Bowles conducted first training session in Beachburg Hall on Simplified Risk Assessment of Whitewater Region
- Aug 28/04 Chief's Heubner/Moore met over budget

**TOTAL EMERGENCY (STATION) RESPONSES FOR AUGUST - 7**

**Stn. # 2 COBDEN**

- July 31 (Transformer Fire) 432 Cedar Haven Rd.
- Aug 2 (False Alarm) 12 Wren Dr. Cobden
- Aug 3 (Dumpster Fire) 44 Main St. Cobden
- Aug 8 (M.V.A.) Behm Line
- Aug 11 (Lightning strike) 450 Burwell Rd.

**Stn. # 4 BEACHBURG**

- Aug 10 (Lightning Strike) 275 Pioneer Point Trail

**Stn. # 5 WESTMEATH**

- Aug 11 (Bale/Fire) 73 Gore Line

**TRUCK/HALL REPORT**

Asphodel Fire were in Beachburg Tuesday Aug 24 doing repairs. Again a number of trucks in July were having ongoing repairs being made to them.

Truck # 9634 (The new truck) had rear rotating lights moved, as well as the tank level indicator light adjusted.

Foresters Falls Stn. Attended River Run Days.

Firefighter Randy Gauvin resigned from Westmeath Stn.

**RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD**

After discussions with Horton Fire Chief Randy Corbin we agreed on midnight September 30, 2004 that Whitewater Fire Dept. would no longer respond into Horton Township unless called out by Mutual Aid.

As in the previous month's Council Pack I again 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. This vehicle could be purchased near the end of 2004 to help with Budget.

Additional 6 Bunker suits should be purchased for Whitewater Region

Inspections will start in mid September for Simplified Risk Assessment teams.

**Department Head Signature ..... Wayne Heubner**

**Department : Plants**

**Date : August 2004**

**Monthly Activities:**

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

A new backup polymer metering pump was installed and put into operation at the Cobden WTP.

A reply to my response to the May 15, 2004 MOE plant inspection report has been received. In his reply, the Inspector indicated that he accepted my responses to the five non compliance issues and the thirteen best practice recommendations contained in his report.

The Cobden treatment tank is being scheduled for drain down and cleaning and the filters will be manually scoured in order to operate the system with the elevated tank isolated. This is in preparation for touch up of rusted areas in the tank internal coating which according to Robinson Consultants should take place in September.

MacViro Consultants conducted a series of jar tests at the Beachburg WTP to evaluate the effectiveness of using aluminum sulfate as a coagulant. Their main aim was to see if low dosages of the chemical could be used to achieve **direct** chemically assisted filtration. If their findings are positive and acceptable to the MOE, the requirement for chemical treatment of the raw water could be achieved without the high volumes of sludge produced from the flocculation and sedimentation phase of conventional treatment. Modifications providing for filtering to waste and wash water pumping to Jackson lake would still be required unless more GUDI studies were done proving that chemical treatment was not required. Their report is to be finalized in time to meet the MOE deadline for a reply to the Beachburg WTP Provincial Officer's Order.

Flushing stations are being designed and will be constructed for the Haley distribution system. Two stations are being considered instead of the three originally planned for. One was to be installed at the end of Tammy Trail and one at the end of Heather Place but unless suitable locations at each of these two streets can be found, then one will have to be installed in open space at the junction of these two water lines. A report on the May 14, 2004 MOE plant inspection has yet to be received.

Jacques Benoit Examined the flat roof at the Cobden WWTP in order to determine a sloped roof design. The replacement of the roof was put out to tender. Three copies of a sludge disposal contract were received from the City of Ottawa, signed and returned to them along with a \$721.00 contract fee. The process of hauling sludge to their plant will be essentially the same as before with a few added restrictions. Thomas Pumping has informed us that they are willing to continue hauling the sludge but may add a \$0.50 per cubic meter increase to cover increased fuel prices. This price increase would raise the cost of each haulage event from \$ 3097.65 to \$ 3129.75.

**Plant Manager: ..... David Simmons**

**Department of Public Works**

**August 2004**

**Monthly Activities:**

We completed the replacing of stone dust on the walkway at the Cobden beach and the cleaning of grass from the cracks in the sidewalks and gutters Westmeath (Hamlet) .

Tenders were let for Double surface treatment, Gravel crushing and the roof of the West patrol garage ( and closed).

Construction on Magnesium Rd. and the Kerr Line has started and we hope to be surface treating the week after labour day.

The cost of construction is above original estimates. We were unable to use the grader scarifier method we used last year when we resurfaced Government Rd. , instead we were required to pulverize, and the concrete box culvert had developed some serious cracks in the supporting walls requiring it be replaced, this has been completed .

The students have made a huge difference this summer in the amount of work we were able to do, our thank you to Ron Nieman, Tyler Eve, and Jeff McLeese good luck in your future endeavours.

We have completed the winter sand screening and expect to put it in the sand domes late September.

We hauled ditch material from Desjardins Rd. to the dump for cover, to be used while we work at construction at the other end of the Municipality.

**Public Works Supervisor ..... Hal Johnson CRS**

**DEPARTMENT:**

**TREASURER**

**DATE: AUGUST 2004**

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

The final tax bills were sent out for all classes at the beginning of August. The first instalment is due at the end of August and the second instalment is due at the end of October. The billing was for \$ 2,712,118.70.

**CRF FUNDING**

The third instalment of the Community Reinvestment Funding has been received. A cashable GIC will be purchased for investment since the school board and county levies are only due at the end of September.

**BUDGET**

After 8 months of operation the departments have spent the following:

- ▼ Council 68.5%
- ▼ Administration 64.5%
- ▼ Fire 71.0%
- ▼ Building, By-Law Enforcement & Planning 59.6%
- ▼ Transportation 55.7%
- ▼ Sewers 44.1%
- ▼ Waste Management 67.7%
- ▼ Parks 84.3%
- ▼ Transfer Payments from Municipality 93.2%
- ▼ Other(Industrial Park, Airport, Crossing) 69.3%

**Revenue Received**

- ▼ Taxes 99%
- ▼ Administration 79.0%
- ▼ Building, By-Law Enforcement & Planning 58.2%
- ▼ Waste Management 52.7%
- ▼ Fire Revenue 30%
- ▼ Transfer Payments to Municipality 72.0%

Respectfully Submitted .....Randi Keith

**Waste Management Department**

Monthly Report

August, 2004

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Township trucks hauled ditching material, sand and some Class B into the site. The ditching material and sand were used for an intermediate cover application as well as stockpiling. Class B was utilized for access road development. I had Buckwalt's Excavating supply the dozer and operator to spread cover over approximately ¾ of the Western Perimeter side slope as well as develop and maintain access road on top of the existing lift.

Stockpile of appliances continues to grow. We are still sitting on the abundance of fridges, deep freezers and air conditioning units acquired during the free bulky item drop-off which occurred in June. There has also been many dropped-off during the months of July and August. I have spoken with Barron Disposal Services on this matter a few times and they are aware that we need to begin removal from the site. They are very busy at present and will supply some containers when they can.

Timminco hauled in what is said to be the last of the waste slag (strontium residue) from the Westmeath Plant. This occurred August 13<sup>th</sup>. The total was 8,687 cubic feet. I have mixed this material in with the stockpile of fill to utilize as cover material.

Ontario Tire Recovery is the company which I have requested to come and remove our tires (approximately 900 tires). They should be here around the first week or two of September. Ron Nieman has started working at the landfill. He finished working with the Public Works Department on August 27<sup>th</sup>. He will now work for the Waste Management Department each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

There was Household Hazardous Waste drop-off for residents at the Ross Public Works Garage on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. This mobile event was carried out by Buckham Transport Ltd..

Saturdays continue to be busy – averaging between 70 – 80 trucks.

Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> - Perry Larochelle (Jp2g) and I sampled required Bore Holes surrounding the Westmeath landfill for the Summer Groundwater Monitoring Program (as put forth in the Certificate of Approval). These Bore Hole locations are primarily within the Contaminant Attenuation Zone. Perry developed / purged the wells prior to sampling on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The John Deere Excavator seems to be working well. It now received the much needed routine checks and maintenance (ie. Grease, engine oil change, fluid levels, cleaning of air breather & rad fins, cleaning out tracks, etc.). The hydraulic leak indicated to me when I started doesn't seem to have gotten any worse. The seal on the cylinder surrounding the ram located on the arm is the culprit (I am sure there are other leaks as well – this is the one that is the most prominent / visible). We have to put 5 – 7 gallons of hydraulic fluid in the reservoir per week. This practice will do for now as it is cheap maintenance / repair. Hydraulic fluid is not costly compared to the removal and repair of this fairly large cylinder.

After researching the approximate weight of the excavator as well as the likely pounds per square inch administered under the tracks, I think the excavator may have better compacting capabilities than one would expect with those wide tracks. There is no question, with the wide track and fairly flat, non aggressive grousers, they are designed to float. But this is heavy machine (25 – 30 tonne). In the newer John Deere line of equipment, it boasts the same weight range as a D9 dozer.

Department Head ..... **Steven Hodson**

**By-laws 04-09-169 Zon Amend -Lot 21 and Pt Lot 26, Plan 65 - Cobden - Olmstead**

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Ron Lowe

**2004-230 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to amend the Cobden Zoning Bylaw Lot 21 and Pt Lot 22 Plan 65 - Olmstead as amended and the said bylaw be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law numbered 04-09-169 be signed by the Reeve and clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2004.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Renfrew County and District Health Unit - West Nile virus - Information**

**Laurentian Valley - Support - Double Hatter Firefighters**

Moved by Ron Lowe Seconded by Jacob Rook

**2004-231 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the Township of Laurentian Valley resolution requesting the Province of Ontario enact legislation which will protect the employment rights of double hatter firefighters.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Laurentian Valley - Support - Ontarians with Disabilities**

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Ron Lowe

**2004-232 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the Township of Laurentian Valley resolution requesting the Province of Ontario provide financial funding that will help with the implementation of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Greater Madawaska - Support of Resolution - Safe Drinking Water Act regulation 170/03 Information**

**Cedar Brush Collection along Municipal Right of Ways - Request**

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

**2004-233 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region**

agree to allow Mr David Bimm to cut cedar brush and collect fallen wood located in and along the municipal right of ways. A letter shall be sent indicating conditions that are to be followed.”

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Gravel Tender Results**

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Ron Lowe

**2004-234 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region agree to award tender # M 2004-1 for the Gravel to the low bidder H&H Construction at a cost of \$36,225.00.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Severance Application - Pt lot 11 Con 2 E.M.L. Westmeath > Langton B85/04**

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Beulah Wright

**2004-235 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region has no objections to severance application - B85/04 - Langton.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Severance Application - Pt East Half Lot 7 Con 5 E.M.L. Beachburg > Jamieson B125/04(1), B126/04(2), B127/04(3), B128/04(4)**

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Jim Labow

**2004-236 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region has no objections to severance application - B125/04(1), B126/04(2), B127/04(3), B128/04(4) - Jamieson.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Severance Application - Pt Lot 30 East Front “B” Westmeath > Robertson B87/04(1), B88/04(2),**

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Ron Lowe

**2004-237 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region has no objections to severance application B87/04(1), B88/04(2) Robertson conditional on the a rezoning on both the retained and severed parcels.”**

Recorded Vote - Reeve Rathwell

YEAS		NAYS
X	Rathwell	
X	Lowe	
X	Trimm	
X	Rook	
X	McLaughlin	
X	Ferguson	
X	Wright	
<u>X</u>	Labow	
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Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Severance Application - Pt Lot 30 East Front “B” Westmeath > Robertson - B93/04**

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Jim Labow

**2004-238 “Based on the information that we currently have, be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region agree that consent should be**

**granted for file B93/04 - Robertson.”**

Recorded Vote - Reeve Rathwell

YEAS		NAYS
X	Rathwell	
X	Lowe	
X	Trimm	
X	Rook	
X	McLaughlin	
X	Ferguson	
X	Wright	
X	Labow	
<u>8</u>		<u>0</u>

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Livestock Claim - Scriver**

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Jacob Rook

**2004-239 “Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region pay \$750.00 to Ronald Scriver for 6 lambs killed by wolves.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Livestock Claim - McEwen**

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Ron Lowe

**2004-240 “Be it resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region pay to Bridget and Bruce McEwen \$96.00 for 1 lamb killed by coyote.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**September 15, 2004 Council Meeting - Reschedule**

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Jacob Rook

**2004-241 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region agree to reschedule the September 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting to September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

**Adjournment**

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Ron Lowe

**2004-242 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Regular Council Meeting dated Sept 1, 2004 be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.”**

Carried  
Donald Rathwell  
Reeve

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Reeve

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