

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION**

**Westmeath Community Centre Wednesday July 18, 2001 8:00 p.m.**

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of previous Minutes**
3. **Municipal Office Consolidation**
4. **2001 Budget**
  - i) **Sewage Training Cost**
  - ii **Haley Townsite Budget**
5. **Other Business**
2. **Municipal facility Review**
  - i) **Ross Township Municipal Office**
  - ii **Westmeath MTO Building - Highway 17**
7. **Adjournment**

Meeting called to order

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

**Accept Taxpayers Questions**

Moved by Donna Campbell, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

**“Therefore be it resolved that the Finance and Administration Committee accept questions from the taxpayers present for this meeting for half an hour.”**

Recorded vote - requested by Gordon White

Yeas		Nays	
X	White		
X	Labow		
X	Gervais		
X	Ferguson		
X	Campbell		
X	Trimm		
X	Cobb		
X	Lowe		
X	Rathwell		
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			Carried Joey Trimm

**Question** - Could we have an open meeting throughout the entire region?  
- Councillor Cobb suggested it was a good idea.  
- Councillor Gervais stated that we should have one in each area of the Region.  
- Councillor Lowe reviewed some of the reasons why amalgamation took place.

**Question** - Are Municipalities still being forced into amalgamation throughout the Province?  
- Mr. Roy Gervais made several statements regarding the results of amalgamation.

**Question** We should give it a chance but not burn our Bridges  
- A gentleman stated he heard that the taxes were going up in Westmeath.  
- Councillor Campbell addressed this issue  
- Chair Trimm reviewed the proposed budget  
- Councillor Lowe stated that Water & Sewer are area rated to the users.

**Question** - Mr. Mike Watson asked if Council would be declaring any buildings surplus?  
  
- Reeve White made some concluding remarks. Reeve stated that Council has worked very hard to see if we can make it work

#### **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Donna Campbell, Seconded by Robert Gervais

**“Be it resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting dated July 4, 2001 for the Finance & Administration Committee, be adopted as circulated.”**

Carried  
Joey Trimm

#### **Municipal Office Consolidation**

- Councillor Lowe stated reasons for moving motion.
- Councillor Gervais agreed with motion, but stated it would be on a trial basis.
- Councillor Trimm stated he would be voting against the motion although he agrees with it financially and practically, but would like to see a plan.
- Reeve White stated reasons why he would be voting in favour.
- Councillor Rathwell, Councillor Labow and Councillor Campbell stated reasons why they were voting in favour.
- Councillor Ferguson also agreed with the motion.

#### **Closing of Westmeath Office**

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Jim Labow

**“That the Whitewater Council close the Westmeath Administration Office as soon as suitable accommodation can be made at the Cobden Administration Office.”**

Recorded Vote - requested by Joe Trimm

Yeas		Nays
	Trimm	X
X	Rathwell	
X	Cobb	
X	Lowe	
X	White	
X	Labow	
X	Gervais	
X	Ferguson	
X	Campbell	
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Carried  
Joey Trimm

#### **2001 - Budget**

**Sewage Training Cost** - Information

**Haley Townsite budget** - Information - much discussion was entered into.

#### **Other Business**

Councillor Gervais stated we should be giving consideration to having information sessions throughout the region.

#### **Ross Township Municipal Office**

Moved by Gordon White, Seconded Ron Lowe

**Be it Resolved that the former Ross Municipal Office be declared surplus and that the three interested local community groups - Library, Historical Society and Senior Group be asked to submit a plan for the building.”**

Carried  
Joey Trimm

**Westmeath MTO Building - Highway 17** - Information - much discussion was entered into.

**Into Committee of the Whole**

Moved by Donna Campbell, Seconded Robert Gervais

**“Be it Resolved that The Finance and Administration Committee convene into the Committee of the Whole to discuss property.”**

Carried  
Joey Trimm

**Out of Committee of the Whole**

Moved by Gordon White, Seconded by Ron Lowe

**“Be it Resolved that The Finance and Administration Committee that we come out of the Committee of the Whole.”**

Carried  
Joey Trimm

**Adjournment**

Moved by Art Cobb, Seconded by Robert Gervais

**“Be it Resolved that the Finance and Administration Committee dated July 18, 2001 be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.”**

Carried  
Joey Trimm