

TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Council Meeting

Meeting Title: Regular Council Meeting Date: Wednesday May 15, 2013

Place: Cobden Council Chambers Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- A. Public Meeting
1. Site Plan agreement amendment
22 Fletcher Rd., Lots 1 & 2, Concession IX – Westmeath, Wilderness Tours Inc.
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. **Delegations**
1. Perry Blanch – water meter
 2. Phil Cottrell – Pitch In Week suggestions, comment on burning by-law
 3. Kirby Punt – MNR – Walking Trail update
8. **Departmental Reports**
1. CAO Report
9. **Committee Reports**
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 2. Property, Growth & Development Committee May 8/13 (1 resolution)
10. **Bylaws**
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Annual General Meeting - info
 15. June – Seniors' Month – proclamation request
 16. Timminco Mines – work ordered – see part 2 – info
 17. Mandatory Sprinklers in vulnerable occupancies
 18. Ontario Volunteer Service Awards – invitation to nominator (WWR)
 19. Various media clippings - info
12. **New/Unfinished Business**
1. School Bus loading
 2. OPP costs 2014
 3. Town of Petawawa – support of Whitewater Region resolution
 4. Cheryl Gallant M.P. – fundraiser
 5. Community Events and Councillor Announcements
14. **Non Agenda Items** (which because of urgency cannot be deferred to a subsequent meeting identified to be considered in this meeting both in open and closed session)
15. **Notice of Motions**
16. **Closed Meeting to discuss litigation, potential litigation, labour relations, and the security of the property of the municipality.**
Section 239 (2) (a) The security of the property of the Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region or local board
17. **Confirmation By-Law 13-05-618**
18. **Adjournment**
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- Public Meeting:**
1. **Site Plan agreement amendment**
22 Fletcher Rd., Lots 1 & 2, Concession IX – Westmeath, Wilderness Tours Inc.

Moved by Donald Rathwell, Seconded by Joe Trimm

2013 – 2520 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region convene into a public meeting in connection with the site plan agreement amendment for 22 Fletcher Rd., Lots 1 & 2, Concession IX, Westmeath, Wilderness Tours Inc.”

Carried by
Jim Labow

Mr. Whitehead went over the changes to the site plan agreement that were submitted to the Township. The red changes override the original agreement He outlined the special provision for the septic system and parking.

Mr. Whitehead informed Council that for the amendment to be completed there needs to be a Public meeting to discuss the site plan agreement.

Mr. Whitehead stated that this is not statutory under the Planning Act because the only items being changed is the site plan agreement. This public meeting will inform the ratepayers of the changes.

Mr. Whitehead informed Council that the changes are for the use of the property with respect to the property zoning of the parking lot, septic and physical attributes to the property.

Mr. Whitehead informed Council that the applicant is wanting to have the site changed to eatery and micro brewery. After one year the change will be to micro brewery and restaurant.

Mr. Whitehead stated that there is flexibility to where the eating establishment could be located. All the retail is inside the barn and the micro brewery is accessible to both.

Mr. Whitehead informed Council of the removal of the median for the waste site on the farm and also of the clearance letter from the Ministry of Archeology.

Mr. Whitehead informed Council that the existing septic system would be used as a holding tank and would be pumped by a local licensed hauler. The micro brewery expels 700 litres per week. This holding unit would be for a 1 year period.

Mr. Schultz informed Council that he and Mr. Charles Cheesman went over the agreement. They are fine with the agreement.

Mr. Chessman informed Council that the uses conform to the By-Law and he is comfortable with the agreement as it is amended.

Moved by Joe Trimm, Seconded by Donald Rathwell

2013 – 2521 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region adjourns the public meeting at 7:25 pm.”

Carried by
Jim Labow

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order

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

Staff Present: Christine FitzSimons, Annette Mantifel, Bill Misener, Steve Hodson, Marsha Hawthorne and Doug Schultz

2. Prayer

Prayer was recited

3. Roll Call

Clerk conducted Roll Call

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None Reported

5. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Donald Rathwell, Seconded by Joe Trimm

2013 – 2522 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopt the Agenda dated May 15, 2013 for the Regular Council Meeting as submitted with 2 additions.”

Carried by
Jim Labow

6. Adoption of Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Moved by Allen Dick, Seconded by Joe Trimm

2013 – 2523 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopt the minutes of the council meeting dated May 1, 2013 as submitted.”

Carried by
Jim Labow

7. Adoption of the Accounts

Nothing.

8. Delegations

1. Perry Blanch – water meter

Mr. Blanc thanked Council for allowing him to speak.

Mr. Blanch informed Council that he had written in October. He has owned the building for 30 years, then sold it and then got it back again.

Mr. Blanch informed Council that the metre rates are \$10.gallon and the cubic metre rates of the Township are \$10.09 per cubic metre. This is a great difference.

Mr. Blanch informed Council that the family of three that lived in the building used 9000 gallons per month.

Mr. Blanch stated that he is assessed as 2 commercial unite and 1 residential. If he wants to rent the units he will have to charge \$400.00 for the unit then \$50.00 for water.

Mr. Blanch would like to go back to the metre that he had installed in 1983.

Ms. Mantifel informed Council that Mr. Blanch is receiving the vacancy rate which is 20% of the commercial rate.

Deputy-mayor McBride asked if the metre is in place.

Mr. Blanch stated yes and it will show the amount of water that has been used since 1983.

Mayor Labow said it could be changed retroactively, but the metre needs to be calibrated and certified.

Deputy-Mayor McBride stated that this would resolve the usage amount.

Mr. Misener stated that we are using a distribution system now and if a metre is put on it will go to bill per use.

Mr. Blanc stated that metre users use less water.

Mayor Labow commented that a minimum flat rate needs to be established then anything over this amount is charged.

Councillor Trimm stated that this needs to be taken to a Committee meeting.

Moved by Izett McBide, Seconded by Cathy Regier

2013 – 2524 “Be it Resolved that the Council of Whitewater Region agrees to allow the property at 37 main Street to use the existing water metre to measure consumption, provided it has been calibrated and certified once a minimum flat rate has been established.”

Carried by
Jim Labow

Moved by Donald Rathwell, Seconded by Joe Trimm

2013 – 2525 “Be it Resolved that the Council of Whitewater Region authorizes the CAO and Mayor to execute the amended site plan agreement for the Ottawa kayak Camp and The Barn at Buseater, Wilderness Tours.”

Carried by
Jim Labow

2. Phil Cottrell – Pitch In Week suggestions, comment on burning by-law

Mr. Cottrell thanked Council for allowing him to speak.

Mr. Cottrell stated that Pitch-In week was a great idea to keep the region good and green.

Mr. Cottrell informed Council that he had to go to the Township Office to get the bags and then had to take them to the landfill site. This he said was not very convenient because he lives on Greenway Drive and it is a 30 minute drive.

Mr. Cottrell stated that there was no publicity and when he went to the landfill site he was told to just dump off the garbage and recycling.

Mr. Cottrell stated that to improve the program the Township needs to advertise earlier in April, have bags available everywhere and the filled bags should be put out in a depot area to be picked up. Do Not Litter signs need to be put up.

Mayor Labow stated that we have a year to plan for next year's event.

Mr. Hodson said he takes full responsibility for not meeting expectations.

Councillor McLaughlin informed Council that he put a flyer and a bag in each of the resident's mailboxes on the Queensline.

Reeve Rathwell stated that bags will be supplied in Lapasse and Westmeath for next year.

Mr. Hodson stated that pitch-in-week should be done 24/7 year round. He will improve it for next year.

Councillor Regier informed Council that Beachburg School cleaned up around the village.

Mr. Misener stated that it wasn't a failure and next year he will have a truck parked in Lapasse for the garbage bags.

Mr. Cottrell stated that he had received the flyer that told him to go to the webpage but there was no explanation on the website. He questioned why burn barrels were included.

Mr. Cottrell stated that he has no problem with the By-Law he just feels that there needs to be public input. He asked if there would be a review of the By-Law.

Mr. Cottrell stated that he appreciates the work that is being done by Council.

Mayor Labow informed Council that the By-Law was the instigation of the Fire Chief because last year it was very dry and there were a lot of grass fires. It was discussed at the Committee meeting and Council.

Mr. Schultz informed Council that the chief came to him wanting a By-Law and after

numerous meeting the new permit and the phone into the office to renew your permit was added. It was advertised in all three papers.
Mayor Labow thanked Mr. Cottrell for his presentation.

3. Kirby Punt – MNR – Walking Trail update

Mr. Kirby Punt presented an overview of the Cobden Marsh project.

Mr. Punt informed Council that in 2008-2009 the Civitan Club brushed out the trail. The MNR, DFO and the Civitan met to discuss removing the road and involving partners to make the trail better. The Civitan wanted to connect people from the Foresters Falls Road to Cobden. They received \$7,500.00 from the Stewardship program.

Mr. Punt informed Council that Opeongo High school has an OSPREY Program that has students working with marsh lands and wildlife.

Mayor Labow stated that the parking area is not there now.

Mr. Punt informed Council that the boardwalk was initiated in June of 2001. It came about thanks to the OSPREY and woodworking student from Opeongo. The students on their lunch time made the boards. The cement pallets were donated by MacGregor's Concrete in Beachburg. The trusses were donated by Clouthier Construction.

Mr. Punt informed Council that in February & March of 2013 the OSPREY students came down and made a turtle nesting ground and it will be monitored by high school.

Mr. Punt informed Council that the Township put up signs explaining not to drive 4-wheelers on the area that the turtles were nesting.

Mr. Punt thanked Council for their time.

8. Departmental Reports

1. CAO Report

CAO informed Council of the new Communication Policy that orders to staff would come through administration. Inquiries from the public should go through the Clerk's office.

2. Industrial Park

CAO informed Council that the Industrial Park is the Township's responsibility and that it provides hydro, gas connection and non-potable water.

3. Letter to Renfrew Area Health Services Village

CAO informed Council of the letter she sent.

4. Land Use Strategy potential for surplus township lands

CAO explained that the land use strategy could be used for selling surplus Township Lands.

5. Drainage Investment Group Information

CAO informed Council that this is for information purposes.

6. Confidential correspondence – Fire Safety Inspection Order

Confidential.

7. Marsha Hawthorne – Graduate of the Municipal Administration Program

CAO congratulated Mrs. Hawthorne on her accomplishment.

8. From Whitewater Ratepayers Association

CAO informed Council that she had a meeting with Mr. Donald Broome. He had requested paper copies of the agenda packages. CAO informed Mr. Broome that we would make him one copy and that the package is available online.

9. Pit Bull ban update

CAO informed Council that the notice of violation has gone out.

Moved by Joe Trimm, Seconded by Donald Rathwell

2013 – 2526 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region receives and files the CAO report for May 15, 2013.”

Carried by
Jim Labow

9. Committee Reports

1. Finance & Administration May 1/13(information)

None.

2. Property, Growth & Development Committee May 8/13 (1 resolution)

Moved by Cathy Regier, Seconded by Izett McBride

2013 – 2527 “Be it Resolved that the Property & Growth Committee of the Township of Whitewater Region direct staff to enforce the Dog Owners Liability Act of Ontario and enforce a ban on Pit Bull breed dogs in Whitewater Region.”

Carried by
Jim Labow

10. Bylaws

1. **13-05-616 Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation Financing for Hwy 17**
2. **13-05-617 Regulating Public Sewage-Waterworks**

Ms Mantifel informed Council that the first By-Law passed is similar to the first By-Law for the grader and excavator. This By-Law is just in case there has not been enough tax money collected to pay for the completion of the certificates from the Highway 17 Project.

Moved by Daryl McLaughlin, Seconded by Cathy Regier

2013 – 2528 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region Approves that the following By-Laws be introduced, read, dealt with, numbered, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed and recorded in the By-Law book:

1. **13-05-616 Ontario Infrastructure and Land Corporation financing for Hwy 17**
2. **13-05-617 Regulating public sewage-waterworks.”**

Carried by
Jim Labow

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10. Municipal liability exposure – support request
Deputy-Mayor McBride requested that a letter of support come from the Township. Consensus was given for the CAO to draft a letter to Mr. John Yakabuskie, MPP.

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Information.

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Information.

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Information.

2013 – 2530 “Be it Resolved that the

Information.

Moved by Cathy Regier, Seconded by Daryl McLaughlin

2013 – 2531 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region receives and files correspondence 1 – 19.”

Carried by
Jim Labow

12. New/Unfinished Business

1. School Bus loading

Moved Daryl McLaughlin, Seconded by Cathy Regier

2013 – 2532 “that the Township of Whitewater Region authorizes staff to move and install the School Bus Loading Signs on the Easterly and Westerly ends of 16 Cowley St., Cobden, as requested by the General Manager of the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium. Further, staff will incorporate the description of the School Bus Loading Zone into the Parking By-Law, which is currently under review.”

Carried by
Jim Labow

2. OPP costs 2014

Information.

3. Town of Petawawa – support of Whitewater Region resolution

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15. Notice of Motions

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16. Closed Meeting to discuss litigation, potential litigation, labour relations, and the security of the property of the municipality.

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Nothing

17. Confirmation By-Law 13-05-618

Moved by Daryl McLaughlin, Seconded by Cathy Regier

2013 – 2533 “ Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approves that Confirmation By-Law #13-05-618 be introduced, read, dealt with, numbered and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.”

Carried by
Jim Labow

18. Adjournment

Moved by Daryl McLaughlin, Seconded by Cathy Regier

2013 – 2534 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adjourns the meeting of May 15th, 2013 at 9:38 pm.”

Carried by
Jim Labow


Christine FitzSimons


Mayor Jim Labow