

TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Committee Meetings

Meeting Title: *Budget Workshop Meeting*
Place: *Municipal Council Chambers*

Date: *Wednesday May 13, 2015*
Start Time: *5:30pm*

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Any submissions received from the public, either orally or in writing may become part of the public record/package.

NOTE: As of February 4, 2015 all Committee and Council meetings will be recorded and will be available the following day to be viewed on the Township website www.whitewaterregion.ca

1. Call to Order
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
3. Adoption of the Agenda

4. CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE (Chair Charlene Jackson)

A. New/Unfinished Business

1. 2015 Budget – Treasurer's final presentation
2. Closed Session: 239 (2) a) The security of the property of the Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region or local board.
5. Councillor Announcements
6. **Notice of Motion** – items requested by Council to be on next agenda
7. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

Present: Mayor Hal Johnson, Reeve Terry Millar, Councillor Charlene Jackson, Councillor Dave Mackay, Councillor Daryl McLaughlin, Councillor Christopher Olmstead, Councillor Cathy Regier

Staff: Christine FitzSimons, Marsha Hawthorne, Bill Misener, Doug Schultz, Wayne Heubner, Erica Rice and Danielle Howatson

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest** - none
3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Dave Mackay, Seconded by Cathy Regier

"Be it resolved that the Council in Committee of the Township of Whitewater Region adopts the agenda for the May 13, 2015 meeting."

Carried by
Charlene Jackson

4. CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE (Chair Charlene Jackson)

A. New/Unfinished Business

1. 2015 Budget – Treasurer's final presentation

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and turned the meeting over to Treasurer Marsha Hawthorne.

Treasurer Hawthorne presented the 2015 Whitewater Region Proposed Budget Expenses and Notes for review and discussion.

Direction was given to staff with respect to the requested donation from Muskrat Watershed Council (MWC) to budget for the entire amount of \$5,400.00 and provide the MWC with \$2,500.00 to further studies and another \$2,500 to start the actual clean up. Staff has been directed to invite the MWC to May 20, 2015 council meeting to provide an explanation as to what the money is intended for and where they are in the clean up process. CAO FitzSimons is to draft a motion for the next council meeting setting out the perimeters for the donation.

Under the heading Administration in the budget, Councillor Olmstead has requested the details of what makes up the Transfer/Reserve amount of \$114,578.00. Treasurer Hawthorne noted that she will print the details from Vadim to provide to council.

Under the heading Roads in the budget, Chair Jackson has requested that staff look into the cost of acquiring a sweeper and compare it to the cost of renting one. With respect to the purchase of 3 radar signs it has been recommended that one be purchased at this time. If they are successful in providing information, the other two could be purchased at a later date. Mayor Johnson suggests that the Renfrew OPP will lend us a speed sign that will produce a traffic count which is required. The line item with respect to signs was reduced by \$10,000. With respect to the miscellaneous item, Public Works Manager Bill Misener noted that this amount was inclusive to spray for poison ivy. Mr. Misener advised that this is not on the noxious weed list. It was requested that the weed inspector

from the County attend a Council meeting and do a presentation to council. The request for two trucks in this year's budget was discussed. It was recommended that we proceed with one truck this year and one truck next. With respect to the road maintenance on Grants Settlement Road, it was decided that repairs would begin at Foresters Falls Road and continue approximately 4kms to Dittburners Road at an approximate cost of \$42,000 per kilometre for an approximate cost of \$168,000. The change was made to the budget numbers.

Recess at 7:15 pm

All members present at 7:28 pm

Under the heading of Crossing Guards in the budget, staff was directed to bring motion to the next council meeting directing the CAO to prepare a letter asking the Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) to rethink their position on downloading the responsibility of crossing guards to local municipalities. This matter will be brought to a Corporate Services meeting at a later date to discuss the requirement of crossing guards in each of Beachburg, Westmeath and Cobden once a reply is received from RCDSB.

Under the heading of Landfill Ross in the budget, the issue of salary for a full time seasonal employee was discussed. Direction was given to staff to include the current amount in the budget of \$25,000 and upon Environment Services Manager Steven Hodson's return, further discussion can take place before a decision is reached whether a new hire will be full time or part time. With respect to the line item Chipper/Grinder Rental Councillor Olmstead would like staff to do a cost comparison between the purchase of a new chipper and the cost of renting one.

Under the heading of Beach in the budget, it was decided that it was too late for this year to hire pest control company as nesting season began in April, however, it staff was directed to have Orkin attend a council meeting to do a presentation. It was also noted that the Civitan Club is willing to contribute to the efforts of council to eradicate the pests at the beach.

Under the heading of Health Services in the budget, Mayor Johnson would like staff to prepare a letter of appreciation to the Lion's Club for their contribution to the renovations at the Cobden Medical Centre.

The remainder of the budget presentation will be adjourned until May 27, 2015 at 5:00pm and dinner will be provided. Chair Jackson has asked that council review the expenses bottom line and reminds council that this budget has to passed in time for Treasurer Hawthorne to set tax rates by no later than June 15, 2015.

2. Closed Session: 239 (2) a) The security of the property of the Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region or local board.

This matter was tabled to a date to be set in the future.

5. Councillor Announcements

Councillor McLaughlin noted that the Library Board is hosting a golf tournament on June 13, 2015. He hopes that each member of council will put in a team. The Township will donate two shirts as prizes.

6. Notice of Motion – items requested by Council to be on next agenda - none

7. Adjournment

Moved by Dave Mackay, Seconded by Cathy Regier

"Be it resolved that the Council of Committee of the Township of Whitewater Region adjourns the meeting of May 13, 2015 at 8:10pm."

Carried by
Charlene Jackson


Christine FitzSimons, CAO Clerk


Mayor Hal Johnson