

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION**  
**Committee Meetings**

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

**Date: Wednesday May 27, 2015**  
**Start Time: 5:00pm**

**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](http://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
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, Steven Hodson, 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 27, 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 5:02 pm and turned the meeting over to Treasurer Marsha Hawthorne.

Treasurer Hawthorne reviewed the 2015 Whitewater Region Proposed Expenses and in her presentation, highlighted the changes that were made after the discussions of the May 13, 2015 meeting. The presentation continued with the proposed budget revenue & notes. The issue of our used fire equipment was discussed. There has been no interest from the public in purchasing out used equipment. Chair Jackson has suggested we attempt to sell the equipment one more time. Councillor Mackay made the suggestion that we contact "Firefighters without Borders" to see if we can donate our equipment to a country that would benefit from our donation. This matter will be brought back to a committee meeting for further discussion.

**WATER**

Treasurer Hawthorne recapped discussions regarding the water budget. The issue of the increase for Haley was addressed. Chair Jackson noted that, despite the proposed transfer of reserve monies from Cobden and Beachburg to assist with Haley's water increase and the impact it has on ratepayers, there are more significant increases in the coming years for Haley. Chair Jackson suggested that a letter needs to accompany the next water bill which advises how the whole Whitewater Region is helping mitigate the costs for the residents of Haley's Station.

**SEWER**

Treasurer Hawthorne recapped discussions regarding the sewer budget. The amount of \$33,343 will be paid back to sewer from water. Treasurer Hawthorne was instructed to put the entire amount of the case in place project in to budget and show the difference between the whole project and the debenture. Chair Jackson also instructed Treasurer Hawthorne to put \$50,000 in reserves.

Direction to staff for the water budget is as follows: Cobden no increase; Beachburg increase of 18.5166% and Haley increase of 33.5%. With respect to sewer, the increase will be 35% to allow \$70,833.29 to be transferred into reserves.

**Recess at 6:10 pm**

**All members present at 6:25 pm – Chief Heubner and Bill Misener joined the meeting**

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

A list of all proposed capital projects was distributed for review. With respect to Snake River Line, staff has been directed to repair the culverts in the 3.1km stretch of the highway and let them settle. They can be retreated next year. A total of \$428,000 is to be taken out of reserves to complete the Grant Settlement Road project and the Bromley Line project. \$50,000 is to be put into reserves. CAO FitzSimons reiterated that the matter of a Road Policy that follows the recommendations within the Asset Management Plan will be brought to future meeting for discussion. Provisions have been made to purchase one tandem truck this year. The issue of equipment and a replacement policy will be discussed in the future and will make up part of the long term vision for the Township.

Council approved the following donation requests: Opeongo High School \$50; Kyla's Kids Club \$1,500; Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support Inc. \$100; Riverview Senior's Club \$2,500.

It was recommended that the taxes increase by 3% and whatever the difference is between the amount raised in taxation and expenses be put into reserves. A special meeting of Council will be held June 3, 2015 to pass a by-law with the new tax rates and the new water and sewer rates. CAO FitzSimons will send out an email to confirm the special meeting.

### **5. Councillor Announcements**

Horse Day is June 6, 2015 and the matter will be discussed at the special meeting of council on June 3, 2015.

Councillor Olmstead will be on holidays from June 5-13, 2015.

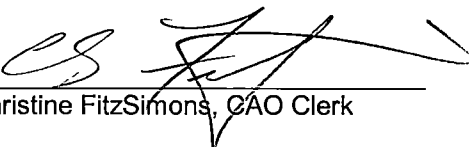
### **6. Notice of Motion – items requested by Council to be on next agenda - none**

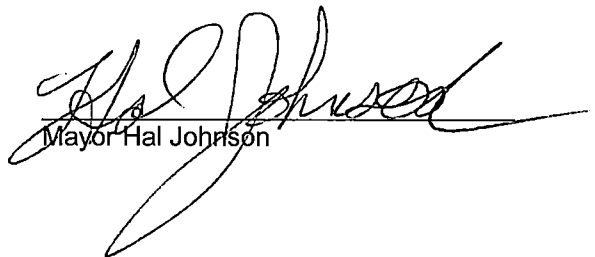
### **7. Adjournment**

Moved by Dave Mackay, Seconded by Cathy Regier

**“Be it resolved that the Council in Committee of the Township of Whitewater Region adjourns the meeting of May 27, 2015 at 7:35pm.”**

Carried by  
Charlene Jackson

  
Christine FitzSimons, CAO Clerk

  
Mayor Hal Johnson