

WHITEWATER REGION COUNCIL SUMMARY



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May 3, 2024

Here is a brief update from the Regular Meeting of the Council on **May 1, 2024**. Full agendas can be found here: <https://whitewaterregion.civicweb.net/Portal/>. The video is available on our YouTube page. The next meeting is May 15, 2024. This summary does not constitute the official record of the meeting and approved Minutes should be consulted for that purpose.

Presentations and Public Meetings

Council recognized Captain Roy Church in commemoration of First Responders Day. Roy Church will be retiring after a combined 40 years of service between the Ross and Whitewater Region Fire Departments.

- Roy has served in almost every rank, starting out specializing in vehicle extrication. He has performed countless extrications throughout his career and trained past and present firefighters, undoubtedly saving many lives.

Council received the First Quarterly Administration Report for 2024. Staff leads from each department presented key points from the full report which can be found on the Township's website at <https://www.whitewaterregion.ca/services/administration/administration-report/>.

Mayor's Address

Mayor Nicholson noted his attendance at seven (7) meetings and events in the last two weeks. Also recognized was the National Day of Mourning on April 28th emphasizing the importance of workplace safety, and First Responders Day extending gratitude to first responders for their service. Other highlights of the address include:

- Highlighted items from the April 24th Renfrew County Council meeting including a presentation by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) on the cell gap project. See the [Council meeting summary](#) for more information.
- The ongoing situation of the Ottawa River water levels is being closely monitored by our Emergency Municipal Control Group (EMCG) and as a precautionary measure, prefilled sandbags remain available to residents. Further information regarding sandbag locations, current updates, or to report a flooding-related concern, can be found on the [Township's website](#).

Community Services

Council received a report regarding the planned Whitewater Region Volunteer Fair & Summer Fun Day schedule for June 15th, 2024. The volunteer fair will be held at the Cobden Agricultural Hall where community groups will advertise their organization to potential volunteers.

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Fire Services

Council approved the purchase of a Fire Tanker from Midwest Fire Equipment and Repair Company to replace Tanker 9718 through Canoe Procurement.

- Tanker 9718 is 34 years old, 4 years past its expected useful life, and requires frequent costly repairs.

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Public Works

Council awarded tender 2024-09 Supply and Application of Dust Control to Da-Lee Services Inc. for the application of liquid dust suppressant on the 150kms of Township maintained gravel roads. This is an annual maintenance item for dust control and will be complete by July 1st.

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Closed Session

Council moved to closed session to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board. The CAO was directed to explore opportunities for the disposition of certain municipal lands.

Announcements

Members of Council announced the following:

- Councillor Tabbart highlighted the Volunteer Fair on June 15th from 10am – 2pm. Full details will be made available on the *Township's social media*.
- Councillor Trimm noted the *Westmeath Community Yard Sale and Art in the Park* this weekend on May 4th.

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