

# WHITEWATER REGION COUNCIL SUMMARY



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 20, 2024

Here is a brief update from the Regular Meeting of the Council on **June 19, 2024**. Full agendas can be found here: <https://whitewaterregion.civicweb.net/Portal/>. The video is available on our YouTube page. The next meeting is August 7, 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 congratulated the 5 youths who received the 2024 Whitewater Region Outstanding Youth Awards.

- The recipients are Xavier Gagnon of Jeanne-Lajoie, Makenna Hawthorne of Fellowes, Alison Hyatt of Opeongo, Nolan Kenny of Bishop Smith Catholic, and Rachel Huckabone of St. Joseph Catholic High Schools.
- These students have demonstrated exemplary character and exhibit the values of community contribution and school leadership with active participation in young athleticism and arts & culture.

Chantelle Regier and Joe Kowalski presented comments supporting short-term accommodation in Whitewater Region, specifically addressing the desire for no further regulations on STA's.

### Announcements

Members of Council announced the following:

- Councillor Moore highlighted the Beachburg Fair from July 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Councillor Trimm announced the WDRA Canada Day celebrations including a parade, games, entertainment, and fireworks.
- Councillor Tabbart highlighted the Muskrat Watershed Council's 10th-anniversary celebration on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Further information to come.
- Councillor Bell announced the Foresters Falls Canada Day celebrations including BBQ, games, a parade, and fireworks.

### Office of the CAO

Council received a follow-up report from staff with more information about potential enforcement options for STAs.

- Members of council decided that regulations/licensing for STAs are not required at this time, and to monitor complaints for a year to determine necessity.
- Staff have been directed to enhance the complaint monitoring process.

Council authorized the execution of agreements extending the arrangements into 2025 for:

- the Beachburg Recreation Association and Westmeath and District Recreation Association to operate the Beachburg and Westmeath arenas.
- the Beachburg Agricultural Society to extend the term to May 31, 2025, for the leasing of the facility.

## **Economic Development**

Council authorized the signing of a 2024 Co-Hosting Agreement for the Taste of the Valley event to be held on October 19, 2024, in Cobden with the County of Renfrew. The signed agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Township and County staff.

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## **Public Works**

Council approved the execution of an encroachment agreement with OWL Rafting, Whitewater Brewing Company, Whitewater Cottage & RV Resort (Summerhill Resorts Ltd.), and Whitewater Village to permit a consolidated sign in the municipal road allowance.

- Council directed staff to explore a permitting system for signs located in the road allowance.

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## **Financial Services**

Council authorized staff to apply to the Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation for the long-term financing of the Bomag BC473 RB-5 landfill compactor. The debenture amortized over 10 years, was analyzed to be the best option.

Council approved the entering into a Municipal Funding Agreement for the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. This agreement will be in place for 10 years with increasing annual funding for capital projects.

Council approved the Asset Retirement Obligations Policy to address a new requirement of the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) to strengthen asset management standards for municipalities by planning for the potential financial liabilities of aging municipal assets.

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## **Community Services**

Council awarded tender 2024-129 to Zenith Solution Inc. to replace the Cobden Arena dehumidifier which was a project identified as part of the 2024 Capital Budget.

Council received a report regarding the Adaptive Re-Use of Community Centre's project prepared by Dillon Consulting. The report holds the findings of the public consultation conducted for this project.

- The report can be found on the township's website at [www.whitewaterregion.ca](http://www.whitewaterregion.ca).

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## Closed Session

Council moved to a closed session to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees; and a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board with staff remaining in the room (Former CN Rail Line, Planner/EDO and Mechanic).

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