

REEVE's COMMENTS Aug 9/10

1. It is always my pleasure to welcome members of the public to our Chambers as well as our media journalists.
2. By now no doubt, all of us are aware of a new challenge in our area effecting the Ash tree. The EAB (Emerald Ash Bore) was recently confirmed in the Mallorytown service centre area by the CFIA (Can. Food Inspection Agency) In co-operation with the CFIA, the UCLG met on Aug 4th & in conjunction with our municipal partners of Brockville, Gananoque , Prescott, have unanimously agreed to initiate a task force to deal with communications & public education concerning the Ash population in the Leeds-Grenville area. The mandate of this gdrop should be confirmed on the Aug. 25th. Meeting of the UCLG Joint Services.

As many residents in Augusta rely on wood for heating as well as the sale of stove Wood, this new challenge will be very important for all of us. It is not panic time to cut All Ash trees in sight, but rather a call for patience as we confront this new obstacle. Currently two Toll Free #'s are available to the public for enquiries & reporting. CFIA 1-866-463-6017 plus the UCLG 1-800-770-2170 ext#2847. Links to these websites Are also found on Augusta.ca
3. On July 13 & 20th, the Township planning consultant, Stantec, made a presentation relating to the updating of Augusta's Official Plan at MERC & Roebuck halls. This process, as required by the Prov. Of Ont., is progressing slowly & the Stantec report is coming to Council this evening for consideration.
4. Our major re-construction of the 2nd. Concession is progressing nicely, on time & within budget.
5. Council met with Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing (MAAH) here in the Council chambers on July 21/10 for an information session. Their co-operation is certainly appreciated as they updated us on such subjects as the Official Plan, Brownfields (contaminated property) policies and guidelines for Seniors developments.
6. In consultation with our Fire Chief, Lorne Dougherty, it is with my sincere appreciation that we announce the recent installation of a dry well extraction pipe in the Steve Polite gravel pit on County Rd.#18 between McRae Rd. & the 6th. Conc. Rd. This provides another very valuable water source to our Township & is a key location in addition to the Klitbo Rd. & Maitland sites. On your behalf, I have forwarded a letter & personally thanked Mr. Polite for his company's generosity & spirit of co-operation that we are so proud of in Augusta.