

Reeve's Comments, July 12/10

1. As always, it is my pleasure to welcome on behalf of Council, our media in the names of Mr. Blake McKim of the Prescott Journal, & Mr. Nick Gardiner of the Recorder & Times; in addition to our local residents in the gallery.

2. At our COW meeting on June 28, I expressed my sincere appreciation to Dep. Barton & Councillors alike. Who so capably filled in for me during my absence from Augusta while on the Mayors' China trip. Without boring you on details, that trip emphasized on how well Canada is accepted & appreciated in that part of the world. Canada ranks #1 as a friend among the Chinese officials & commoners alike. We were treated royally; my many memories of the people, their culture & the recognition afforded our delegation, will be remembered. In summary, it was a lifetime experience - meeting new people with new opportunities.

3. A number of UCLG meetings were postponed in the absence of a quorum, so upon return to Leeds-Grenville, we have attended numerous Counties meetings to get caught up.

4. On June 30/10 Augusta's Emergency preparedness team participated in a Counties wide exercise at the North Grenville complex. This was very well organized & I believe a successful joint effort with our municipal partners. *Compliments to all our staff who were involved, especially Lindsay Penney, one of the main organizers.*

5. At our COW meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>, Council requested a resolution be prepared in support of the Ont. Good Roads Assoc. concerning the Minimum Standards for Ont. Roads. My recommendation to Council is we do not proceed with the Township financial support, since a UCLG resolution was passed at the PW committee on July 7<sup>th</sup>/10 to contribute to this cause on behalf of all Counties residents. Since there is only ONE TAXPAYER, I see no need for Augusta to contribute on both fronts.

6. Amendments to Augusta's procedural by-law are before us tonight & I endorse their intent. Firstly, changing the date & time for swearing in ceremonies for a new Council; plus correcting the manner in which Council handles the Closed meeting sections of our regular & special meetings & adjust those rules in line with the Counties procedure for such matters.

7. I have had the opportunity to speak with MAAH officials in Kingston this past week & have some suggestions for Council to consider.

- (a) An invitation to a Ministry of Tourism official to address our Eco-Dev. & tourism committee with some focus on tourism within our borders. Once this date is confirmed,
  - all Council will be notified & I encourage your attendance.

(b) With relation to the Maitland school property & subsequent to the knowledge gained at our meeting with Rideau Lakes, the MAAH people acknowledge not having much experience in this field, however made some worthwhile suggestions which they are prepared to share with Council along with ideas for our Brownfields policy. Thus, again I am seeking Council's direction to confirm a date for that meeting here in the chambers.

8. At our Emergency preparedness meeting in Kemptonville, I had the privilege of

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connecting with the MTO engineer from Ottawa who is responsible for the 401 corridor in our area. It is my opinion & I trust that of Council that we need to re-examine the possible opportunities @ Blue Church Rd. & the current volume of traffic on County Rd.#15 @ Maitland. The status of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Conc. @ County Rd. 15 are also a topic of discussion with the Ministry people.

9. Tomorrow eve., July 13<sup>th</sup>., an open house meeting for all public to review the proposed updated Augusta Official Plan is being held in the MERC Hall @ 6:30 pm 7 I encourage all interested citizens to attend, ask questions & review the maps. A subsequent similar meeting will take place @ Roebuck Hall on July 20th/10 @ 6:30 pm.

10. Of notice to all Augusta residents, are the immediate changes to the Ont. Power Authority (OPA) micro-fit program involving Solar PV systems. Any projects submitted or considered for the 10 kw system, ground mounted, and not yet approved; has been reduced from 80.2c to 58.8c per kw. Roof top systems will remain @ 80.2c for now. This 25% reduction in revenues being instigated by the OPA, will have a significant impact on current & future applications.

11. Recommendation to Council. Engage Services from Antiquaries to investigate grants to restore the War Memorial located in North Augusta. Also inquire as to funding for recreational improvements.