

REEVE's COMMENTS May 10th.,2010

1. It is always a pleasure to recognize our print media friends, Mr Gardiner & Mr. McKim. Public representation in the gallery is likewise appreciated.
2. Since our last regular Council meeting, a number of UCLG events have taken place. As a member of UCLG interview committee for the selection of a new Human Services Director, the recommendation was confirmed by Counties Council & effective July/10 Mrs. Alison TUTAK will be the new Director, replacing the retiring Mrs. Dorothy Theobald.
3. On Apr, 15th, Augusta hosted a joint Edwardsburg-Cardinal, Elizabethtown-Kitley, Augusta Eco-Development info sharing discussion. Our own committee was very well represented, along with Council. Some great ideas were exchanged & we are looking forward to similar stimulating ideas at future joint meetings. This provides a forum for collaboration in many areas.
4. Augusta's Treasure Day,Amnesty Day, & Pitch-in Day were a noted success. Council & myself appreciate the sincere effort of all involved who dedicate their time for these very worthwhile causes, Of special note is the Fish & Game Club & the leadership of Glen Kirkland & Jeff Baker, who spearheaded the Pitch-in Day, May 1st. to clean up many of our roadsides. Thankyou everyone.! !!!!
5. Time has allowed me to participate in a number of functions, such as the BGH fundraiser for the Cardiac Unit, the Mayor's Walk in Brockville for Volunteers, Volunteer appreciation @ Maple View Lodge,Athens, a 90th, birthday for Hazel Bass & the UCLG Non For Profit panel presentation last Fri. @ Roebuck Hall where Counc. Banning & Pakeman also attended & I thank them for their interest in those sessions. Again the fine team of volunteers Roebuck, not only had that hall decorated to a T, but the snacks & luncheon received magnificent compliments. Thanks to All. !!!
6. On Apr. 21/10 our CBO, Steve Leroux & myself travelled to Ottawa for a public presentation of the Micro-Fit Solar Power contracts currently being offered by the Ont. Power Authority. It was an interesting evening, a packed house, & I believe we learned some valuable info concerning local solar possibilities & how we may assist Augusta residents & Municipal associates thru this exercise.
7. Mr. Bennett, our CAO & myself met with the UCDSB relating to the Maitland School property & we are optimistic of the School Board's approval of an agreement to acquire that site. Further details will be provided when the outcome is decided.
8. Sat. evening last, Marilyn & I attended the Food For All banquet in Prescott where I had the privilege of presenting Augusta's donation to that cause. In addition, with the concurrence of Augusta Police Services Board members, Chair Ray Edwards & member Keith Robinson, a further goodwill gesture of \$500 was obliged to the Food Bank.

Counc. Banning & husband Ken were also in attendance to show their support. In mentioning some members of Council attending similar functions as myself, this is in no way to distract from other Council members who I know regularly attend many events on the part of our residents in this great municipality & I sincerely applaud them for that.

9. Mother's Day, yesterday, was a significant reminder for us all, to show how much we love & appreciate ALL MOTHERS !!! The annual breakfast @ the Grenville Snowmobile Club raising monies for Breast Cancer Research, was a great success. This function is supported by Egg Farmers of Ont. & we are proud egg producers who are delighted to be associated with such volunteers as Sue Van Asseldonk & her group of friends who are so passionate in this endeavor.
10. My trip to China is on the near horizon as I plan to be absent from the area from June 8-22 in the company of neighboring Mayors, to encourage a relationship with the Chinese that could be of value to our municipalities. My absence for the regular June Council meeting may be of interest to Council; this I will leave for your discretion as how you may wish to proceed & or re-schedule any meetings. I do hope to be available via the internet should it be necessary & I thank Council for their indulgence.
11. An ongoing dialogue with our major industrial companies in Augusta, has permitted me to be kept abreast of any changes. I can assure you & them, that I am always available to assist in whatever manner seems positive for the future of those firms & subsequently the fortunes of our Township. Finally, let there be no mistake, should anyone living in or desiring to establish a business in Augusta, that this Council will do everything within its power to encourage you & be successful here !!!
12. A further reminder that I am always in the Municipal Office Friday afternoons for consultations with any resident or potential, with no appointment necessary. Should that time be inconvenient, please call the office @ 613-925-4231 to confirm a specific date & time that is suitable for all.