

REEVE'S OPENING REMARKS FOR AUGUST 11, 2008

1. Summer is sliding along. With all the rain in July and so far this month, it is a challenge to deal with Municipal Drains and hence road drainage. It is still our intention to deal with a number of drainage issues but will all depend on the weather. Some of these projects may need to be delayed until the fall or winter months in order to gain access to the sites.
2. A meeting on July 30 with our CAO and representative of South Nation Conservation, revealed the SNC was unsuccessful in receiving grant monies for this summer's enhancement project of the upper South Nation, however the SNC General Manager, Dennis O'Grady, will continue to follow-up on grants for this project and if not successful in 2008; he was convinced we should have monies for 2009. It is necessary that Augusta maintains the Municipal Drains in an orderly fashion – as that is our responsibility under the Drainage Act; thus it is my recommendation to Council we should act quickly when weather permits.
3. In upcoming meetings, Council will discuss Township property in the Domville sub-division on Aug 20 and Irace Sub-division on Sept 3, 2008.
4. Our Engineering firm TSH has gone to tender for road improvements in Riverview Heights and Maitland. The closing date for tender is Aug 22 and after reviewing the tender returns, Council will decide how best to proceed after consultation with our Consultants.
5. Aug 24 – 27 is the AMO meeting in Ottawa and Councillor Pakeman and myself will represent Augusta and return with an update.
6. On Thurs Aug 7, 2008 our CAO joined myself at a UCLG meeting in Brockville regarding Procedural By-laws. Mr. Rick O'Connor, a solicitor with the City of Ottawa, made a very interesting and informative presentation. Augusta's procedural by-law needs updating and I'm sure our staff will be presenting some worthwhile changes for consideration.
7. At our last Committee of the Whole meeting, I raised the issue of fire in an Augusta bedroom. I can not emphasize too much, that everyone should absolutely:
 - i. Leave their bedroom door open before going to sleep, or
 - ii. Install a smoke alarm in each bedroom.These actions may well save a life!