

REEVE'S REMARK FOR OCTOBER 14, 2008

1. I trust other members of Council, staff and all residents of Augusta had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving weekend – weather was super!
2. We acknowledge the media reps and members of the public gallery. It is always a pleasure to have you on board.
3. Since our regular September meeting, Council has been very active with many meetings and interviews. Forthcoming in tonight's discussion, I anticipate the approval of by-law appointing:
 - a) a new Township Building Official – Mr. Steven Leroux
 - b) a new Township Auditor – Mr. Allan. This firm is from Perth, ON and has extensive experience in municipal affairs.
 - c) A new Consulting Engineering Company, soon to be located in Prescott, namely GENIVAR. This company, under a previous name, has been involved in a number of Augusta projects in the past. This firm is expected to be involved with our roads crew supervision.

All of these appointments I believe, with Council's endorsement, will greatly assist in the tasks facing our Township and I am looking forward to their guidance.

4. Our Augusta Police Services Board had its regular board meeting at the Prescott OPP Office. Subsequently the Board Members Keith Robinson, Ray Edwards and I attended an eastern Ontario Zone meeting in Ottawa on September 26, 2008.
5. The UCLG has a committee reviewing the Counties procedural by-law and I have been participating in the discussions. As soon as it is amended at the County, I will bring the by-law to Augusta for perusal and information as we deal with our own procedural by-law.
6. Augusta Township Economic Development Committee hosted the new Counties employees working in this field, namely Ann Weir and Bob Cheetham. We look forward to their assistance in our development.

7. Initial discussion with our ADHOC Committee and Stantec (our planners) in relation to our Official Plan have taken place and will soon be announcing meeting dates for further public input have been set for October 22nd at 6:30pm at Roebuck Hall and November 6th at 6:30pm at MERC Hall.
8. Road construction in Riverview Heights and Maitland are underway and this major undertaking should prove rewarding.
9. Of course the sale of the Grenville Christian College property has taken place and I am very optimistic that the new owners will proceed vigorously with this new development. The Township planners, our staff and of course Council will be very involved and engage the public as we undertake this new initiative.
10. It is no surprise by now, that again someone or more has desegraded the Presbyterian cemetery at North Augusta. This behavior is unacceptable and needs to be contained. Only with the help of our citizens and the vigilance of the OPP can we solve this destruction problem. Councillor Swan actively pursued some young individuals who were observed in that cemetery and I thank her for the report. I am appreciative of a very generous offer from Mr. Dale Trickey of the Brockville Cemeteries who contacted me and will make the necessary repairs. He is another expert in this field and I want to publicly thank him for such a wonderful gesture. Another local expert, Mr. Ron Shannon who headed up the Carpenter Cemetery restoration, following vandalism, is of course very busy on another project. We are so fortunate to have such volunteers in our midst. I have been in contact with the principals at Maynard and South Grenville about the local government week October 19th – 25th. Should I be invited to make a presentation, it is my intention to include remarks encouraging our youth to respect the atmosphere of our cemeteries as well as soliciting their support to report knowledge of any disrespect relayed to those sacred grounds. May I suggest to Council that a staff member tour our Township cemeteries yearly and take an update photo of the area?
11. On Thursday October 23, Augusta Library is the site of Volunteer recognition night and thus I would encourage anyone able to attend that evening, beginning @ 7:00pm; to be there in Algonquin.
12. The Township Economic Development Committee is hosting two information meeting, regarding your recent assessment notices from MPAC.

These sessions are at MERC Hall October 16th and Roebuck Hall October 30th.

13. On October 26, 2008 I will be leaving to attend an AMO conference in London, ON which deals with issues surrounding Counties, Regional and Single Tier municipalities. Returning October 29, Deputy Barton will act during my absence.
14. Of course, on Saturday past, MERC hosted a ceremony recognizing the closing of Maitland Public School.
15. We finally have some action on our roadside brush control. The contractor began on Campbell Rd. South last week and has been busy on the 2nd Concession beginning on the west limit, heading east.