

REEVE'S OPENING REMARKS FOR AUG 10, 2009

1. It is always a pleasure to welcome the press to our Council meetings and we appreciate their attendance. Likewise it is important to have public representative in the gallery.
2. Since our last meeting on July 13/09, Council and staff held an open public meeting in the North Augusta Community Hall to bring the public up to date in relation to the addition and improvements to the Fire Hall in North Augusta. Although the turn-out was small in numbers, some good suggestions were expressed concerning the addition and since then the consulting engineers have proposed some modifications which were included in the tender documents. I expect Council will deliberate this evening on how best to proceed with this project.
3. Numerous meetings have been attended at UCLG, culminating in the Federal-Provincial approval announcement at Bloomfield on last Friday July 31/09 whereby both governments committed \$55 million each towards enhancement of Broadband connection to Eastern Ontario. This major initiative should provide 95% coverage to our rural residents with 10 megabytes of service, which finally will make us a serious player on the world scene of Internet.
4. As all the world now knows, Augusta Council with the support of staff (inside and outside workers) enjoyed an entertaining baseball game with Maynard Recreation on July 28/09. A good time (I believe) was had by all.
5. Mr. Bennett and myself held a discussion last Friday, August 5 regarding improvements to the Maynard Transfer Station entrance with the abutting property owners. We have an agreement in principle and will await guidance from WESA and approval from MOE.
6. It is especially gratifying to Council and myself that the Recorder and Times plus the Prescott Journal have recently printed articles concerning the garbage toss along township roads. The co-operation of both reporters Nick Gardiner and Blake McKim has to be noted with gratitude and appreciation for their fine effort to inform the public.