

REEVE'S OPENING REMARKS FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2009

1. Council appreciates the attendance of the Prescott Journal and Recorder and Times reporters. As well it is always a pleasure to have citizens of Augusta in the gallery.
2. On January 13, 2009 our very own Augusta Fire Department hosted a mutual aid meeting at the Maitland fire hall. This meeting was well organized and well attended. It was indeed an honour to welcome our visitors and have the opportunity to observe the discussions.
3. The inaugural meetings of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus (EOWC) took place in Kingston January 15 & 16. This organization is very focused on the needs of Eastern Ontario and has established an excellent rapport with Provincial and Federal Members and I am looking forward to participation in an effort to promote the concerns of the UCLG and Augusta Township
4. In my position as Warden I am privy to many other agencies, including the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Health Unit and St. Lawrence Lodge.
5. On January 30, 2009 Ray Edwards, Chair of the Augusta Police Services Board, and I traveled to Kingston for a Zone 2 meeting of the Board Association.
6. February 12, 2009 Augusta will host Edwardsburgh-Cardinal personnel when representatives of the MMAH, Kingston will be present to update staff and Councillors on procedure and changes to the Municipal Act.
7. During the past month all of our Township standing committees have met under the direction of the new Chairs. I thank each of our Councillors for their enthusiastic leadership in their respective committee. Staff support is likewise acknowledged as an important ingredient in the success of any committee. To each of you in conjunction with our excellent volunteers, I thank-you immensely.
8. A resident reported to our office regarding illegal dumping along township roads, and in fact assisted in the cleanup. As a result, our by-law enforcement officer laid charges. In conclusion, the individuals plead guilty in court and the result was fines totaling \$1,000. This illustrates the co-operation of our residents proving such irresponsible behaviour can be curtailed.