

REEVE'S OPENING REMARKS FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

1. Welcome to our media reps & residents in the gallery.
2. A week ago Augusta Twp. lost a long serving municipal Councillor, Dep. Reeve & then Reeve - in the name of Carl Polite. His dedication to this municipality was unequivocal. Since Carl's death, another tragedy has struck that family with the loss of their daughter, Dianne. Our thoughts are with Keitha & family.
3. Great news for Augusta was the announcement of Friday Sept. 11th, 2009 by Gord Brown, M.P., that we will be receiving the 100% grant under the 'Community Adjustment Fund' for the addition & renovations to the North Augusta Fire Hall & recreation facilities. I was fortunate enough to be able to thank him in person on behalf of Council & Augusta ratepayers for his noteworthy assistance in the success of our funding application. Of course, Council had approved the awarding of the contract to begin construction at North Augusta following the Labour Day festivities there.
4. Tremendous organization, coupled with exceptional volunteers again made the North Augusta Labour Day celebrations, so successful. My hat is off to all involved as those Volunteers are the ones who really make things happen!!!! Excellent weather encouraged the crowds & participants alike. The support of our very own Augusta Volunteer Fire Dept. deserves recognition as well as their valiant efforts in collecting monies from the very generous crowd at the parade who gave freely of their monies to the Muscular Dystrophy campaign.
5. Our Official Plan & Zoning Ad-Hoc committee in conjunction with our Ag-planning committee, continue to have open meetings here in the Council chambers regarding the Zoning by-law changes. These meetings are of course open to the public & are posted on our Twp. web-site. Once the amendments have been discussed in detail at the committee level, notice of public consultation in our communities, will be circulated.

6. Of note are 2 new items for our residents:

- (a) Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, a RABIES clinic sponsored in part by the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Health Unit is to be held from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at our Twp. garage, east of Algonquin.
- (b) MPAC will have staff available here in the Council Chambers from 2-8 PM on Sept. 24, 2009. This is an opportunity for residents to discuss their current property assessments & how it has affected their tax bill. So, please come, bring your tax bill & receive an explanation.