



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Springwater Township Council Notes
For the meeting of Monday, January 9, 2006

CORRESPONDENCE

Council received the following for information:

- AMO Alert re: December Federal Gas Tax Implementation Update
- AMO re: 2006 AMO Membership Fees
- AMO Alert re: Bill 123 The Transparency in Public Matters Act Recommended for Third Reading and letter of response
- AMO Fact Sheet re: \$3 Billion Gap and letter of response (sent previously)
- AMO re: End of Session Status on Legislation Relating to Municipal Governments
- AMO re: Government Introduces Source Protection Bill and Ministry of the Environment News Release re: Clean Water Act
- City of Port Colborne re: Resolution on Property Tax and Assessment Issues and letter of response
- Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs re: Township's Support for Oro-Medonte and Loyalist Townships Resolution
- Ministry of the Environment re: Funding available for Technical Studies on Municipal Residential Drinking-Water Systems
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: New Financial Regulations and Regulatory Amendments
- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Respect for Municipalities Act, 2005
- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Bill 206 Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act
- Town of Essex re: Municipal Liability Insurance and letter of response
- Anten Mills Recreation Service Board re: Possible Dissolution of Board

INFORMATION REPORTS

Council received the following Information Reports:

- Licensing Officer re: 2005 Annual Licensing Report
- Springwater Fire Department Monthly Activity Report – December 2005

BUDGET

Council authorized the purchase of thirty new pagers, at a total cost of \$16,732.50. \$6,000.00 was pre-approved as part of the 2006 Fire operating budget and \$10,732.50 was pre-approved as part of the 2006 Fire Capital budget and funded by the Ontario Fire Services Grant.

CHILD CAR SEAT CLINICS

The Director of Fire and Emergency Services was authorized to work with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to facilitate car seat clinics within the Township of Springwater.

COUNCIL RENUMERATION AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2006-2009 TERM OF OFFICE

A resolution was passed to schedule a public meeting for Monday February 6, 2006 at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 35 Queen Street West, Elmvalle to present the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations. The Committee is recommending that Council continue to receive the one-third tax free allowance, receive the same cost of living adjustment as Township Staff, move to an annual salary remuneration replacing the existing honorarium plus per diem system and continue to receive the Township benefits package. If accepted, these recommendations would take effect December 1, 2006 and would be provided to all candidates.

SPRINGWATER LIBRARY BOARD PRESENTATION RE: 2006 LIBRARY OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGETS

Members of the Library Board presented the 2006 Library Operating and Capital Budgets. The budget was received and referred to the budget deliberations for discussion.

BY-LAWS

The following By-laws were passed:

- By-law No. 5000-044 – Minesing Firehall Rezoning
- By-law No. 2006-001 – Sale to Reeve – 22 Lorne St
- By-law No. 2006-002 – Licensing By-law
- By-law No. 2006-003 – 1315076 Ontario Inc. File No.SP-T-89012 Apto Subdivision Agreement
- By-law No. 2006-004 – Current Borrowing – 2006
- By-law No. 2006-005 – 2006 Interim Tax Levy
- By-law No. 2006-006 – Tiny Boundary Road Agreement
- By-law No. 2006-007 – Confirmatory

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact the Administration Department at (705) 728-4784. The minutes will be available on the Township Website at www.springwater.ca on Friday.