



## Council Communiqué – October 2009

October 2<sup>nd</sup> was the last day on which Town Council and the various Town committees could hold official meetings. October 2<sup>nd</sup> was also the last day to file nomination papers, and if two persons have filed for any of the seats, we are now in the middle of an election campaign. The first meeting of the new Council will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

This is a good time for you to think about helping our community by volunteering to serve on one of the Town's committees.

The Town has a number of standing committees and also ad-hoc committees that include citizen appointees. These are generally well-served by experienced citizens. Each appointment is for a one or two-year period, depending on the committee, and may be renewed by Council.

Since all committees are dissolved at the time of a general election, and some volunteers may not wish to continue serving in the new mandate, applications to serve on a specific committee are welcome.

Not all applications can be accepted, as we sometimes have more qualified applicants than positions available. We do, however, appreciate the interest shown and spend a great deal of time making the difficult choices amongst good candidates. Once your interest is known, you may be approached when a later need arises.

Please consider volunteering for one of our committees. Address your application (preferably by November 15, 2009) to the Director General, Richard White, who will bring the applications to the next Council. Indicate the committee on which you wish to serve, any particular interests, and any special qualifications you may wish to highlight.

The current Standing Committees are:

### Town Planning Advisory Committee

Makes recommendations to Council on those matters that Council mandates it to consider. These generally involve the Zoning, Subdivision and Permits by-laws, but may include related matters. The committee also makes recommendations to Council regarding requests for minor derogations.

The committee is composed of three Citizen appointees and two Councilors. You must develop a good knowledge of the above by-laws and of the Town's Planning Program.

The committee meets as needed, usually monthly but sometimes as often as two or more times in one week. Appointments are generally for a two-year term, but persons new to the committee are often appointed for one year to provide a familiarization period.



### Building Committee

Assists the Town Inspector in reviewing building permit applications to ensure they comply with the Town's by-laws. Consists of one Councilor, the Director-General of the Town, and one Citizen appointee.

Meets as needed to review building permit applications. Workload varies throughout the year. Appointment is for a one-year term, but if the "fit" is good and the citizen wishes to continue, the appointment is usually renewed because an intimate knowledge of the zoning and building by-laws is required.

### Whiteside Taylor Building Committee

Administers the operation and maintenance of the building. Prepares the annual budget which is used to determine the rent paid by tenants. Consists of one representative of each major user, one Citizen appointee and one Councilor. Meets as needed, generally once per month.

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Councillor