



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
of the  
COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION  
of the  
COUNTY OF RENFREW**

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**- First Ordinary Session -**

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County Council  
Pembroke, Ontario  
December 13, 2011

**GENERAL SESSION**

The members constituting the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew, being respectively the Reeves and Mayors where applicable, of the municipalities within the County, having previously filed their respective Clerk's Certificate as to Election of Reeve/Mayor and Member of County Council, are as follows:

Towns

Town of Arnprior  
Town of Deep River  
Town of Laurentian Hills  
Town of Petawawa  
Town of Renfrew

County Council Member

Reeve Walter Stack  
Mayor David Thompson  
Mayor Richard Rabishaw  
Mayor Robert Sweet  
Reeve Audrey Green

Townships/Municipalities

Township of Admaston/Bromley  
Township of Bonnechere Valley  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan  
Township of Greater Madawaska  
Township of Head, Clara & Maria  
Township of Horton  
Township of Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards  
Township of Laurentian Valley  
Township of Madawaska Valley  
Township of McNab/Braeside  
Township of North Algona Wilberforce  
Township of Whitewater Region

County Council Member

Mayor Raye-Anne Briscoe  
Mayor Jennifer Murphy  
Reeve Norm Lentz  
Mayor Peter Emon  
Reeve Tammy Stewart  
Mayor Donald Eady  
Mayor Janice Visneskie  
Mayor Jack Wilson  
Mayor David Shulist  
Mayor Mary Campbell  
Mayor Harold Weckworth  
Reeve Donald Rathwell

The General Session of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew met this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2011 at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

The Warden, Robert Sweet, presided.

The meeting opened with the recitation of a Prayer and the singing of the National Anthem.

The roll was called and all members were found to be present except Mayor Briscoe and Mayor Thompson.

Warden Sweet addressed Council as follows:

Members of County Council:

During the month of December, I attended 4 full days and 4 half days on County business.

Much has been accomplished in 2011. Some of the highlights include meetings to welcome the return of our soldiers to CFB Petawawa from Afghanistan, the reverse tradeshow, heritage cup in Barry's Bay, rib challenge in Renfrew, red Friday rally, McNab Days at Norway Bay, development of a new County website and the opening of the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization office at 9 International Drive.

In June we celebrated 150 years of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Renfrew. Expo 150 was an event we can be most proud of. Expo 150 showcased the past, present and future of the County of Renfrew, as well as all the good and uniqueness about our home. We celebrated with the Lord Provost Celia Lawson from Renfrewshire Scotland who immensely enjoyed her visit with us. We extended the Freedom of the County to CFB Petawawa and for the first time, to the cadets. The many various cultures within Renfrew County were showcased as they displayed and presented their music, customs and dance to us. I have made several presentations since Expo 150 to the Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation and to the County of Frontenac who will be celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the year 2015. For those of you who have not seen the Final Report for Expo 150, some copies are available at the county office. I would again like to thank the Pembroke Airport Commission for providing the airport to us for this event and our many partners and sponsors for their support.

We continue to build on our Taste of the Valley events and by the increased turnout each year at the various locations, local residents and visitors enjoy what the communities have to offer. We look forward to building on these events in 2012.

We have all noticed the removal of the CP rail lines throughout parts of Renfrew County. This is certainly a concern for our communities. The County of Renfrew has established an Ad Hoc Committee to meet with CP Rail and our neighbouring communities, the County of Lanark and the Township of Papineau Cameron (Mattawa area) to discuss the acquisition of the abandoned rail line. This will be a major project for years to come and one that could have many beneficial impacts for the County of Renfrew.

Bonnechere Manor has a new auditorium for the residents and community to enjoy named Renfrew Rotary Hall. The auditorium has been a dream of many people for many years. It is absolutely wonderful to see the hard work and dedication of so many people come to fruition on such a worthwhile project. Residents can enjoy activities and spend valuable time with family and friends. Congratulations to the Bonnechere Manor Foundation and to the staff and residents of Bonnechere Manor on a wonderful project. Thank you to the businesses and private citizens

of the Renfrew area that have wholeheartedly supported this project, as well as the elected officials of the County of Renfrew, the City of Pembroke and the Province of Ontario for their support.

Thank you to our elected officials for a very busy 2011. I also want to thank our CAO Jim Hutton for providing excellent advice to me as Warden, the Senior Leadership Team and to all the staff at the County for going above and beyond the call of duty in carrying out their day to day responsibilities. I would also like to thank Rose Gruntz for her assistance to me as Warden and to all of County Council.

I would like to thank the media for their fair and accurate coverage of our many committee and council and reviewing our very stimulating documents.

I would like to thank the City of Pembroke, our MP Cheryl Gallant and MPP John Yakabuski for a very fruitful and cooperative relationship. I look forward to working with you in 2012.

This concludes my address for this session of County Council.

Robert Sweet, Warden

Warden Sweet then turned the County Council session over to Mr. Jim Hutton, Clerk.

Pursuant to Section 17 of County of Renfrew Procedural By-law 85-10, Mr. Hutton, Clerk, called for nominations for Warden for the ensuing year that were filed with the Clerk of the County of Renfrew by the deadline for nominations of November 14, 2011.

Moved by: Mayor Emon

Seconded by: Mayor Wilson

THAT Robert Sweet, Mayor of the Town of Petawawa, being a fit and proper person to be Warden of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Renfrew, is hereby nominated as a candidate for the Wardenship of this County for the ensuing year or until such time as his successor be elected.

As the above nomination was the only nomination for the position of Warden for the year 2012 filed with the Clerk of the County of Renfrew by the deadline for nominations of November 14, 2011, in accordance with County of Renfrew Procedural By-law 85-10, the Clerk, Mr. Hutton, declared Mayor Sweet acclaimed Renfrew County Warden for the ensuing year.

Warden Sweet was escorted to the podium by the mover and seconder of his nomination.

Warden Robert Sweet took the Oath of Office.

Warden Sweet assumed the Chair and addressed Council as follows:

My fellow councillors, distinguished guests, members of the media, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thank you to my mover and seconder for nominating me for the office of Warden for 2012.

As we all realize, families have always played a huge role in supporting politicians at all levels. I have always had my family to support me in my political roles as Mayor and in the past as Warden. I would at this time like to recognize my family.

I would also like to acknowledge the staff and members of council from the Town of Petawawa who are present with me this morning. Your support and encouragement is most appreciated as I again assume the responsibility of Warden of the great County of Renfrew.

It is also my pleasure to extend a special welcome to all of the Past Wardens in attendance today. Welcome and please join me in thanking them for their dedication and commitment to the County of Renfrew.

We have accomplished much in 2011 and hopefully set the stage for success in 2012. Allow me to highlight some of the major projects proposed for the new year.

As mentioned earlier today, the removal of the CP rail lines is a major concern for all of us and we will continue to work with CP Rail to acquire this land for some future purpose. More than ever we must encourage the Federal government to move forward on the Highway 17 expansion. This is a key critical infrastructure required for our economic development to bring interested companies/investors to our area. Many of us have seen firsthand the dramatic economic impact the twinning of the highway is having on the communities around Arnprior and McNab/Braeside. We must be more vigilant than ever to work with the provincial and federal levels of government to maintain the momentum of twinning Highway 17 all the way up the Ottawa Valley.

One of our major employers, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited has seen some major changes. This is a vital institution and facility to the economic well being of Renfrew County. We look forward to working with MP Cheryl Gallant and Dr. Robert Walker as AECL evolves and continues as one of the world's premier nuclear research facilities.

We look forward to strengthening our relationship with CFB Petawawa and to develop a seamless transition of the new 450 Helicopter Squadron into 2012/13.

2012 will be a foundation building year for the many planning documents for the future of Renfrew County. The new plans coming forward to lead us into the future include a new Forest Management Plan related to the management of our 16,000 acres of forest properties, a five-year review of the County Official Plan, a Transportation Masterplan and a Strategic Plan.

Addressing the policing needs for the Renfrew OPP will be a priority for 2012 and we will continue to pursue the possible development of a leased facility for the OPP at Renfrew County Place.

The County has taken an active role in healthy living by participating in the Slim Till You Win Competition with Lanark County. Although we did not win the competition in 2011, our elected officials and staff worked hard to shed some pounds and we look forward to another competition in 2012. Thank you to the leaders of the Emergency Services Department for promoting this initiative throughout Renfrew County.

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus is a consortium of 13 Counties in eastern Ontario and has developed some strategic priorities to focus on in 2012. We support the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus priorities in the following areas:

- Sustainable funding for municipal infrastructure;
- Support of economic growth through the provincial renewal of the \$80 million Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF);
- Compensation to municipalities for providing services to Crown Lands and for the Farm and Managed Forest Tax Program that was downloaded to municipalities;
- Completion of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) that will see over \$200 million invested in high-speed internet services in eastern Ontario.

I want to extend an open invitation to these chambers to our Federal and Provincial members to come and provide an update on the various initiatives and to continue to work with our council on the critical ongoing issues that we face. I look forward to working with MPP John Yakabuski on a fair and equitable distribution of our gasoline tax as well as other initiatives. We thank the Federal government through MP Cheryl Gallant for sustainable gasoline tax at the federal level and the investment of \$30 million in the Eastern Ontario Development Fund for economic development awarded through the Community Futures Development Corporation.

Effective communication amongst county members is the key to knowledgeable participation. As your Warden in the new year, I would like to renew my pledge and to accept any invitation from our local municipalities to come and appear before your councils. There are some new members of County Council as well as a large number of council members at our local municipalities and I would welcome the opportunity to come visit your communities to speak to councils on the many services and programs delivered by the County of Renfrew on behalf of local municipalities. As well, I extend an invitation for your councils to attend any meeting of Renfrew County Council.

I look forward to working with all of County Council and staff to ensure a positive future of Renfrew County. The future is indeed bright and positive for all of Renfrew County.

To each and every one of you, and although it does not look like Christmas out there, have a wonderful Christmas and I hope an extremely busy and successful 2012.

Robert Sweet, Warden

Mr. John Yakabuski, M.P.P., Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke brought greetings to County Council.

Mayor Ed Jacyno, City of Pembroke brought greetings to County Council.

Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Moyle, Base Commander, CFB Petawawa brought greetings to County Council.

Warden Sweet announced the composition of the Striking Committee as follows:

Jack Wilson, Raye-Anne Briscoe, Peter Emon, Jennifer Murphy, Richard Rabishaw, Tammy Stewart, Bob Sweet

Council recessed for lunch at 10:30 a.m. Council reconvened at 12:00 p.m. with the same persons present.

Reeve Walter Stack, Chair of the Operations Committee, brought in and read the resolutions of the following Report:

December 13, 2011

To the Council of the Corporation  
of the County of Renfrew

Members of County Council:

We, your **Operations Committee**, wish to report and recommend as follows:

**BY-LAWS**

1. By-Law to Purchase Land - County Road 68 (Letterkenny Rd) – Twp of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan

Council is advised that three parcels of land are required to be obtained to construct the necessary right-of-way of County Road 68 to design standards. The properties are contained in Schedule 'A' of the proposed by-law.

**RESOLUTION NO. OP-CC-11-11-97**

Moved by Chair  
Seconded by Committee

THAT a by-law be passed authorizing the purchase of three parcels of land for the reconstruction of County Road 68 (Letterkenny Road), and that these parcels be dedicated as part of the public highway upon registration of the transfer documents.

2. By-Law to Purchase Land - County Road 66 (Opeongo Rd) – Twp of Madawaska Valley

Fifteen parcels of land are required to be obtained to construct the necessary right-of-way of County Road 66 to design standards. The properties are contained in Schedule 'A' of the proposed by-law.

**RESOLUTION NO. OP-CC-11-11-98**

Moved by Chair  
Seconded by Committee

THAT a by-law be passed authorizing the purchase of 15 parcels of land for the reconstruction of County Road 66 (Opeongo Road), and that these parcels be dedicated as part of the public highway upon registration of the transfer documents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. Stack, Chair

And Committee Members: D. Eady, N. Lentz, J. Murphy, D. Shulist, B. Sweet, H. Weckworth

Mayor Jack Wilson, Chair of the Striking Committee, brought in and read the resolutions of the following report:

December 13, 2011

To the Council of the Corporation  
of the County of Renfrew

Members of County Council:

We, your **Striking Committee**, wish to recommend as follows:

### **BY-LAW**

1. A By-law to Establish the County Committees for the Ensuing Year

#### **RESOLUTION NO. ST-CC-12-01-01**

Moved by Chair  
Seconded by Committee

That the following persons be the committees for the ensuing year and that the first person named on each committee, where bold, be the Chair and that these be established by by-law, as attached, at this session:

#### **Standing Committees**

**Finance & Administration:** **Raye-Anne Briscoe**, Peter Emon, Richard Rabishaw, Don Rathwell, Walter Stack, Bob Sweet, Janice Visneskie, Jack Wilson

Vice-Chair: Jack Wilson

- With responsibility for:
  - Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee
  - County/City Liaison Committee

**Operations:** **Walter Stack**, Donald Eady, Audrey Green, Norm Lentz, David Shulist, Bob Sweet, Harold Weckworth

Vice-Chair: Harold Weckworth

**Development & Property:** **Don Rathwell**, Raye-Anne Briscoe, Donald Eady, Audrey Green, Norm Lentz, Bob Sweet, David Thompson

Vice-Chair: Audrey Green

- With responsibility for:
  - Municipal Advisory Committee
  - Land Division Committee
  - K & P Management Advisory Committee
  - Ministry of Natural Resources Regional Advisory Committee
  - Renfrew County Forestry and Wood Processing Committee

- Ministry of Natural Resources Forest Management Plan
- Atomic Energy of Canada Limited Environmental Stewardship Council
- Renfrew County Agricultural Economic Development Committee
- Ottawa Valley Tourist Association
- Shaw Woods Outdoor Education Centre
- Transport Pontiac-Renfrew

**Health:** **Janice Visneskie**, Mary Campbell, Jennifer Murphy, David Shulist, Tammy Stewart, Bob Sweet, Jack Wilson

Vice-Chair: Tammy Stewart

- With responsibility for:
  - Board of Health
  - Champlain Governance Advisory Council

**Social Services:** **Peter Emon**, Mary Campbell, Jennifer Murphy, Richard Rabishaw, Tammy Stewart, Bob Sweet, David Thompson, Harold Weckworth

Vice-Chair: Mary Campbell

**Striking:** **Jack Wilson**, Raye-Anne Briscoe, Peter Emon, Jennifer Murphy, Richard Rabishaw, Tammy Stewart, Bob Sweet

Vice-Chair: Jennifer Murphy

### **Ad-Hoc Committees**

Board of Health appointees: Mary Campbell, Tammy Stewart, Bob Sweet, Jack Wilson

Land Division Committee: Donald Eady, Norm Lentz, Tammy Stewart

Ottawa Valley Tourist Association Board of Directors: Audrey Green, Jennifer Murphy

County/City Liaison Committee: Raye-Anne Briscoe, Peter Emon, Bob Sweet, Jack Wilson

K & P Management Advisory Committee: Don Rathwell

Ministry of Natural Resources Regional Advisory Committee: Harold Weckworth

Renfrew County Agricultural Economic Development Committee: Raye-Anne Briscoe

Municipal Advisory Committee: Peter Emon, Richard Rabishaw, David Shulist, Bob Sweet

Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee: Audrey Green

Atomic Energy of Canada Limited Environmental Stewardship Council: Walter Stack

Renfrew County Forestry and Wood Processing Committee: Janice Visneskie

Ministry of Natural Resources Forest Management Plan: Janice Visneskie

Transport Pontiac-Renfrew Committee: Donald Rathwell

Champlain Governance Advisory Council: Janice Visneskie

Shaw Woods Outdoor Education Centre: Harold Weckworth

CP Rail Corridor Advisory Committee: Raye-Anne Briscoe, Donald Rathwell, Bob Sweet

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Jack Wilson, Chair

And Committee Members: Raye-Anne Briscoe, Peter Emon, Jennifer Murphy,  
Richard Rabishaw, Tammy Stewart, Bob Sweet

The Report was adopted as presented.

Moved by: Mayor Visneskie

Seconded by: Reeve Lentz

THAT the following By-laws be enacted and passed:

- (a) By-law 91-11 A By-law to Purchase Land for the Reconstruction of County Road 68 (Letterkenny Road).
- (b) By-law 92-11 A By-law to Purchase Land for the Reconstruction of County Road 66 (Opeongo Road).
- (c) By-law 1-12 A By-law to Appoint the County Committees for the ensuing year or until their successors are appointed.
- (d) By-law 2-12 A By-law to Authorize the Borrowing of Money to meet Current and Capital Expenditures for the year 2012.

CARRIED.

Moved by: Mayor Visneskie

Seconded by: Reeve Lentz

THAT By-law 3-12 being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the County of Renfrew at the meeting held on December 13, 2011 be now numbered, deemed read three times and passed.

CARRIED.

Moved by: Mayor Visneskie

Seconded by: Reeve Stewart

THAT County Council adjourn. Time – 12:15 p.m.

CARRIED.