

COUNTY OF RENFREW



**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 18, 2018

**GENERAL SESSION**

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

Councillor Daniel Lynch  
Reeve Glenn Doncaster  
Mayor John Reinwald  
Mayor Robert Sweet  
Reeve Peter Emon

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 Michael Donohue  
Mayor Jennifer Murphy  
Mayor Sheldon Keller  
Mayor Brian Hunt  
Mayor Debbi Grills  
Mayor David Bennett  
Mayor Janice Visneskie Moore  
Reeve Debbie Robinson  
Mayor Kim Love  
Mayor Tom Peckett  
Mayor James Brose  
Reeve Cathy Regier

The General Session of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew met this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018 at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

The Clerk, Mr. Paul Moreau, presided.

The meeting opened with a moment of silent reflection and the singing of the National Anthem.

The roll was called and all members were found to be present.

Correspondence was read as follow:

- (a) Card of thanks from Mr. Steve Boland, Director of Public Works & Engineering thanking Council and staff for the retirement sendoff as well as the support and encouragement provided over the years.

Pursuant to Section 17 of County of Renfrew Procedural By-law 85-10 as amended, the Clerk, acting as Presiding Officer, 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 December 4, 2018:

Moved by: Councillor Reinwald

Seconded by: Councillor Sweet

THAT Jennifer Murphy, Mayor of the Township of Bonnechere Valley, 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.

Moved by: Councillor Visneskie Moore

Seconded by: Councillor Doncaster

THAT Thomas Peckett, Mayor of the Township of McNab Braeside, 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.

Councillor John Reinwald, mover of Councillor Jennifer Murphy's nomination, spoke on behalf of his nominee. Councillor Robert Sweet, seconder of Councillor Jennifer Murphy's nomination, spoke on behalf of his nominee.

Councillor Janice Visneskie Moore, mover of Councillor Thomas Peckett's nomination, spoke on behalf of her nominee. Councillor Glenn Doncaster, seconder of Councillor Thomas Peckett's nomination, spoke on behalf of his nominee.

Councillor Jennifer Murphy addressed Council and asked for the support of Council in her candidacy for the Wardenship for the ensuing year.

Councillor Thomas Peckett addressed Council and asked for the support of Council in his candidacy for the Wardenship for the ensuing year.

County Council voted by ballot for the position of Warden for the ensuing year.

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, Mr. Paul Moreau, announced the result of the ballots as follows:

Councillor Murphy - 10 votes

Councillor Peckett - 7 votes

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, Paul Moreau, declared Councillor Jennifer Murphy elected Warden of the County of Renfrew for the ensuing year. Warden Murphy was escorted to the podium by the mover and seconder of her nomination.

Moved by: Councillor Visneskie Moore

Seconded by: Councillor Sweet

THAT the ballots for the election of Warden be destroyed.

CARRIED.

Warden Murphy took the Oath of Office.

Warden Murphy assumed the Chair and addressed Council as follows:

Good morning, and welcome to you all. I wish to welcome friends, family, County Councillors, distinguished guests, County staff and our local media partners that have joined us here today. I wish to thank my mover Councillor John Reinwald, and my seconder Councillor Bob Sweet, as well as all of County Council for your continued confidence and support.

Tom (Councillor Tom Peckett), I want to thank you for putting yourself forward as well. I know that we will continue to work closely together on this council and rest assured your experience and input is always welcome.

To Councillors, new and returning, I say thank you for your confidence and support. I never take this position lightly and I will continue to represent you and this council in the manner that you and our communities expect.

Now, I would like to introduce you to my husband, Dave Murphy. Your unwavering love and support are my pillars of strength. Also with us today is Bryan Martin, CAO, Township of Bonnechere Valley.

As I prepared for this third term as Warden I took a long pause for reflection on what we have accomplished as a council, the challenges and success we have faced together, and I reaffirmed my understanding that the support of my family, friends, fellow Councillors, and staff, have made me a more effective warden and I say thanks to you all for your trusted advice and support.

Like I said earlier, last year I was here talking about change, and yes there certainly was just that... a lot of change. The provincial election has brought a new government at the province. We welcome new Councillors here today as part of this council, our CAO, and the retirements of staff from key positions. This year will also no doubt bring us change again, but that's ok... we've got this! That's the thing about change. It's always there, but this year the thing that doesn't change is our dedication to strong advocacy. Our strong commitment to facing new challenges, and continuing to press forward for positive change on the issues that matter to us and our residents, is our driving force. Both councillors returning and those that are new will face it together. We shall continue to build upon our excellent relationships with MPP Minister John Yakabuski, and our MP Cheryl Gallant. I know that I and council appreciate their efforts to bring the issues of Renfrew County to Senior Government in a valuable manner; such issues like the Official Plan, Highway 17, budget planning, the Petawawa Boulevard project, and increased government support for long-term care, emergency services, infrastructure and more.

We will continue to lobby the senior levels of government on applying the rural lens when looking at the Official Plan and how it aligns with the Provincial Policy Statement. We need to continue the conversations we've had with the government to ensure that a "one size fits all" approach doesn't inhibit growth and that the plan is reflective of our rural perspective.

Highway 17 is also an area we will keep pressing forward on. The Petawawa Boulevard project as well is of great importance. We have seen progress on these expansions through the years, and we will continue to talk with both the Federal and Provincial governments about the importance of investment in this critical piece of infrastructure.

We will work together as a council to make the best and most efficient decisions about municipal budgets. We will do this always being aware of the challenges and uncertainty of the availability of senior government funding. We will tackle this with a unified approach and examine possible solutions like shared services, expanded partnerships and a renewed focus on funding opportunities.

We will address the issue of paramedic off-load delays, and funding models for long-term care, and social services to ensure the most vulnerable in our society continue to receive the services they need and deserve.

In 2019, we will look to growing our partnerships with the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan through the new ad-hoc committee that has been formed. We will continue our strong relationships with both Garrison Petawawa, and Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, and the City of Pembroke. The Algonquin Trail will continue to see investment and growth through partnerships both existing and new.

New ideas and an opportunity to showcase Renfrew County will come to pass in 2019, as the Ontario Small Urban Municipal conference will be hosted here in partnership between the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke.

Also in 2019, we will be crafting a new vision for the county as we work together to build our new Strategic Plan, that will set the goals and objectives for the future in a responsible and efficient manner. Our CAO and staff will be asked for their best recommendations, and their

continued best in service delivery. We will also look to new ideas and input from those that are joining the team this year in various roles resulting from succession planning, the Municipal Administration Program and good hiring practices.

I look forward to being the voice of our county at the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and I know my time this year as the Vice-Chair, and the advice I have received from the past chairs Sweet and Emon will serve me well as I pursue the position of Chair of the Caucus for 2019.

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network continues to move forward by looking to close cellular gaps in service across our region, and we will be at the fore-front in making our county more connected.

I know that each of the Committee Chairs and their Vice-chairs will continue to deliver effective solutions that will ensure that the County of Renfrew is addressing the needs of our ratepayers and our communities in a conscientious and efficient fashion.

Remember that our families, our residents, and our own councils expect the very best from us, and in 2019 we will all serve them to the very best of our ability.

Ladies and Gentlemen, friends and fellow councillors, it is my continued honour to begin my third term as the Warden of the County of Renfrew. As we look forward to 2019, we will no doubt find ourselves party to many long conversations, debates and tough decisions... yet I know, that as a council we will always do so in a professional manner, and in an arena of mutual respect as we continue to make Renfrew County the best it can be.

Before I wrap up, I thought I'd share a few pieces of our history. They say experience is learned from our history so, I thought I'd share a few experiences from our council 100 years ago in 1918.

- January 1918, Council had 35 members sitting in session, a session that lasted 3 days! It included all the Reeves from each municipality and the Deputy Reeves from Arnprior, Pembroke, Renfrew, and McNab. Mr. James Martin from the Township of Horton was the Warden.
- Council was seeking a grant to defray the expenses of a provincial plowing match for the fall.
- The Bridge over the Muskrat River known as Fosters bridge was repaired by re-planking a width of 9 feet by 3" thick for a total cost of \$101.87 plus the cost of hiring two men to do the work at a cost of \$13.00.
- A Special Committee was asked to investigate the claim that the Town of Renfrew with reference to overpaid levy for County Purposes. The investigation determined that there was no foundation for any complaint and no error existed in the calculation of equalized assessment of the Town of Renfrew for the year 1915, 1916 and 1917.
- The average salary paid to a male teacher was \$1,800 and a female teacher was \$620. The greatest problem in the rural schools was the irregularity of attendance. The scarcity of help at home and on the farm had necessitated the keeping home from school many of the older boys and girls.

- The total budget for the County of Renfrew in 1918 was \$142,371.59.

We all just had a few chuckles about some of that. It's true that it seems a bit comical in our day and age, but my friends we should always remember where we were then ..... ; when we look forward to...and where we are going now.

To each and every one of you, and your families, have a wonderful Christmas, and a prosperous and exciting New Year in 2019. Thank You.

Mayor Walter Stack, Town of Arnprior brought greetings to County Council.

Mayor Suzanne D'Eon, Town of Deep River, brought greetings to County Council.

Mayor Don Eady, Town of Renfrew, brought greetings to County Council.

Mayor Mike Lemay, City of Pembroke brought greetings to County Council.

Colonel Louis Lapointe, Commander, Garrison Petawawa brought greetings to County Council.

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

**Chair Michael Donohue**, and members James Brose, Debbi Grills, Kim Love, Jennifer Murphy, Cathy Regier, John Reinwald

Council recessed for lunch at 11:20 a.m. Council reconvened at 12:50 p.m. with the same persons present.

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

**Striking Committee: Michael Donohue**, James Brose, Debbi Grills, Kim Love, Jennifer Murphy, Cathy Regier, John Reinwald

Vice-Chair: Cathy Regier

#### **Standing Committees**

**Finance & Administration: Glenn Doncaster**, Michael Donohue, Peter Emon, Kim Love, Jennifer Murphy, Tom Peckett, Debbie Robinson, Robert Sweet

Vice-Chair: Peter Emon

- With responsibility for:
  - Association of Municipalities Ontario Board of Directors
  - County/City Liaison Committee
  - Federation of Canadian Municipalities Standing Committees
  - Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

**Operations:** **Tom Peckett**, David Bennett, Sheldon Keller, Daniel Lynch, Cathy Regier, Brian Hunt, Jennifer Murphy

Vice-Chair: Sheldon Keller

- With responsibility for:
  - Highway 17 Extension Advisory Committee

**Development & Property:** **Robert Sweet**, James Brose, Peter Emon, Sheldon Keller, Cathy Regier, John Reinwald, Jennifer Murphy

Vice-Chair: Peter Emon

- With responsibility for:
  - Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee
  - Algonquins of Pikwakanagan - County of Renfrew Economic and Community Development Committee
  - Chalk River Laboratories Environmental Stewardship Council
  - K & P Management Advisory Committee
  - Land Division Committee
  - Ministry of Natural Resources Forest Management Plan
  - Ministry of Natural Resources Regional Advisory Committee
  - OSUM (Ontario Small Urban Municipalities) 2019 Conference Committee
  - Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail Advisory Committee
  - Ottawa Valley Tourist Association
  - Renfrew County Forestry and Wood Processing Committee
  - Renfrew County Agricultural Economic Development Committee
  - Shaw Woods Outdoor Education Centre

**Health:** **Kim Love**, David Bennett, Michael Donohue, Debbi Grills, Daniel Lynch, Jennifer Murphy, Janice Visneskie Moore

Vice-Chair: Janice Visneskie Moore

- With responsibility for:
  - Board of Health

**Social Services:** **Debbie Robinson**, James Brose, Glenn Doncaster, Debbi Grills, Brian Hunt, Jennifer Murphy, John Reinwald, Janice Visneskie Moore

Vice-Chair: John Reinwald

- With responsibility for:
  - Renfrew County Housing Corporation

### **Ad-Hoc Committees**

Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee: **Robert Sweet**, Peter Emon, Daniel Lynch

Algonquins of Pikwakanagan - County of Renfrew Economic and Community Development Committee: **Peter Emon**, Jennifer Murphy

Highway 17 Extension Advisory Committee: **Peter Emon**, David Bennett, Kim Love, Jennifer Murphy, Tom Peckett

K & P Management Advisory Committee: Robert Sweet

Land Division Committee: **Brian Hunt**, Daniel Lynch, John Reinwald; Alternate: Debbi Grills

Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee: Tom Peckett

OSUM (Ontario Small Urban Municipalities) 2019 Conference Committee: **Robert Sweet**, Jennifer Murphy

Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail Advisory Committee: **Robert Sweet**, Peter Emon, Daniel Lynch

### **Appointments to External Boards, Committees or Agencies**

Association of Municipalities Ontario Board of Directors: Peter Emon

Board of Health Appointees: Michael Donohue, Peter Emon, Debbie Robinson, Janice Visneskie Moore

Chalk River Laboratories Environmental Stewardship Council: James Brose

County/City Liaison Committee: **Robert Sweet**, Brian Hunt, Jennifer Murphy, Debbie Robinson

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Standing Committees: Glenn Doncaster

Ministry of Natural Resources Forest Management Plan (Algonquin Park and Ottawa Valley Forest): Sheldon Keller

Ministry of Natural Resources Regional Advisory Committee: Sheldon Keller

Ottawa Valley Tourist Association Board of Directors: Glenn Doncaster, Cathy Regier

Renfrew County Agricultural Economic Development Committee: David Bennett

Renfrew County Forestry and Wood Processing Committee: Janice Visneskie Moore

Shaw Woods Outdoor Education Centre: Janice Visneskie Moore

The Report was adopted as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Reinwald

Seconded by: Councillor Visneskie Moore

THAT the following By-laws be enacted and passed:

- (c) By-law 1-19 A By-law to Appoint the County Committees for the ensuing year or until their successors are appointed.
- (d) By-law 2-19 A By-law to Authorize the Borrowing of Money to meet Current and Capital Expenditures for the year 2019.

CARRIED.

Councillor Love announced that she will be running for a position on the Board of Directors of ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) Zone 6.

Moved by: Councillor Robinson

Seconded by: Councillor Brose

THAT By-law 3-19 being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the County of Renfrew at the meeting held on December 18, 2018 be now numbered, deemed read three times and passed.

CARRIED.

Moved by: Councillor Reinwald

Seconded by: Councillor Love

THAT County Council adjourn. Time – 1:01 p.m.

CARRIED.