



## County Council Review

April 2005

### Highlights

- County of Renfrew Financial Services Officer Jeff Foss provided an overview entitled *2005 Tax Policy Impact Study*. The PowerPoint presentation is a summary of the Provincial-Municipal tax structure and its possible impact on local governments in the preparation of their budgets.
- County of Renfrew Treasurer James Kutschke provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund*. This presentation highlighted the various aspects of the new Provincial funding formula that replaces the Community Reinvestment Fund.
- Ms. Kelley Whitman-McKie, representing the Ottawa Valley Recreation Directors, made a presentation outlining a study currently underway that is designed to develop a long-term strategic recreation plan for the County of Renfrew. The study is being funded by the Ministry of Recreation's *Communities In Action Fund*.
- Warden Sweet announced that the County of Renfrew was successful in its COMRIF application in the amount of \$2.65 million. The application was made for repairs to the Third Line Bridge, Stewartville Bridge and Burnstown Bridge.



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# Council Communiqué

## Council Initiatives

- The County of Renfrew followed the lead of the Federal Government and increased the mileage rate from \$0.42 per kilometer to \$0.45 per kilometer for the first 5000 kilometers and from \$0.36 per kilometer to \$0.39 per kilometer for any kilometers thereafter effective June 1, 2005.
- Warden Sweet distributed a media release on behalf of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus outlining its disappointment with the Province of Ontario and its new funding formula. The media release outlined various shortcomings in the funding formula and called on the Province to set funding amounts that would not put any additional hardship on local residential taxpayers.
- Reeve Ted Strike, Chair of the Special Projects Committee, notified Council that there would be a series of Open Houses for the general public to offer comments on the County of Renfrew's Septage Study. The Study will be presented by Dillon Consulting at the upcoming Special Projects Committee in May, 2005.

## INVITATION

- Warden Sweet invited all members of County Council and any members of all Local Governments to take part in the County of Renfrew's first Invitational Golf Tournament to be held at Petawawa's Twin Rivers Golf Club on August 19, 2005. All proceeds will be donated to the Miramichi Lodge and Bon-nechere Manor Foundations.