



County Council Review

April 2006

Highlights

- Mr. Len Hopkins and Mr. Jim Fraser appeared before Council on behalf of the Ottawa River Heritage Designation Committee. They updated council on the designation process, and the nomination process involved for the Ottawa River to become a national heritage site. They presented their official Nomination Document to County Council.
- Mr. Bruce Beakley, Director of the County of Renfrew's Human Resources Department, appeared as a delegation to highlight succession planning for the Corporation of the County of Renfrew. Mr. Beakley outlined both corporate and national trends in terms of hiring, succession, and recruitment to deal with the onslaught of retirement by the "baby-boomer" generation over the next 15-20 years.
- Warden Sweet presented Mr. Brian Yuke, Chair of the County's Agricultural Economic Development Committee, with an Award of Recognition. Warden Sweet outlined many of the initiatives that this committee has undertaken over the last three years.

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Council Communiqué

Council Initiatives

- County Council officially passed the 2006 County of Renfrew budget. The budget was finalized at the Budget Workshop held on April 19, 2006. The \$137 million operating budget features a 6.6% levy increase, in sharp contrast to the 11% increase that county councillors originally faced earlier in the year. Warden Sweet acknowledged the commitment and dedication of all councillors in their efforts to reduce the annual levy in order to ease the burden on local ratepayers.
- Council passed a resolution from the Development & Property Committee to finance the reconstruction of Renfrew County Place located at 450 O'Brien Road in the Town of Renfrew. In addition to currently housing the Renfrew Paramedic Base, the building will also house the Renfrew Offices of Ontario Works, Renfrew County Housing Authority and the Enterprise Renfrew County office. The existing building was originally owned by the Canadian Tire Corporation.
- Council passed a resolution from the Operations Committee calling on the reduction of a 80 kilometre per hour speed limit to 60 kph for County Road 52 (Burnstown Road) near the Village of Burnstown. This is in response to ongoing construction in the area.