



## County Council Review

April 2010

### Highlights

- Mr. Chris Heideman of Heideman, Lavern & Sons Ltd. and Mr. Dean Felhaber of Ben Hokum & Son Ltd., provided County Council with an overview of the current state of the forestry industry within the county. Mr. Heideman and Mr. Felhaber were joined by a number of local forestry representatives in Council Chambers.
- Ms. Jamie Lim, President and CEO and Mr. Scott Jackson, Manager of the Ontario Forestry Industries Association, provided an update on the *Endangered Species Act* and the Algonquin Park "Lightening the Footprint Report," and the negative impacts on the forestry sector.
- All members of County Council received the final version of the County of Renfrew 2010 Business Plan. This annual publication outlines the roles, responsibilities and various programs of all departments within the Corporation of the County of Renfrew.

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# Council Communiqué

## Council Initiatives

- Council passed a resolution authorizing Warden Rathwell to raise the issue of the *Farm Tax Rebate Program* and its effects on Eastern Ontario Farmers at the June Session of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. The goal is to have the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus address concerns at the Minister's Forum at the AMO Conference in August.
- County Council passed a resolution that would see the County initiate discussion with the province to transfer 3 roadside parks to local governments. The parks are located in Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards; Greater Madawaska and Township of Madawaska Valley. Although the province owns the land, the County has maintained the parks since they were downloaded from the province. The county's approved 2010 budget does not provide for maintenance of the parks in 2010 and if the lands can be transferred, the local governments are interested in maintaining them.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

- Mayor Raye-Anne Briscoe, Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee, announced that Mr. W. James Hutton is the new Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk of the County of Renfrew. Mr. Hutton officially assumed the position on April 29, 2010. Mr. Hutton replaces Mr. Norm Lemke who announced his retirement in October 2009. Mr. Lemke will assist Mr. Hutton in the transition process over the next month. Mr. Hutton has been the Director of Development & Property since 2004 and has held other senior positions at the County.