



## HIGHLIGHTS

At today's session of County Council Warden Peter Emon as per the County's Procedural By-law directed CAO Jim Hutton to lead Council in the reading of the prayer. At that point County Councillor Jim Gibson called for a 'point of privilege' and requested that the prayer not be recited in light of the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Warden Peter Emon thanked Councillor Gibson for his request, however ruled that the requirements of the Procedural By-law would be upheld, including the recitation of the prayer.

The Warden followed up by stating *"We have a Procedural By-law and it hasn't been repealed nor changed by County Council, and as such it (the prayer) continues to be part of the Procedural By-law."*

Councillor Gibson then challenged the ruling as he felt that the Procedural By-law is unlawful. Warden Emon responded that *"At this time I'm not considering changing my ruling. I do not see it as unlawful, but I would suggest we go forward, thank you."* Councillor Gibson did not receive a seconder for his appeal, therefore his appeal was not allowed and County Council continued as per normal procedure.



Under the Notice of Motions later in the meeting no seconder came forward to support the notice of motion submitted by Councillor

Gibson in March 2015 to eliminate the prayer. However, under New Business Warden Emon suggested *"in light of the recent Supreme Court of Canada ruling that under section 51 of the Procedural By-law County Council could temporarily suspend the rules of procedure to have a discussion to instruct staff to if we want to respond to the Supreme Court ruling."*

Council voted to temporarily suspend the procedural rules to discuss the issue. Warden Emon offered 4 options to County Council as how to proceed, which included to: 1) suspend the prayer, 2) Do nothing, 3) suspend the prayer pending further legal opinion, and 4) continue with the prayer pending further legal opinion.

After much discussion a motion was put forward that *"That staff be directed to seek legal advice with regards to the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision on the County's Procedural By-law related to prayer,"* and the Procedural By-law with regard to the recitation of the prayer was re-instated.

## COUNCIL INITIATIVES

County Council Adopted By-law 28-15 A By-law to Set Tax Ratios for County Purposes and Lower-tier Purposes for the Year 2015.

County Council Adopted By-Law 29-15 A By-law to Set Tax Rate Reductions for Prescribed Property Subclasses for County Purposes and For County Purposes and For Lower-tier Purposes for the Year 2015.

County Council Adopted By-law 30-15 A By-law to Adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes for the Year 2015.

County Council Adopted By-law 31-15 A By-law to Establish the 2015 Tax Rates for County of Renfrew Purposes.

County Council Adopted By-law 33-15 A By-law to Purchase Land County Road 56 (Woito Station Road).

County Council Adopted By-law 34-15 A By-law to Enter into a Road Access Agreement with 6772447 Canada Incorporated.



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County Council Adopted By-law 35-15 A By-law for the Execution of Contract No. PWC-2015-04 Rehabilitation of County Road County Road 1 (River Road) and County Road 54

County Council Adopted By-law 36-15 A By-law for the Execution of Contract No. PWC-2015-05

County Council Adopted By-law 37-15 A By-law for the Execution of Contract No. PWC-2015-06

County Council Adopted By-law 38-15 A By-law for the Execution of Contract No. PWC-2015-07

County Council Adopted By-law 39-15 A By-law for the Execution of Contract No. PWC-2015-08 Rehabilitation of County Road 30 (Lake Dore Road).

County Council Adopted By-law 40-15 A By-law for the Execution of Contract No. PWO-2015-08 Asphalt Scratch Coat Paving & Shoulder Graveling.

County Council Adopted By-law 41-15 A By-law for the Execution of Contract No. PWO-2015-09 Pavement Marking.

County Council Adopted By-law 42-15 A By-Law to Enter into a Lease with Pembroke City Centre Corporation for Provincial Offences Administration (POA) Offices at 141 Lake Street, Pembroke, Ontario.

County Council Adopted By-law 43-15 A By-Law to Enter into a Lease with Pembroke City Centre Corporation for Ontario Works Offices at 141 Lake Street, Pembroke, Ontario.

County Council Adopted By-law 44-15 A By-Law to Amend By-Law 28-13 Being a By-Law to Authorize the Warden and Clerk to Execute an Agreement with the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (2013).

County Council Adopted By-law 45-15 A By-Law to Enter into an Agreement with Rogers Communications Inc. for the Installation and Operation of a Telecommunications Facility at 725 Pembroke Street West, Pembroke, Ontario.

County Council Adopted By-law 46-15 A By-Law to Purchase Stryker Powered Stretchers from Rowland Emergency Products for Use by the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service.



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