

## County Council Gets an Update on the Forestry and Wood Business in the County

At the April session of County Council, delegations from Lavern Heideman and Sons Ltd. , and The County of Renfrew Forestry and Value-Added Wood Processing Committee presented some updates to County Councillors. First, Mr. Chris Heideman overviewed the large expansion and upgrade to their sawmill business and spoke to the economic impact that the investment will make in both jobs, and electrical power infrastructure in the County. Specifically, he mentioned that the sawmill operation will see an increase of approximately 18 jobs and a 60% increase in volume of product being processed at their upgraded site.

Mr. Rob Bersan then delivered a Forestry Related Industry Sector Update to Council. Mr. Bersan said that recent sector performance showed an overall increase to both revenues and expenses both Nationally and Provincially. He went on to speak to how most local operations are small and family owned and that they have integrated or somewhat specialized in their operations to best compliment other operations in the area. He spoke to the continued commitment and high standards of forest management those operators, and the County both follow. He pointed out that in Ontario forestry supports approximately 180,000 jobs and that 29,000 of those forestry and value added wood related jobs are here in the county of Renfrew.

### COUNCIL INITIATIVES

County Council Adopted By-law 36-17 A By-law to Amend By-law 62-03 Information Technology Corporate Policies and Procedures for the County of Renfrew.

County Council Adopted By-law 37-17 A By-law to Provide for Banking Services for the County of Renfrew.

County Council Adopted By-law 38-17 A By-Law to Set Tax Ratios for County Purposes and Lower-Tier Purposes for the Year 2017.

County Council Adopted By-Law 39-17 A By-Law to Set Tax Rate Reductions for Prescribed Property Subclasses for County Purposes and for Lower-Tier Purposes for the Year 2017.

County Council Adopted By-law 40-17 A By-Law to Establish the 2017 Tax Rates for County of Renfrew Purposes.

County Council Adopted By-law 41-17 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 2017.

County Council Adopted By-law 42-17 A By-Law to Accept the Transfer of Land County Road 37 (Murphy Road).

County Council Adopted By-Law 43-17 A By-Law to Purchase Land County Road 5 (Stone Road).

County Council Adopted By-law 44-17 A By-Law for The Execution of Contract No. PWO-2017-13 Asphalt Scratch Coat and Shoulder Graveling.

County Council Adopted By-law 45-17 A By-Law for the Execution of Contract No. PWC-2017-07 Rehabilitation of County Road 21 (Beachburg Road).

County Council Adopted By-law 46-17 A By-Law for the Execution of Contract No. PWC-2017-08 Rehabilitation of County Road 58 (Round Lake Road).

County Council Adopted By-law 47-17 A By-Law to Authorize the County of Renfrew to Enter Into a Letter of Understanding with the County of Lanark and the Township of Papineau-Cameron to Review the Co-Owners Agreement in 2031.

County Council Adopted By-law 48-17 A By-Law to Execute an Agreement with the Province of Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Growth to Undertake the Summer Company Program through Enterprise Renfrew County.

County Council Adopted By-law 49-17 A By-Law to Establish Policies and Procedures for Licensed Home Child Care Services for the County of Renfrew.

County Council Adopted By-law 50-17 A By-Law to Authorize the County of Renfrew to Enter into an Agreement with Licensed Home Child Care Service Providers.

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