

## County Council Review

August 2013



### Highlights

Mr. Jeff Muzzi, Manager of Forestry Services, Development & Property Department, updated County Council on the ***Endangered Species Act*** and the effects of protection areas on one County forest and a rural farm property. Almost every piece of property will have issues with one endangered species or another. Currently the County of Renfrew has 48 species confirmed to be at risk, and another 18 possible or migrant.

Mr. Greg Crowder started his tenure with the County of Renfrew as Nurse Practitioner on August 6, 2013. Mr. Crowder will be dividing his time equally between Bonnechere Manor and Miramichi Lodge.

Mr. Colin Howard started his tenure with the County of Renfrew as Human Resources Coordinator at Miramichi Lodge on July 6, 2013.

### Housing Rent Increase

The Ontario Government has announced that the guideline for 2014 rent increase will be 0.8%. The Renfrew County Housing Corporation Board of Directors approved a 0.8% increase for the entire Renfrew County Housing Corporation portfolio for all new and current tenant. The appropriate 90-day notice will be given advising the rate increase will commence on January 1, 2014.



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# Council Communiqué

### Highway 17 Updates

The Ministry of Transportation has advised that they are in the design stages for the installation of traffic control signals at the Highway 17/Storyland Road intersection. It is anticipated that the design will be finalized by the end of August. No date has been determined yet as to when the signals will be installed.

The Ministry of Transportation advised that they will be initiating several safety improvements along the Highway 17 corridor including the implementation of centerline and edge line rumble strips and chevron signage, curve warning signage and additional guidance signage along the Yonder Hill Trail/Chenau Road corridor.

### Council Initiatives

- County Council approved the Ontario Power Authority Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Contract offer for Bonnechere Manor's successful application. The FIT Contract will provide 20 years of guaranteed income to the County of Renfrew by generating revenues up to \$1.2 million over a 20-30 year period.
- County Council adopted By-law 68-13 being a By-law to Amend By-law 62-03 Information Technology Corporate Policies and Procedures for the County of Renfrew which includes one new IT Policy:
  - IT-10 – Data Transmission and EncryptionAnd revisions to seven IT Policies:
  - IT-01 – Responsible and Proper Use of Information Resources
  - IT-02 – Proper Use of E-mail and Internet Access
  - IT-03 – Software Copyrights and License Agreements
  - IT-04 – County of Renfrew Web Site Content
  - IT-05 – Employee Exit – Information Technology
  - IT-06 – Mobile Hardware Security
  - IT-07 – Appropriate Use of Cellular Device