

## JENNIFER MURPHY WARDEN, NEW WARDEN OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW

Bonnechere Valley Township Mayor Jennifer Murphy formally took the Oath of Office at today's session of County Council and assumes the Office of the Warden of the County of Renfrew for a one-year term. Warden Murphy who was acclaimed takes over from Past-Warden Emon who held the position for four terms. Jennifer was nominated by fellow Councillor and Past-Warden Janice Visneskie Moore, with Councillor Robert Kingsbury as Secunder.

Upon assuming the Chain of Office for the County of Renfrew, Warden Murphy presented a brief outline of some of her goals and objectives for 2017 in an inaugural address to Council and guests. "As a council we will make sure Provincial and Federal Government Ministries keep hearing our perspective on our key issues like the Endangered Species Act, Planning, Funding Transfers, Highway 417, and countless others."

Warden Murphy also referenced a new initiative that she would like to see Council consider. "We will explore new and innovative ways to consider options like shared services, new funding opportunities, and increased economic development to assuage these pressures. One of the options we will consider to increase efficiencies and decrease economic pressures on rate payers is to review the document from 1997 regarding the role and responsibilities of Upper-tier and Lower-tier services. Perhaps changes could be considered with regards to shared services leading to benefits to all residents of the county."

Warden Murphy was born and raised in Toronto and she moved to Eganville in February 2000 because she loved the area. Her father's family is from Osceola area and she spent many weekends and most vacations at the homestead prior to moving. Jennifer and her husband Dave opened Murphy's Auto Service in Renfrew in January 2001. Jennifer is a proud step-mother to two beautiful daughters, Nicole and Laura.



In photo L-R: Councillor Janice Visneskie Moore, Warden Jennifer Murphy, Councillor Robert Kingsbury.

### COUNCIL INITIATIVES

County Council Adopted By-law 1-17 A By-law to appoint the County Committees for the ensuing year or until their successors are appointed.

County Council Adopted By-Law 2-17 A By-law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current and capital expenditures for the year 2017.



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