



County Council Review

January 2005

Highlights

- Warden Bob Sweet elected as Chair of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. One of the roles of the Chair is to be appointed as a Regional Director for Rural Affairs within the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. The term ends January 31, 2006
- Newly created Special Projects Committee makes inaugural report to Council outlining three top priorities: septage, Crown Lands and the feasibility of creating a county-wide trail system
- County Council congratulates the staff and volunteers upon the successful transfer of residents and services to the new Miramichi Lodge
- County of Renfrew renews membership to both the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for the Year 2005
- Director of Human Resources, Mr. Bruce Beakley, presented an overview of recent legal interpretations on the subjects of "closed sessions/in-camera meetings" and "conflict of interest for elected officials"



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Council Communiqué

Council Initiatives

- Mr. Roger Anderson, President of AMO, has been invited to appear before County Council as a delegation. Mr. Anderson accepted the invitation and will appear at a future Session
- Supported a Resolution forwarded by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus calling on the Province of Ontario to fulfill its obligations to transfer \$12 million dollars for downloaded services delivered by the 13 Counties of Eastern Ontario. This amount does not include the amount of monies owed to Municipal Governments in Eastern Ontario
- County Council approved the updated *Future Directions* authored by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus in which the top four priorities for 2005 identified as: roads & bridges, regional economic development, Crown Lands and Community Reinvestment Fund
- County Council approved the mandate and composition of the recently created Special Projects Committee. The Committee is chaired by Reeve Ted Strike

Resolutions

- County Council passed a Resolution that endorses AMO's position that the Province of Ontario must provide Community Reinvestment Fund level of funding at 2004 levels for 2005 with reconciliation at the end of 2005