



County Council Review

January 2007

Highlights

- Brian Yuke, Chairman of the County of Renfrew's Agricultural Economic Development Committee, presented an overview of 2006 activities and accomplishments. Mr. Yuke also provided future plans and directions for this committee. The committee is made up primarily of representatives from the agricultural sector of the County of Renfrew.
- MPP John Yakabuski provided an overview of current provincial legislation and funding initiatives directly related to municipal affairs. Mr. Yakabuski also fielded a number of questions in other matters including the *Aggregate Resources Act* and Bill 140, *An Act Respecting Long-Term Care Homes*
- Mr. Mike Quilty, and other Renfrew Hospice Committee members, provided County Council an overview of the new hospice proposed to be built in the Town of Renfrew. This hospice is the only rural hospice in the Province of Ontario. The other 19 hospices are all located in large urban centres.

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Council Communiqué

Council Initiatives

- County Council passed a Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative in the amount of \$1,000,000. The grant calls for upgrades to the Latchford Bridge which is located on County Road 515 near Palmer Rapids.
- Council passed a By-Law which allows the County of Renfrew to enter into a partnership with the Trees Ontario Foundation that calls for the planting of trees throughout the county, and the County of Renfrew will assist in the administration of this program.
- Council passed a Resolution authorizing the renewal of the County of Renfrew as a paid member in good standing with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Warden Janice Visneskie announced that future Delegations appearing before County Council will be scheduled for a 10:00 AM on scheduled County Council sessions. Warden Visneskie explained to Council that many delegations spend a great amount of time preparing for their appearance, and the new format will allow a greater opportunity for increased dialogue between council members and the delegations prior to the business portion of County Council sessions.