



County Council Review

January 2008

Highlights

- County Council continued the budget workshop that began on January 22, 2009. The budget workshop concluded with a 2.61% levy increase over 2008. A by-law to establish the 2009 tax rates will be adopted by County Council before April 30, 2009.
- Mr. Steven J. Menard, Barrister & Solicitor, Labour & Employment Law Services, provided County Council with an overview on Ontario Human Rights Law and Accommodation. Mr. Menard highlighted the changes within the Ontario Human Rights Commission and its impact on municipal governments.
- Terry Whyte of Templeman Consulting, provided an overview of the recent Non-Union Salary Review. The County of Renfrew conducts a review every five years.

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Council Communiqué

Council Initiatives

- County Council approved the scaling back of mileage compensation for elected officials conducting official county business. The rate of compensation for mileage is reduced from 52 cents per kilometre for the first 5000 km and 46 cents thereafter to a flat rate of 46 cents per kilometre.
- Council passed a Resolution calling on a one-year moratorium on conventions and conferences. The County of Renfrew will not send elected or staff to conferences in 2009 with the exception of OGRA/ROMA Conference and the AMO Annual Conference and that attendance at these two conferences be limited to the Warden and one staff member if Minister's meetings are scheduled. The projected savings for the ratepayers of Renfrew County is approximately \$90,000.
- Council passed a by-law to incorporate a new policy dealing with the replacement of mailboxes damaged by County of Renfrew snow plows. The new policy clearly states the guidelines for the replacement of damaged mailboxes. A detailed public awareness campaign will begin in February to explain the policy to local residents.
- Council passed a Resolution authorizing the signing of a lease with a new tenant for Renfrew County Place in the Town of Renfrew. With the signing of this lease, Renfrew County Place will be completely occupied. A report will be presented at the next Development & Property Committee illustrating the benefit of the County owning this building to the local ratepayers.