



## County Council Review

January 2011

### Highlights

- Warden Bob Sweet presented Certificates of Appreciation to a number of local businesses recognizing their financial support for Expo 150. The businesses will be taking part in Expo 150 scheduled for June 9-12, 2011 at the Pembroke & Area Airport.
- Ottawa Valley Tourist Association President Charlotte Gebhart and OVTA Board Member Chris Hinsperger updated County Council on 2011 marketing plans and initiatives for the county-wide tourist organization.
- Expo 150 Sponsorship Chair David Darch showcased a short video highlighting one of the recent Renfrew County Idol competitions. The video is available on both the County of Renfrew website and the Expo 150 website.

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## Council Communiqué

### *Council Initiatives*

- Council supported a resolution from Admas-ton/Bromley Township requesting a meeting with Finance Minister Dwight Duncan, Municipal Affairs & Housing Minister Rick Bartolucci and Minister of Revenue Sophia Aggelonitis at the upcoming OGRA Conference regarding the Farm Tax Rebate Program and its impact on Local Governments.
- County Council welcomed Member of Parliament Cheryl Gallant. Ms. Gallant provided an overview of various issues relevant to Council initiatives including the designation of the Ottawa River, the future of Atomic Energy Canada Limited and the upcoming Federal Budget. Warden Sweet thanked Ms. Gallant for appearing before Council to address these timely issues.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Warden Sweet welcomed the newest members of County Council to their first official County Council Session. The new members welcomed were Bonnechere Valley Township Mayor Jennifer Murphy; Town of Deep River Mayor Dave Thompson; Horton Township Mayor Don Eady; Town of Laurentian Hills Mayor Dick Rabishaw and Madawaska Valley Township Mayor David Shulist. Warden Sweet also asked each member of County Council to encourage community volunteers to help promote their individual municipalities for the Expo 150 displays. For more information on how your community can become involved, please contact Amy Gauthier at 613-735-7288 ext. 150.