



County Council Review

January 2012

Highlights

- Mr. Allen Wren, Chair of the Pembroke & Area Airport Commission, made a presentation to County Council on the current state of the Airport. Mr. Wren stressed the economic benefits of the Airport, and also introduced a new promotional video that highlights the importance of the Airport within the County of Renfrew.
- Mr. Kyle Dickson of Jp2g Consultants Inc., made a presentation to County Council on solar power and its impact and benefits within the County of Renfrew. He provided an overview of some current projects in the county and also explained how solar energy is becoming more common in the area.

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Council Communiqué

Council Initiatives

- County Council passed a by-law approving a 3.3 per cent levy increase, or an additional \$1.1 million that will be collected from Renfrew County taxpayers in 2012, which means the county will be collecting \$35.3 million in taxes. For a residential property valued at \$100,000 in 2011, factoring in an average assessment increase of 6.1 per cent, taxpayers will pay \$389.92 on \$106,100 of assessment in 2012, an increase of \$6.03 on the county portion of their tax bill. This budget marks the earliest that County Council has passed its annual budget. Warden Sweet thanked staff and his fellow councillors for all their hard work over the last few months to complete the budget process.
- County Council passed a resolution that approved an electronic Capital Asset Management Plan to be developed for all significant assets owned by the County of Renfrew. The County of Renfrew's Green Operations Committee, which is comprised of staff from all departments in the corporation, will be responsible for managing this process.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Warden Sweet notified County Council that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus recently met and outlined its key priorities for 2012. The three major areas are Economic Development; Legislative/Regulatory Change and Fiscal issues. For more information on these and other priorities, please visit the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus website at:
www.eowc.org