

County Council Review

January 2014



HIGHLIGHTS

Warden Peter Emon appointed the County of Renfrew's first ever Acting Warden. Jack Wilson, Mayor of Laurentian Valley recited his oath of office at County Council's session today. As the Acting Warden for the ensuing year, Mayor Wilson will attend events, meetings or other duties as required if the Warden is unavailable to do so on the County of Renfrew's behalf. Mayor Wilson has had a 50 year career in public service having first been elected in 1963. He is only one of four elected officials in Ontario to ever serve 50 years or more in public office. Described by his fellow council members as a "true gentleman", Mayor Wilson thanked County Council for the honour and their kind words.

Manager of Forestry Services Mr. Jeff Muzzi has been nominated to be a councillor for the Ontario Professional Foresters Association (OPFA). The Association, representing 900 professional foresters in the province, meets four times annually, with occasional phone calls and correspondence. The OPFA recently passed a resolution to become more active in an advocacy role, so this is an opportunity to have direct input from the County at the legislative level.

County Forester Ms Lacey Rose has been nominated to be Chair of the Algonquin Section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF). The CIF represents forestry professionals across Canada, and has been an active and effective advocate for the forest industry. The Section Chair is required to report on section activities, attend occasional meetings and participate in several conference calls per year. This is an opportunity for County input at a national level.



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Council Communiqué

COUNTY OF RENFREW SELECTS A NEW DIRECTOR of PUBLIC WORKS and ENGINEERING.

Reeve Walter Stack, Chair of the County of Renfrew's Operations Committee and County of Renfrew CAO/Clerk Jim Hutton are pleased to announce that Steven Boland will assume the duties of the Director of Public Works & Engineering for the County of Renfrew. It was made official today by County Council when they passed a resolution confirming the hiring recommendation made by the Recruitment Committee. Mr. Boland has more than 30 years of municipal and engineering management experience, including the last ten years as Manager of Operations, Public Works for the County of Renfrew. A Recruitment Committee, comprised of Reeve Walter Stack, Chair of the Operations Committee, Warden Peter Emon, Jim Hutton, CAO/Clerk County of Renfrew, Dave Darch, Director of Public Works & Engineering, County of Renfrew, and Bruce Beakley, Director of Human Resources, County of Renfrew, began the process in December following the announced retirement of Mr. David Darch. A total of 48 individuals applied for the position, and the Recruitment Committee then interviewed the final 4 applicants before selecting Mr. Boland.

Council Initiatives

County Council Adopted By-law 4-14 A By-law to Adopt the Estimates for the Sums Required during the Year 2013 for General, Capital and all Purposes of the County of Renfrew.

County Council Adopted By-law 5-14 A By-Law to Acquire Land County Road 71 (Matawatchan Road).

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County Council Adopted By-law 7-14 A Tariff of Fees By-Law for Applications Made in Respect of Planning Matters.

County Council Adopted By-law 8-14 A By-Law to Enter into a Lease with the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley for Paramedic Services at 49 Bonnechere Street, East, Eganville, Ontario.

County Council Adopted By-law 9-14 A By-Law to Enter into an Agreement Between the Corporation of the County of Renfrew and the Minister of Health and Long Term-Care for Development of a Community Paramedic Referral Toolkit.

County Council Adopted By-law 10-14 A By-Law to Enter into an Agreement Between the Corporation of the County and the City of Ottawa for Land Ambulance Services.