



## County Council Review

June 2012

### Highlights

- Ms. Nicole Whitting, Manager of Ontario Highlands Tourist Organization, provided an overview of various initiatives of the Regional Tourism Organization and its impact on tourism in the Ottawa Valley and the economic spinoffs from the tourism sector.
- Warden Sweet, along with Arnprior Reeve Walter Stack and Dave Darch, Director of Public Works and Engineering, provided County Council with an overview of their meeting with Minister of Transportation Bob Chirelli in relation to the proposed twinning of Trans Canada Highway 17. They met with Minister Chirelli to discuss the economic impact of the highway and road safety issues.
- County Council was notified by the OVTA that the Visitor Information Centres were scheduled to open over the next week following a Familiarization Tour for the Student Ambassadors who will occupy the centres throughout the summer months.

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# Council Communiqué

## Council Initiatives

- Following the Delegation with Minister Chirelli led by Warden Sweet in relation to the issue of widening Trans Canada Highway 17 past Arnprior, County Council authorized the Economic Development Department to commission an Economic Impact Overview in relation to the proposed widening of the Highway. The Economic Development Department will issue a Request For Proposal over the next few months.
- County Council passed a Resolution accepting an Auditors Report completed by Scott, Rosien & Dempsey. The Audited Financial Report is for the year ending December 31, 2011.
- County Council passed a Resolution calling on the Federal Government to immediately reinstate the Community Access Program. This resolution was passed in light of a number of local libraries that were directly affected by the loss of funding for internet access designed to assist rural communities.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

- Warden Sweet wished all Council members a safe and happy summer as they embark on a one-month leave of County Council. All regular committee meetings and Council Sessions will resume in August 2012. For further information, please contact CAO/Clerk Jim Hutton at 613-735-7288.