



County Council Review

June 2013

Highlights

Algonquins of Pikwakanagan Chief Kirby Whiteduck attended County Council with members of his council and staff to present the current structure of council and to talk about services they provide on and off the reserve. Members spoke about their daily operations, public works, language, culture and education, and healthcare of all forms.

Steve Boland, Manager of Operations for the Department of Public Works and Engineering spoke to council about the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS). On June 4-5, 2014 the AORS Municipal Tradeshow will be held in Arnprior. This show, targeting managers in the public works sector, is the largest of its kind in Ontario and draws over 200 exhibitors and 2000 visitors. Mr. Boland is serving as the chairperson for this event.

Mayor Bob Sweet, Chair of the Development and Property Committee, reported on the success of the Shaw Woods Outdoor Education Centre in which Mayor Harold Weckworth and Director of Development and Property, Paul Moreau, sit on the committee. Through the efforts of volunteers, 7.5 kms of trails have been created or improved at the site. The centre hosted over 900 students this school year.

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Council Communiqué

Council Initiatives

- The County of Renfrew has adopted a resolution requesting the Provincial government to adopt tools that will allow the *Endangered Species Act* to advance the goal of preserving species without adverse effects on local, provincial or national economies and to amend the *Act* and/or implement regulations. The Ministry of Natural Resources has advised that the Bogbean Buckmoth, protected under the *Act*, may be found within the County of Renfrew.
- A Request for Proposal for Site Engineering Services at Renfrew County Place, was called to provide the most suitable and cost effective solution for the possible construction of an Ontario Provincial Police facility on that site. The project was awarded to Jp2g Consultants for a cost of \$22,372.
- The County of Renfrew celebrated two major ribbon cuttings in June. On Wednesday, June 12, 54 licensed child care spaces opened at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary School in Petawawa. Then, on Thursday, June 13 the official opening of 80 McGonigal St. in Arnprior was held. This building is the new home of the County of Renfrew Social Services staff in Arnprior.

ANNOUNCEMENT

It was announced that on December 31, 2013 Director of Public Works and Engineering, Dave Darch, will be retiring after six years with the County of Renfrew. Mr. Darch played an important role in the Expo 150 planning and the County is thankful for all his contributions.