



County Council Review

March 2005

Highlights

- Heather Robertson, Chair of the Renfrew County and District Health Unit's Pandemic Preparedness Committee, provided an update on current and future planning for an international influenza pandemic and its impact on the County.
- Mr. Ray Bonenburg, Manager of the Pembroke Office of the Ministry of Natural Resources, provided an update to County Council on activities and highlighted various initiatives that will be pursued in the upcoming year.
- Mayor Neil Stewart, Chair of the Operations Committee, outlined the various alterations proposed to the highways and structures within the County of Renfrew in anticipation of the capital works projects to be started in the upcoming months.
- Mayor Ann Aikens, Chair of the Development & Property Committee, notified Council that the County of Renfrew GeoSmart website is now operational and that County GIS staff will be visiting local municipalities in 2005 to provide training for staff.



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Council Communiqué

Council Initiatives

- Mayor Raye-Anne Briscoe, Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee, notified Council that the 2005 County Council Budget Workshop is scheduled for May 2, 2005.
- Warden Sweet distributed a media release indicating that the Province of Ontario's Advisory Council on Drinking Water Quality and Testing Standards has adopted some of the County's recommendations to Environmental Minister Leona Dombrowsky. Among the recommendations was the transfer of responsibility for water testing from private labs to local Health Units. Warden Sweet also announced that the county will continue to monitor the findings of the Advisory Council.
- Council passed a by-law allowing the County of Renfrew to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Provincial Rent Program. The agreement will allow the Community Services Department to better assist residents in time of economic hardship.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Mr. Jim Lynch, Manager of Real Property Assets, is appointed as the Weed Inspector/ By-law Officer for the County of Renfrew.

REMINDER

- The Public Works & Engineering Department will be posting signs restricting the speed limit to 50 kph on those sections of the roadway to be reconstructed.