



County Council Review

March 2007

Highlights

- Mr. Jeff Muzzi, Forest Resources Coordinator for the County of Renfrew presented an overview of the Forest Management Plan. Mr. Muzzi advised that the 16,000 acres of County-owned forest must be managed according to good forestry practices to sustainably produce high-value forest products, enhance, conserve and preserve wildlife and fisheries values, provide educational opportunities, provide recreational opportunities, rehabilitate waste lands and to protect and conserve water resources. County Councillors approved the Forest Management Plan.
- Mr. Dave Robb, Superintendent, East Central Zone, Hydro One presented an overview of Hydro One's activities in the East Central Zone in 2006 and advised that by 2010 Hydro One's goals are to have the best transmission & distribution in North America, Safety being a priority with 0 serious injuries, top quartile transmission & distribution reliability and have 90% customer satisfaction from all segments. The Provincial government's goal of installing a smart meter in every Ontario home and business by 2010 will commence in 2007 by installing 35,000 in our zone in 2007, starting in high density Municipalities such as Petawawa, Deep River, Arnprior and Barry's Bay.
- Mr. Jeff Foss, County of Renfrew Financial Services Officer overviewed the recommendations of the Tax Policy Working Group (2007 tax policy decisions that have to be made by County Council by April 30th)



For more information,
Bruce McIntyre
9 International Drive
Pembroke, Ontario
K8A 6W5
735-7288

bmcintyre@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

Council Communiqué

Highlights (cont'd)

- Ms. Diane Matichuck presented an overview of the Trails Strategy Study as prepared by Stantec Consulting. The County of Renfrew is blessed with some of the most beautiful scenery in all of Ontario. Much of the scenery can be experienced from trails located throughout the County. The benefits of trails is improved health, strong economies, strong communities, and healthy environments. The County of Renfrew, with the assistance of and volunteers, must take a more active role in trails development.

Council Initiatives

- Council passed a By-Law for an additional Provincial Grant through the Ministry of the Environment to increase the total funding from \$100,000 to \$205,000, to complete the Lime Stabilization and Geotube demonstration projects.
- Council passed a resolution approving that the formula for the Weighted Vote By-Law remain based on one vote per 500 electors for each municipality at County Council.
- The Renfrew County Council Budget Workshop is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on April 4, 2007.
- The County Council will soon have new welcome signs at the four main entrances into the County. Special thanks was given to Warden Visneskie and her family for donating the logs from the family property to erect these signs.
- National Tourism Week is June 4—10, 2007

Announcement

- The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus launched their new Prosperity Plan. The purpose of this Plan is to follow up on the recommendation of the Eastern Ontario Opportunity Action Plan to empower the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus to take the primary leadership in raising the region's profile with the Province of Ontario. The end goal of this effort is to secure new or modified provincial policies, program designs and service delivery models which will unleash the region's full potential for sustainable economies and communities.