



County Council Review

March 2010

Highlights

- Mr. Jason Travers, Manager of Protection with the Species At Risk Branch of the Ministry of Natural Resources, provided members of County Council with an overview of the *Species At Risk Act* and its impact on Ontario.
- Mr. Jeff Foss, Financial Services Officer with the County of Renfrew, presented an overview of the 2010 Tax Policy and how it affects both the County of Renfrew and the seventeen Local Governments.
- Mr. Jim Pine, CAO of Hastings County, and Ms. Lisa Severson, updated County Council on the broadband initiative of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. Council was informed of the projected timelines for highspeed access for both the County of Renfrew and the rest of Eastern Ontario.

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Council Communiqué

Council Initiatives

- County Council passed a resolution approving the lease agreement between the County of Renfrew and the Pembroke & Area Airport Commission for leased space for the Expo 150 Exposition to be held June 9-12, 2010 on the grounds of the airport.
- County Council passed a resolution calling on the Federal and Provincial Governments to commit to a funding program that will permit the economic viability of short-line railways, thereby maintaining valuable railway transportation infrastructure corridors. The resolution will be distributed to all municipalities between North Bay and Sudbury, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, various Cabinet Ministers, Transport Canada and Canadian Pacific Railway.
- Mr. Shayne Hoelke, Administrator of Bonnechere Manor, updated County Council on the current non-smoking policy at Bonnechere Manor and Miramichi Lodge. The *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* was the catalyst for a major shift in smoking regulations within Long Term Care Homes across Ontario.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- County Council was informed that Enterprise Renfrew County will be hosting a series of free HST Harmonization Workshops for local businesses and local Municipal Governments. The workshops will take place in various locations throughout the County of Renfrew. For a full schedule of workshops, please call the ERC Business Office at 613-735-8224.