

Warden's Address Highlights Minister Meeting

At the March 30th session of County Council, Warden Peter Emon delivered his address that included highlights from a recent meeting with the Honourable Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation. On March 24th a delegation comprised of the Warden, Councillor Tom Peckett, Director of Public Works and Engineering, Steven Boland, Director of Development and Property, Paul Moreau, and Member of Provincial Parliament, John Yakabuski, met with Minister Del Duca to discuss the continued extension of highway 417. The Warden said *"This was a very productive meeting, we were able to speak frankly and freely with the Minister and he acknowledged that we (the County of Renfrew) had contributed a great deal to the discussion and that we had brought information to them on a regular basis."*

The Warden went on to outline the key points that were discussed with the Minister. These included a discussion on the investments to be made by the local municipalities in excess of \$30 million dollars to adjoining roads and infrastructure along the 17/417 corridor, the importance of the highway extension as it supports large employers such as Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and Garrison Petawawa. Discussions also included the importance of investment in a National Highway that links Eastern Canada to the West; the delegation stressed the advantage of using a four-lane connection from the Ring of Fire through to the Deep Sea Ports along the St. Lawrence Seaway as a means to transport raw materials and goods from Northern Ontario and Western Canada to Eastern Canada and International destinations. *"We had a good 45 minute meeting with the Minister... we all felt very good about it."* said Warden Emon.

Councillor Tom Peckett, said that the comment by Minister Del Duca that he *"doesn't like to leave things hanging"...* *"has given me some enthusiasm for the first time in a long time that we are going to see some sort of action on extending highway 417."*

Warden Emon wrapped up by saying that the Ministry would soon follow up with the County of Renfrew with a plan that could outline the next steps for the 417 extension.

COUNCIL INITIATIVES

County Council By-law 31-16 A By-Law to Alter Highways (County Roads 1, 8, & 515) and Structures (No. B120, C016, C065, C104, C140, C261 & C300) in the County of Renfrew.

County Council Adopted By-Law 32-16 A By-Law for the Execution of Contract No. PWO-2016-05 for the Supply & Delivery of Two Tandem Trucks & Plow Units.

County Council Adopted By-law 33-16 A By-Law for the Execution of Contract No. PWO-2016-09 for the Supply & Delivery of One 4-Wheel Drive Compact Grader.

County Council Adopted By-Law 34-16 A By-Law to Authorize Execution of a Long-Term Care Service Accountability Agreement with the Champlain Local Health Integration Network.

County Council Adopted By-Law 35-16 A By-Law To Amend By-Law 44-15 Being A By-Law To Authorize Warden And Clerk To Execute An Agreement With The Champlain Local Health Integration Network.

County Council Adopted By-law 36-16 A By-law to Amend By-law 85-10, being a By-law to Govern the Proceedings of the Council and Committees of the County of Renfrew.



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