

Active Transportation Delegation Presents at County Council

At the March session of County Council, a delegation from Ottawa Valley Cycling and Active Transportation Alliance (OVCATA) presented a list of four requests for council to consider. First, that the County of Renfrew support the designation of the month of June as Bike Month. Second, that the County of Renfrew continues its participation in the annual Silver Chain Challenge with neighbouring Lanark County. Third, that the County considers actively participating and attending the Eastern Ontario Active Transportation Summit in June being held in Carleton Place, and finally, that the County of Renfrew increases their budget allotment with regards to Active Transportation to invest in more cycling infrastructure. The delegation thanked council for the work they have done in the last three years since their \$150,000 budget allotment to active transportation initiatives in 2013 on an annual basis. Ish Theilheimer who lead the delegation said that OVCATA is concerned that the County is “not keeping up with the current capital works plan” with regards to hardening shoulders. He continued by saying they feel that there were “missed roads” such as Round Lake Road that could have benefited from hardened shoulders. Councillor Michael Donohue who was the Chair of the County of Renfrew Operations Committee in 2016 pointed out that due to favourable pricing on asphalt that the County was able to add an additional 9.8kms of hardened shoulders over their estimated budgeted amount of 5.8km. In addition, Council mentioned that with the acquisition of the Algonquin Trail (former CP Rail Line), that the County of Renfrew has just made a significant investment into active transportation, and will continue to do so with allotted funds being budgeted to develop and maintain that trail. Councillors suggested to the delegation that they look at the funding initiatives taken on by snowmobile and ATV clubs to raise funds to assist in creating more awareness and clearly mark trails. The topic of standardized signage was mentioned as a good first step for OVCATA to reach out to other like-minded organizations for support and ideas.

COUNCIL INITIATIVES

County Council Adopted By-law 27-17 A By-Law to Authorize the Designation of a Community Safety Zone.

County Council Adopted By-law 28-17 A By-Law to Alter Highways (County Roads 1, 12, 63, 65 & 511) and Structures (No. B120, C016, C029, C047, C104, C205, C227, C238, C300 & C313) in the County of Renfrew.

County Council Adopted By-law 29-17 A By-Law for the Execution of Contract No. PWO-2017-01 for the Supply & Delivery of One Tandem Truck and Plow Unit.

County Council Adopted By-law 30-17 A By-Law for the Execution of Contract No. PWO-2017-02 for the Supply & Delivery of Six Light Duty Pick-Up Trucks.

County Council Adopted By-law 31-17 A By-Law to Authorize the Warden and Clerk to Execute an Amended Long-Term Care Service Accountability Agreement with the Champlain Local Health Integration Network for the Compliance Declaration.

County Council Adopted By-Law 32-17 A By-Law to Authorize the Warden and Clerk to Execute an Amended Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement with the Champlain Local Health Integration Network for the Senior/Adult Day Programs.

County Council Adopted By-law 33-17 A By-Law to Authorize the Warden and Clerk to Execute an Agreement with Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation to Complete a Needs Assessment and Program Proposal under the Journey Together: Ontario’s Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

County Council Adopted By-law 34-17 A By-law to Enter into an Agreement for the Replacement of the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioner in the County of Renfrew Administration Building, 9 International Drive, Pembroke, Ontario

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