



County Council Review

May 2005

Highlights

- Mayor Ann Aikens, Chair of the Development & Property Committee, notified Council that the Business Retention and Expansion International (BREI) awarded the County of Renfrew the 2005 "Multi-Community or Regional Program Award" with Carl Snelgrove as the BR&E Consultant
- Mayor Aikens also announced that the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association's Visitor Centres will begin opening in June 2005, and the OVTA is expecting another great year for tourism in the county.
- Mayor Neil Stewart, Chair of the Operations Committee, introduced a by-law that will see all County of Renfrew road construction sites now have an enforceable 50 km/h speed limit.
- Reeve Bill Croshaw, Chair of the Health Committee, announced that the Opening Ceremonies of the new Miramichi Lodge will be held on Wednesday June 29, at 2:30 PM.



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Council Communiqué

Council Initiatives

- County Council passed the 2005 budget. Warden Sweet acknowledged the hard work of all elected officials in this particularly difficult exercise. The budget represents a 5.99% tax increase. This represents a huge decrease at the original estimate of 27% that Council faced earlier in the year. The increase will see county residential property owners pay \$480 on the county portion of their taxes or \$27.14 more per \$100,000 of assessment.
- The County of Renfrew's Biosolids and Septage Management Plan will be brought before County Council at its June session. The Report is being prepared by Dillon Consulting and follows months of meetings between local residents, politicians and industry experts. The Plan is in anticipation of changes to guidelines as set out by the Provincial Ministry of the Environment.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- The County of Renfrew, in partnership with the Renfrew County District Health Unit, will be launching a major recreational public awareness campaign as part of its distribution of the ValleyExplore Trail Guide. This new trail guide will allow residents and tourists the opportunity to explore the many trails and rivers in the area. The launch is scheduled for June 2005 throughout the county

REMINDER

- The County of Renfrew's Warden's Invitational Golf Tournament is on Friday August 19th at Twin Rivers Golf Club in Petawawa.