



## County Council Review

November 2005

### Highlights

- Reeve Bill Croshaw, Chair of the County of Renfrew's Health Committee, presented Mr. David Anderson and Ms. Shelley Sheedy with original hand-sculpted clay models depicting a lobby in Miramichi Lodge. The models recognize the efforts of Mr. Anderson and Ms. Sheedy during the construction of the new Miramichi Lodge in the City of Pembroke.
- Mayor Raye Anne Briscoe and Reeve Janice Bush presented Warden Sweet with a framed photograph containing all the signatures of current County of Renfrew Council members. The photograph is a present from all members of Council recognizing Warden Sweet's leadership and his unprecedented third term as Warden of the County of Renfrew. When Warden Sweet is sworn in on December 13, 2005, it will be the first time in the history of the County of Renfrew that an individual has held the Office of Warden for three consecutive terms. Mayor Briscoe and Reeve Bush first nominated Warden Sweet in December 2003.

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# Council Communiqué

## Council Initiatives

- Council passed a Resolution stating that the County of Renfrew **does not support** Bill 206, and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with Bill 206 in its present form. Bill 206 calls for major revisions to the *Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act* which would download additional costs to all Ontario Local Governments. If the Act becomes law, the County of Renfrew would have an additional \$260,539 financial responsibility in 2006. This represents a 1% tax increase or \$5.40 per household.
- A Resolution passed that will see County Council continue its current electronic council format. The County's Information Technology Department conducted a survey that showed the majority of council prefers the electronic version. Future meetings will be held using the electronic format and the committee and council reports would be made available to the media in electronic format.
- Council passed a Resolution approving the County's Childcare Plan 2005-2007. The Social Services Committee provides an annual update to the Province of Ontario.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

- Council was informed that Canada's unofficial tallest Christmas tree is located at Logos Land Resort outside of Cobden. The 74-foot Blue Spruce will be decorated by local school children and the Official Lighting Ceremony is Saturday December 10 at 6:00 PM.