



County Council Review

November 2006

Highlights

- Reeve Janice Visneskie, of Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards, awarded Warden Bob Sweet with a Ceremonial Gavel to recognize his 2006 year as Warden of the County of Renfrew. Warden Sweet graciously accepted the gavel and noted that never in his three years as Warden was he forced to “bring down the gavel” to cut off debate.
- Warden Sweet presented Ceremonial Plaques to outgoing members of County Council. The plaques were a token of appreciation from the Warden and County Council for their service. The four recipients were Town of Arnprior Reeve Ted Strike; Greater Madawaska Township Reeve Isobel Kristijan; Head, Clara, Maria Township Reeve Bill Croshaw and McNab Braeside Township Mayor Neil Stewart.
- Media Relations/Grants Coordinator Bruce McIntyre presented an overview of the 2006 Canada’s Tallest Christmas Tree that is dedicated to the Canadian Armed Forces and their families. The tree is located at Logos Land Resort in Cobden and will be officially lit on Saturday December 9th at 6:10 PM.

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Council Communiqué

Council Initiatives

- The Health Committee reported that Bon-nechere Manor recently scored the highest in the Province of Ontario in a Pilot Project known as “Early Adopters.” The Manor scored 89% on this provincial project.
- Council approved the Recommendation that the County of Renfrew’s 2006 Municipal Accessibility Plan be adopted. The county’s Accessibility Advisory Committee recognized a number of proactive measures taken by the County of Renfrew to identify barriers for persons with disabilities and provide recommendations to overcome those barriers.
- Council passed a Resolution put forward by the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONHPA) calling on Finance Minister Greg Sorbora to immediately release the \$392 million sitting in a provincial trust account earmarked for housing, so that desperately needed housing in Ontario can be developed.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Whitewater Region Township Mayor Don Rathwell announced that he will put his name forward to be nominated for the Office of Warden of the County of Renfrew for the year 2007. Mayor Rathwell joins Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards Reeve Janice Visneskie for nomination. December 5, 2006 is the closing date for nominations, and a new Warden will be selected at the Inaugural County Council session on December 19, 2006.