



County Council Review

November 2012

Highlights

Warden Sweet made the first presentations of the Warden's Community Service Awards. These new awards recognize outstanding individuals or organizations in the County of Renfrew. The first recipients of the awards were: Gerald Tracey, Outstanding Community Individual; Reuben Stone, Private Business Category; and Shawna Babcock, Chair of the Renfrew County Physical Activity Network in the Non-Profit Category. Any individual, business or organization within the County of Renfrew is eligible for the awards that will be presented annually.

Warden Sweet presented the Wellness Cup to the staff of the Social Services Department. The Cup is awarded to the department with the highest participation rate across the corporation in the annual Healthy Workplace Month. Staff take part in various physical activities and other programs to enhance their personal wellbeing and promote a healthy and active lifestyle. The Social Services Department won the inaugural Wellness Cup in 2011.

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Council Communiqué

Council Initiatives

County Council approved a recommendation from the Development & Property Committee that calls for the establishment of a level of sustainable financial support for tourism destination and marketing of the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA), and that the role of the OVTA and its Board of Committees be focused on the development of the annual marketing plan in support of the tourism industry.

With the recent downgrading from Drought Level 2 to Drought Level 1 in the County of Renfrew, County Council passed a Resolution that calls for staff from the County of Renfrew and the Ministry of Natural Resources to act as the core Water Response Team and to monitor water level issues and develop plans for groundwater shortage in the event that low water issues develop in the spring and summer of 2013. The County of Renfrew and the Ministry of Natural Resources co-chaired a county-wide Water Response Team with over 80 partners and stakeholders throughout the summer and fall of 2012 during one of the worst low water level situations in the history of the county.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Warden Sweet thanked all his fellow councillors for their support during his tenure as the Warden of the County of Renfrew. Warden Sweet has held the Office of Warden for an unprecedented five annual terms. Incoming Warden, Greater Madawaska Township Mayor Peter Emon, will be sworn in at the December 11, 2012 Inaugural Meeting of Council.