

County Council Review

November 2013

Council Communiqué



Highlights

Warden Peter Emon presented this year's **Warden's Community Service Awards** at this month's session of County Council. The awards were presented in three categories. The Combermere Heritage Society was honoured as the not-for-profit, Calabogie Peaks Resort was honoured as the recipient of the business category, and Mr. Brian Wilson was honoured with the individual award. The Warden's Community Service Awards recognize and promote the outstanding efforts by community champions in Renfrew County for their active roles with social responsibility and community contributions.

Each year, A Selection Review Committee comprised of the County of Renfrew Warden, Chief Administrative Officer, and one member of County Council select the award recipients. Nominees are considered in each of the three categories on the basis of criteria as to how they contribute to the County of Renfrew's Quality of life and to making the County of Renfrew a better place in which to live and work.

Mr. Alan Johnson started his tenure with the County of Renfrew on November 25 2013 as the Engineering Projects Manager, with the Public Works and Engineering Department.

Mr. Jason Davis, GIS Coordinator presented to County Council the importance of aerial photography for use in development and planning across the county. The Digital Raster Acquisition Project – East (DRAPE 2014) commences in the spring of 2014, and will acquire, leaf off, multi-spectral imagery that is accurate to 50 cm "on the ground". The project will update imagery that was last acquired for this area in 2008. His presentation centered on demonstrating the many changes that can be observed in just the last five years and he stressed the importance of current data, and how it benefits municipal planning. A letter of intent from the CAO to participate in DRAPEII, will be issued to the Ministry of Natural Resources to show the County of Renfrew is interested in participating pending County Council Approval of funding.



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Emergency Minor Home Repair Assistance Program

The County of Renfrew, in partnership with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, announced that funding for an Emergency Minor Home Repair Assistance Program is open to low-income homeowners who require minor home repairs that will allow for continued safe occupancy of their home. This grant is available for eligible homeowners who are at risk of being homeless. The Emergency Minor Home Repair Assistance Program is provided in the form of a one-time grant up to the amount of \$5,000. Approved projects will be paid directly to the contractor. The household income must not exceed \$60,000 and the market value of the home must be at or below \$175,000. Participants must plan to remain in their home for at least five years and must be able to confirm they have exhausted all other funding sources available for home repairs. The program funding is limited and is based on first-come, first serve. There is a formal application process that is administered through Renfrew County Housing Corporation. The application must provide supporting information and documentation as required, and incomplete applications will not be considered for program funding. Interested parties should contact: Carol Neill, General Manager Renfrew County Housing Corporation at 613-432-3679.

Council Initiatives

County Council adopted By-Law 103-13. A By-Law to Amend By-Law Number 4-08 Corporate Policies and Procedures for Tangible Capital Assets for the County of Renfrew. This amendment creates new amortization categories for solar panels with an estimated life of 30 years, and additional categories for Special or Variable items as needed.

County Council adopted By-law 104-13. A By-law to Acquire Forestry Property at 143 Sperberg Road, North Algona Wilberforce. The property will be used to increase the County Forest land base.

County Council adopted By-Law 105-13. A By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 24 for the Official Plan of the County of Renfrew, permitting a severance of Part of Lot 25, Concession 7, in the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, as such changing its designation from Rural to Rural-Exception Thirteen.

County Council adopted By-Law 106-13. A By-Law to Enter into a Lease with Parish of Stafford-Whitewater Anglican Diocese of Ottawa for the Adult Day Program Service at 27 Crawford Street, Cobden, Ontario. This allows for the continuation of use of the facility for the purposes of the delivery of the Adult Day Program.