



COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Warden Emon Recognizes Community Champions

County of Renfrew Warden, Peter Emon presented this year's Warden's Community Service Awards at yesterday's session of County Council. The awards were presented in three categories. Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care was honoured as the not-for-profit organization, Herb Shaw & Sons Limited was honoured as the recipient of the business category, and Ms. Ann McIntyre from the Petawawa Heritage Village was honoured with the individual award.

The Warden's Community Service Awards recognize and promote the outstanding efforts by community champions in Renfrew County. Warden Emon expressed his pleasure in bringing to light the excellent contributions the recipients have made to their communities. *"Today's awards recognize the outstanding efforts by community champions in Renfrew County. We honour them for their active roles with social responsibility and community contributions. It is with great pleasure that I am publically acknowledging the excellence of these organisations and individuals for their efforts in making Renfrew County better, and for the great way they inspire others to follow their examples."*

Chief Administrative Officer Jim Hutton in his address to council stressed the importance of the awards and the value of rewarding those who contribute in a positive manner to the County of Renfrew as a community. *"Everyday individuals, businesses and organizations make valuable contributions to our community. These contributions are not limited to employment or creation of wealth. Individuals, businesses, and organizations also make important decisions and take real action regarding their social responsibility in Renfrew County."*

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:

Individual Person, Not-for-profit Business, and For-profit

Business. All nominees are considered on the basis of criteria as to how they contribute to the County of Renfrew's Quality of life. This year marked the fourth year that the awards were given out.



**L-R: Dana Shaw, Shaw & Sons Ltd, Councillor Bob Sweet, Ann McIntyre, Petawawa Heritage Village, Warden Peter Emon, Robert Ogilvie, Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care.**

County Council Adopted By-Law 85-15 A By-Law to Authorize the Entering into of an Agreement with the Town of Arnprior for the 2015/2016, 2016/2017 & 2017/2018 Winter Maintenance of Certain County Roads.

County Council Adopted By-Law 86-15 A By-Law to Authorize the Entering into of an Agreement with the Town of Deep River for the 2015/2016, 2016/2017 & 2017/2018 Winter Maintenance of Certain County Roads.

County Council Adopted By-Law 87-15 A By-Law to Authorize the Entering into of an Agreement with the Town of Renfrew for the 2015/2016, 2016/2017 & 2017/2018 Winter Maintenance of Certain County Roads.

County Council Adopted By-Law 88-15 A By-Law for the Execution of Contract No. PWO-2015-15 for the Supply of a Motorola Mototrbo Digital Radio Communication System and Optional Associated Equipment and Applications.

County Council Adopted By- 89-15 A By-Law to Enter into an Amended Agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for Community Paramedicine in the County of Renfrew.

County Council Adopted By-law 90-15 A By-Law to Enter into a Lease with Pat Schultz, Hair Care Service Provider.

County Council Adopted By-law 91-15 A By-law to Authorize Entering into a Contract for the Provision of Psychological Consultation Services for Integration Services for the Year 2016.

County Council Adopted By-law 92-15 A By-law to Adopt Amendment No, 28 to the Official Plan of the County of Renfrew.



*A Great Success Story From Ontario Works*

In May 2015, a laid off engineer whose separation pay and employment insurance benefits had expired, applied for Ontario Works assistance for he and his wife. During the summer, the gentleman's wife found part-time employment at a local box store while her husband continued to work closely with his Ontario Works Agent to find some form of employment for himself.

With his Agent's unceasing encouragement coupled with the assistance from a local employment centre the once discouraged man received help to develop and implement an action plan for himself, launching his career to the next level. Through an online job search site the gentleman found a position as a Chief Technology Officer in China starting at US\$287,000 a year. In addition to the superb remuneration, the company offered this once down-and-out engineer a \$15,000 signing bonus, paid living arrangements and tickets for him and his wife to fly to China.

Once impoverished and facing great adversity, this now determined and inspiring couple overcame their overwhelming challenges and left for China at the end of September to begin a new chapter in their lives.

Ontario Works would like to take this opportunity to wish them well in their future endeavours.

Since its inception the County of Renfrew, Social Services Department Ontario Works Division, has helped countless individuals with their employment needs.

Ontario Works can assist participants with developing a plan based on the person's skills, experience and circumstances. Examples of the kinds of employment services we provide are:

- workshops on looking for work, résumé writing, and preparing for an interview
- referrals to job counselling or training programs
- information on who's hiring, as well as
- access to basic education.



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