



## County Council Review

September 2008

### Highlights

- Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Moore, Commanding Officer of Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, briefed County Council on the economic and social impact of the base within the community. Lt.-Colonel Moore noted that the base has grown to approximately 4900 military personnel in the last three years
- Ms. Cecilia Buelow of the Municipal Property Assessment Act (MPAC) addressed County Council and outlined the background to the 2008 property assessments issued this year. Ms. Buelow noted that the average property increased its assessment by approximately 37% across the county.
- Ms. Shelley Sheedy, Administrator of Miramichi Lodge in Pembroke, provided an overview of the Lodge's long term Strategic Plan

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# Council Communiqué

## Council Initiatives

- Council passed a resolution at their September 25th, 2008 session approving that the Air Force Association of Canada (Champlain) 433 Wing (formerly known as the Royal Canadian Air Force Association) be included in the By-law exempting the eight (8) local Royal Canadian Legion Branches within the County of Renfrew, excepting the City of Pembroke, from municipal taxes provided under Section 6.1 of the Assessment Act for the next ten (10) year period (2009-2018 inclusive). This By-law will be considered at the October session of County Council.
- Council announced that a joint effort between some members of the Renfrew County Council and Mayors and Reeves of the Pontiac and some Federal and Provincial Representatives would be taking part in "Rail Day." This one-day event is a passenger train ride between Pembroke and Ottawa and parts of Quebec. The event was to highlight the economic benefits of a rail link.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

- Warden Janice Visneskie confirmed that she would not be seeking the Office of the Warden of the County of Renfrew. Warden Visneskie has served two one-year terms as the Warden. To date, Whitewater Mayor Don Rathwell has confirmed he will be seeking the nomination to hold the office. The Warden is selected by elected members of the County of Renfrew. An individual must be nominated by two fellow council members. The Inaugural Session of Council will be held on December 16 in Council Chambers.