



County Council Review

August 2012

Highlights

Due to the extreme urgency of the drought condition in the County of Renfrew during the summer, a Water Response Team (WRT) was formed to coordinate the County response to the drought situation. The District Manager of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the County's Manager of Economic Development are the Co-chairs of the WRT. County Council authorized up to \$30,000 for the Water Response Team Communications Plan related to the drought be funded from the Provision for Unallocated Funds in the 2012 budget. The WRT has been meeting weekly to review the drought situation in the County of Renfrew.

The County of Renfrew submitted two grant applications to the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund. The applications were for widening of shoulders on county roads and signage to promote awareness and multi-use of county roads as part of the Active Transportation Strategy adopted by County Council.

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Council Communiqué

Council Initiatives

- County Council approved a recommendation to approve a By-law to Provide for Banking Services with the Bank of Montreal for a five year term, plus the option to extend the agreement for an additional 5 years based on mutual consent, effective retroactively to August 1, 2012. The County of Renfrew, a founding member of the Renfrew Area Administrators Group (RAAG)), participated in a joint RFP process from banks serving Renfrew County for joint banking services for all members.
- County Council passed a Resolution supporting Bill 11, "*Attracting Investment and Creating Jobs Act*." This Bill passed Third Reading in the Legislature to make the Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF) permanent. The EODF began in 2008 as an initiative of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus to help create jobs in Eastern Ontario.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The County of Renfrew's 8th Annual Warden's Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 7, 2012 at the Roanoke Golf Course in Petawawa. Anyone wishing to register a team or attend the dinner should contact the Human Resources Department at 613-735-7288. All monies raised will be donated to local charitable organizations.
- The next Session of County Council will be held in Arnprior on Wednesday September 26. There will also be a Groundbreaking Ceremony at the new Social Housing and Ontario Works Offices located at 80 McGonigal Street in Arnprior.