

COUNTYCOUNCIL VISITS BONNECHERE VALLEY TOWNSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER SESSION

As a part of honoring Eganville's 125th Anniversary Celebrations, County Council held its September Session at the Eagle's Nest in Eganville. Mayor of Bonnechere Valley Jennifer Murphy greeted Council and welcomed them to her municipality by saying *"It is my honour to have you here today...to help celebrate our 125th birthday."* Soon after, a presentation was made to County Council by Dana Jennings, the Community Development Officer for Bonnechere Valley Township. Ms. Jennings highlighted a month by month series of events that the municipality has hosted and supported so far this year. *"The goal was to have 125 events for our 125th, but we actually had many more than that,"* said Ms. Jennings.

The location of the council meeting did not affect the normal business of council, as many matters were discussed in the session. The County Official Plan was discussed in great detail, the possible acquisition of the abandoned CN Rail corridor, the passing of a by-law to authorize the construction of a 14 units for social housing in Petawawa, and the appointment of Warden Emon to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's board of directors.

In addition there was considerable discussion regarding the recent rumours surrounding the County's Official Plan update. Warden Emon made an emphatic statement to clarify the issue *"Our Official Plan does not talk about wood burning, it does not talk about wood furnaces,...it doesn't talk about driving people towards using electric power to heat their houses."* He continued on by stating how well the seven public meetings were advertised and that the County *"far exceeded the actual requirements under Provincial law to inform and consult with the public."*



In the photo L-R: Bonnechere Valley Township CAO Bryan Martin, Bonnechere Valley Township Councillor Jackie Agnew, County of Renfrew CAO/Clerk Jim Hutton, County of Renfrew Warden Peter Emon, Mayor of Bonnechere Valley Township Jennifer Murphy, Bonnechere Valley Township Community Development Officer Dana Jennings.

COUNCIL INITIATIVES

County Council Adopted By-law 94-16 Employment By-law # 1 for County Officers and Staff.

County Council Adopted By-law 95-16 A By-law to amend By-law 69-16 being a by-law to authorize the Warden and Clerk to execute a Contribution Agreement with Petawawa Housing Corporation under the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) for Ontario Program, 2014 Extension, Rental Housing Component.



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