

REEVE'S REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: December 1, 2006 – January 31, 2007

COUNTY ACTIVITY:

In early December I attended the $\frac{3}{4}$ day orientation session conducted by County of Renfrew staff. It was very informative and certainly illustrated the stranglehold the province has on the County's financial direction by virtue of directed spending towards programs mandated by the province and delivered by the County to meet provincial benchmarks.

In mid December I attended the inaugural meeting of County Council and the nomination and successful election of Warden Janice Visneski long time Mayor of Killaloe Hagarty and Richards. I have been appointed to the following committees:

- i. Finance and Administration
- ii. Development and Property
- iii. Health
- iv. Striking Committee

On January 31st, 2007 I attended County Council for a full day session. Presenters were:

- a. MPP John Yakabuski, who spoke of the coming election and a variety of issues of interest in Renfrew Nippising Pembroke.
- b. Hospice Renfrew, an information session on the project.
- c. Renfrew County Agricultural Economic Development Committee, points of interest:
 - 1342 Farms in Renfrew County
 - Gross receipts over \$66,000,000
 - Indirect agriculture dollars totaled over \$111,000,000
 - 10% of Renfrew County Economy is tied to Agriculture
 - Types of Farms in Renfrew County
 - a. 109 Dairy
 - b. 787 Beef
 - c. 173 Field Crop
 - d. 29 Grain and Oil Seed
 - e. 7 Fruit
 - f. 5 Vegetables
 - g. 5 Hog
 - h. 188 Others
- d. Future issues they will pursue:

- a. Carbon credits and sequestration
- b. Green credits for environmental stewardship
- c. Energy production
- d. Anaerobic digester
- e. Bio-diesel fuel development
- f. Lobby education system to provide programs supporting agri-business
- g. Expand/develop opportunities for youth in agri-business

GREATER MADAWASKA ACTIVITIES:

I was sworn in on December 1, 2006 in order to deal with a storm should the need arise or an emergency occur. Council met and was sworn in at our inaugural meeting on December 11, 2006 in a tastefully done meeting organized by the CAO.

On December 13, 2006 Council met to consider committee appointments for our term and to discuss the tendering process for Transfer Station Equipment. Approved was the Development Charges By-Law and its new rates for lot levies. During this meeting the letter from the CCC was discussed and a special meeting was decided on for December 21, 2006.

On December 21, 2006 a special meeting was held to discuss a motion for the withdrawal of the municipality from the OMB Review on January 23, 2007. The motion was thoroughly discussed with professional staff present and passed.

On January 29th, 2007 a special meeting of council was held to discuss the OMB review and the motion passed on December 21st, 2006 was discussed and reaffirmed with notation to review the minutes of the December 21st meeting for context.

I have had seven telephone calls or discussions with rate payers on issues such as waste management and road clearing policies. I met with one rate payer to discuss a re-zoning of a large tract of land for a tourist theme attraction and directed them to County staff for further discussion re: zoning and official plan.

MEETING WITH GREATER MADAWASKA STAFF

I have met with the CAO on five occasions to discuss staff meetings, service delivery in wards 2 and 3, staff appraisal schedules, over time and financial year end process and status. I have met three times with the Deputy Clerk to discuss two planning issues and the OMB withdrawal motion. I met with the Public Works Manager twice to discuss truck purchase and winter roads clearance practice.

Respectfully submitted to Council on February 15, 2007.

Peter Emon