

# REEVE' REPORT

**PERIOD COVERED: July 20, 2007 – October 17, 2007**

## **COUNTY ACTIVITY:**

County meetings were not held in the month of July. I attended Finance and Admin meetings in September and October and did not attend the August meeting. I attended Planning meetings in September and October and did not attend the meetings in August. I attended the Health Committee meeting in October and not the ones in August and September. I attended County Council in August, and September. I anticipate attending the County Council meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup>. This meeting will be unique in that we will have the session in Deep River after touring AECL.

I was called in for a special County Council meeting at the end of July with regards to the Broadband initiative. We have since learned the Renfrew County application was not successful in requesting funds and we are on our own again.

Of interest, it would appear the present Warden will be running unopposed for the seat in December. This is disappointing and I do not mean this as a slight towards Warden Visneski. She has performed well in the position. I was looking forward to an election in order to have someone (or a number of someone's) express some alternative vision(s) for the county today and in the future. More specifically about it's role as an upper tier municipality with a budget of \$148 million and a mandate to impact in many sphere's of our day to day lives ranging from such diverse portfolio's as Ontario Works, to Homes for the Aged through to Child Care and Paramedic Services.

In October I attended a meeting of the Health Committee and toured Bonnechere Manor. This tour will result in some changes at this Home as recommendations are being brought forward to the County Council meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **GREATER MADAWASKA ACTIVITY**

A regular council meeting was held on July 19, 2007, and September 20<sup>th</sup>. Committee meetings were held in July and September and none were scheduled in August.

The minutes are posted on the municipal website. A number of bylaws were passed with the most significant being the Shoreline Structures Bylaw. This in my opinion will be one most appreciated by property owners as it gives definitive standards for gazebo's and supply buildings on private waterfront property. This will allow landowners the opportunity to further enjoy their property. This was an initiative started by former Reeve Kristjan and former Ward Two Councilor Parker and brought to completion by Councilor Lehnhardt and municipal staff. Congratulations to them all for a job well done.

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The Barnet Committee continues to plan for the continued re-development and improvement of the cottage and have submitted plans for a smaller gazebo on the property and are reviewing their plans for a larger gazebo. Council is presently discussing how best to structure this committee to ensure continued progress on this project and timely maintenance in the future.

I met with our Waste Management consulting staff and learned we have approximately 8 years of capacity between the Black Donald and Mount St. Patrick sites. This is not a lot of capacity when one factors in the need for long term capacity for land filling construction waste and bulky furniture items. Expansion of the Mount St. Patrick site remains a possible option but will require a great deal more review of it's technical merits and limitations.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

In August I attended a meeting in the Matwatchan Hall at which a private company was touting it's Broadband initiative for Ward Three. At this point the system is not serving it's customers to their satisfaction and it is unclear when the system will be delivered as promised.

In August, with Fire Chief Todd MacDonald, Councilor Pratt and members of our Fire Department I attended the Foymount Station of the Bonnechere Valley Fire Department to become familiar with their Asphodel Fire Pumper. It was a very informative session.

On August 20<sup>th</sup> myself, Councilors Ryan and Pratt and CAO John Baird attended a meeting with Minister David Ramsey of the Ministry of Natural Resources to discuss the Crown Logging permits issued by his Ministry and which subsequently have such a detrimental impact on our roads. Minister Ramsey was not very helpful.

On August 21, I and Cao John Baird attended a meeting with Minister Cansfield. She is the Minister of Transportation and offered the efforts of a senior staff to visit our area and review our concerns about the damage to our roadways in conjunction with Crown land timber harvests.

On the same date Mr. Baird and myself met with Jim Bradley, Minister of Tourism to discuss a program for assisting small municipalities with promotion of their area. Minister Bradley listened politely to our request but did not promise assistance.

At this conference I attended a number of excellent sessions on municipal issues. The most striking had to be on lawsuits against municipalities and their decision making process with emphasis on closed meetings and what constitutes a properly called meeting.

On August 27<sup>th</sup> Councilor Pratt and myself attended a meeting with the Hillcrest Cemetary Board regarding their re-zoning and expansion issues. I feel confident our staff have been able to resolve the issues and move this file forward to a successful resolution.

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September 12<sup>th</sup> I attended the Ontario East Municipal Conference. Due to a family matter I left early. Councilors Pratt and Lehnhardt attended as did CAO John Baird and the agenda looked to be packed with important and relevant issues.

On September 24<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting with CAO John Baird and Public Works Manager Jamie Doering in the Municipality of North Frontenac to discuss some shared services and new

agreements. The meeting went well and staff will be presenting some four year agreements in the near future which shall clarify current and past practice with regards to waste management, road maintenance and provision of fire protection.

On September 24<sup>th</sup> Councilor Pratt, Chief MacDonald and members of the fire department traveled to the Middleville Station of the Lanark Highlands Fire Department to view their Seagrave Pumper. It is an excellent machine.

### **MEETINGS WITH GREATER MADAWASKA STAFF**

I met with the CAO on over thirty occasions to discuss municipal business and to sign cheques and by-laws. I spoke to the Deputy Clerk with regards to severances and planning issues. I met with the Public Works Manager to review an equipment issue. I have had several meetings with residents and ratepayers on various issues ranging from disputed water access on lakes, to beaver dams.

Respectfully submitted to council on October 18, 2007.

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