

REEVE' REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: October 18, 2007 – November 26, 2007

COUNTY ACTIVITY:

I did not attend the Finance and Admin meetings in November. I attended the November Planning meeting. I attended the Health Committee meeting in November which was held at Mirimachi Lodge.

I attended the County Council meeting held at AECL in Deep River at the end of October. This is a state of the art facility of international renown. The nuclear industry in Canada is a \$ 5 billion a year industry providing 31,000 jobs. The industry has had many successes since it's inception in Chalk River in 1945 with the first sustained fission reaction outside of the USA.

Cobalt-60 cancer therapy was invented at Chalk River and each year 12 million cancer patients benefit from that discovery. Canada has refined the CANDU design to such a degree it is able to burn discarded Japanese nuclear waste.

AECL generates nearly \$160 million in salaries in the Ottawa Valley. It employs 4892 people in our area and generates \$184 million dollars and is estimated to generate another \$276 million in the local economy. Their employees reside throughout Renfrew County.

The present Warden, Janet Visneski the Mayor of Killaloe, Haggarty and Richards will be acclaimed in mid-December. As noted in my last report to council I believe she has performed well in the position.

The minutes for all county committee's and County Council are available on the County Website.

GREATER MADAWASKA ACTIVITY

A regular council meeting was held on October 18, 2007. Committee meetings were not held in November due to scheduling difficulties. Council has agreed to pursue the purchase of a new fire pumper. It will be an 1800 gallon model with foam capabilities. The approximate cost of the model is \$233,000 with the expected delivery in late June 2008. This truck is badly needed to replace our current aging truck.

The minutes are posted on the municipal website.

I participated in the Remembrance Services in Calabogie and accompanied Councilor Lienhardt to the services in Denbigh. The services in Calabogie were well attended and very well organized by John Watts and his committee.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

On October 18th I along with 14 other heads of council met with and had dinner with 23 investor immigrants who spent two days touring Renfrew County and looking at investment opportunities. The tour was organized by the Renfrew County Economic Development Department and the federal government. It's aim is to expose recent and soon to be immigrants to Canadian communities in the hopes they will relocate there with their capital as well.

On October 30th and November 26th I attended with Councilors Ryan and Leinhardt and CAO John Baird meetings with volunteers and the consultant regarding implementation of the Strategic Plan.

November 30th, 2007 I attended a meeting held by Ontario Power Generation on Dam Safety with CAO John Baird and Councilor John Pratt. OPG has 250 dams, not all hydro electric dams, on 27 river systems in Ontario. Their system is advanced enough to provide updates every 10 seconds on water levels through out their system to a 24 hour office located in Toronto. They feel this is necessary given the unpredictable weather patterns in recent years. OPG has 11,500 employees. OPG operates 64 hydro electric station, 3 nuclear stations, 5 fossil fuel stations and 3 wind generation stations.

In the event of emergency the Cheneaux station will house the Incident Command Centre. information shared with us indicates they are preparing for possible breaches of dams on our system and pandemics which could impact on their ability to perform their tasks. Dam failure is extremely unlikely as they have an aggressive system of maintenance and testing in place for each dam in their system. The average age of the dams in Ontario is 72 years and they all of regular checks both visual and engineering.

OPG has spent over \$20 million since 2002 on fences, signs and advertising to warn people of the dangers near dams. They have a regular security patrol of sites as well. Our office has a copy of their emergency plan for the dams in our area. We made some suggestion about their mapping of potential flood zones should the dams break as it will impact on our ability to respond with support to our residents.

On November 26th Councilor Mercer and I attended a Joint Waste Management meeting hosted by the town of Arnprior to discuss recycling and reduction initiatives. Mayor Terry Gibeau was voted in as chair of the committee which includes Greater Madawaska, the town of Renfrew, Arnprior, Mississippi Mills and the Townships of Addington Highlands, Admaston Bromley, Horton, Horton, McNab-Braeside and Killaloe Hagarty and Richards. We will meet Dec 17, Jan 21 and February 2008.

Our municipality will need to prepare a terms of reference for this committee and also questions about Beauman's operation as we investigate the operation of the facility in Renfrew. These will

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need to be submitted by Dec 06th. It has been suggested the committee meet with Mr. Menard and review his financials on a month to month basis next year as we deliberate about the merits of operating the facility.

MEETINGS WITH GREATER MADAWASKA STAFF

I met with the CAO on nine 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.

Respectfully submitted to council on November 27, 2007.

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