

COUNTY OF RENFREW

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Development and Property Committee
FROM: Craig Kelley, Director of Development and Property
DATE: March 16, 2021
SUBJECT: Department Report

INFORMATION

1. Staff Retirements

Manager of Real Property Assets

Mr. Kevin Valiquette has provided notice of retirement effective May 31, 2021. Kevin started with the County of Renfrew on July 22, 2002 as Environmental Supervisor at Miramichi Lodge and moved into the position of Manager of Real Property Assets for the Development and Property Department on December 12, 2011. Kevin was involved in the Renfrew County Place renovations, the construction of the Renfrew OPP station, and the County Administration Building renovations. These are all great long-lasting legacies of Kevin's years with the County. Kevin's last day at the County will be April 30, 2021.

Manager of Planning Services

Mr. Charles Cheesman has provided notice of retirement effective June 30, 2021. Charles started his employment as a Planner with the County of Renfrew in March 14, 1988. Charles' successful career in the County has been exemplified through his dedication and assistance with all of the planning advice and leadership provided to the staff in the division and to our colleagues at the local municipal level. Charles' last day at the County will be April 30, 2021.

2. **Building Permit Information**

Attached as Appendix I is a summary of the building permit information from the 2019 statistics for County of Renfrew municipalities.

3. **Residential and Condo Sale Statistics**

Attached as Appendix II are the statistics for the residential and condo sales for all the municipalities within the County of Renfrew.

4. **VIA Rail High Frequency Rail (HFR) Proposal**

Attached as Appendix III is an email request that has been received from Mr. Stuart Harrison, President and CEO for the Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce along with a sample letter of support for the VIA Rail High Frequency Rail Project for Committee's consideration.

RESOLUTIONS

5. **Business Case [Strategic Plan Goal No. 3 (b)]**

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council approve the Planning Internship Program beginning April/May 2021 for an initial four-month program, and to assess the success of the program prior to a second and further intake.

Background

Attached as Appendix IV is a Business Case for a Planning Internship Program for an initial four-month period to provide initial triaging, categorization, and preparation of General Inquiries, and to begin to institute the workplans that have been developed to update local Comprehensive Zoning By-laws. This capacity building recommendation was part of the recently introduced Focused Strategic Review of Planning Services as referenced in Item No. 11 to "Evaluate department structure and staff complement/capacity based on findings from an activity-based charges review; develop succession plans and explore a funded internship program." This will be brought to the Finance and Administration Committee as information.

6. **Ministerial Zoning Order – Township of McNab/Braeside [Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (b)]**

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to County Council that support be given to the Township of McNab/Braeside as they seek the issuance of two (2) Ministerial Zoning Orders under Section 2.47 of the Planning Act, or other power(s) as deemed appropriate.

Background

Attached as Appendix V are two resolutions from the Township of McNab/Braeside requesting a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) areas of land within their municipality.

For several months, economic development staff have been working with a small cluster of industrial developers in the area of the Township of McNab/Braeside. These businesspeople were seeking to site a number of businesses that have a working relationship with both the agricultural sector and the forestry sector. As a result of one of the developers/investors owning a significant landmass in the Township of McNab/Braeside, they have sought to add to those lands near to other investments and developments in the area. More significantly, these lands are adjacent to a new interchange created as a result of the investment in four-laning Highway 417 that was meant to provide increased investment into the County.

The County of Renfrew is very supportive of economic development opportunities, however the change from agricultural lands to industrial would require a lengthy Official Plan Amendment with no guarantee of a successful outcome. It has been recommended that a MZO would be the most appropriate instrument to facilitate the development proposal.

County of Renfrew Planning staff have started engagement with the proponent and the municipality. We have been requested to review the steps required to seek a MZO that would provide zoning relief on these lands as a significant development for jobs and investment in the County. Currently, the lands are zoned agriculture but would require to be rezoned to acknowledge industrial uses. All other provisions of the development proposal would follow the Township's planning requirements (i.e. appropriate studies, site plan agreements, etc.).

The requirement of a MZO is a resolution of support for the project from the Township of McNab/Braeside. While not a provincial requirement, the County has been asked by the Township for a letter of support for their requests to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

7. Economic Development Division

Attached as Appendix VI is the Economic Development Division Report, prepared by Mr. Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development, providing an update on activities.

8. Ottawa Valley Tourist Association

Attached as Appendix VII is the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association Report, prepared by Mr. Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development, providing an update on activities.

9. Enterprise Renfrew County

Attached as Appendix VIII is the Enterprise Renfrew County Report, prepared by Mr. Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development, providing an update on activities.

10. Forestry and GIS Division

Attached as Appendix IX is the Forestry and GIS Division Report, prepared by Mr. Jason Davis, Manager of Forestry and GIS, providing an update on activities.

11. Real Property Assets Division

Attached as Appendix X is the Real Property Assets Division Report, prepared by Mr. Kevin Valiquette, Manager of Real Property Assets, providing an update on activities.

12. Planning Division

Attached as Appendix XI is the Planning Division Report, prepared by Mr. Charles Cheesman, Manager of Planning Services, providing an update on activities.

Building Permit Information

2019	Amprrior		Deep River		Laurentian Hills		Petawawa		Renfrew		Admaston/ Bromley		Bonnechere Valley		Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan		Greater Madawaska		Head, Clara & Maria		Horton		Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards		Laurentian Valley		Madawaska Valley		McNab/Braeside		North Algona Wilberforce		Whitewater Region		Pembroke		Total # of Building Permits	Total \$ Value of Building Permits		
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Residential Properties	152	11,688,620	73	2,267,610	63	3,994,169	327	27,722,330	62	4,326,325	8	2,861,000	76	8,184,350	34	3,649,500	111	12,830,680	22	108,100	66	7,057,600	45	3,144,500	131	6,386,750	140	7,704,744	89	9,230,000	83	5,798,061	122	9,059,613	56	8,308,579	1,660	134,322,531		
Multi-Residential Properties	6	653,000					10	1,900,000	2	50,000																								10	2,120,000	2	1,800,000	28	4,723,000	
All Other Property Classes	42	2,925,000	19	386,000	2	511,500	24	4,165,650	30	2,407,420	48	3,276,000			1	1,200,000	4	60,900																11	10,916,800	54	4,977,165	277	40,335,270	
TOTAL	200	15,266,620	92	2,653,610	65	4,505,669	361	33,787,980	94	6,783,745	56	6,137,000	76	8,184,350	35	4,849,500	115	12,891,580	22	108,100	66	7,057,600	46	3,179,500	204	12,429,450	155	9,700,744	96	15,642,300	83	5,798,061	143	22,096,413	112	15,085,744	1,965	179,380,801		

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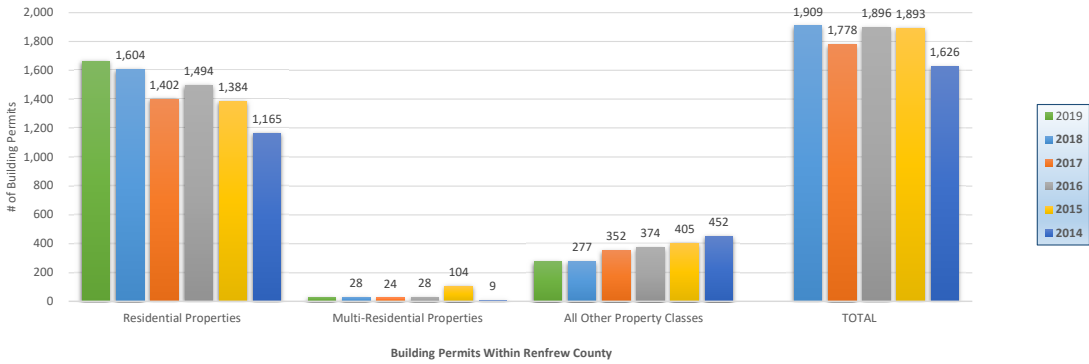
2017	Amprrior		Deep River		Laurentian Hills		Petawawa		Renfrew		Admaston/ Bromley		Bonnechere Valley		Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan		Greater Madawaska		Head, Clara & Maria		Horton		Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards		Laurentian Valley		Madawaska Valley		McNab/Braeside		North Algona Wilberforce		Whitewater Region		Pembroke		Total # of Building Permits	Total \$ Value of Building Permits		
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Residential Properties	97	6,658,570	85	1,878,072	60	2,999,717	355	21,752,430	19	3,426,338	23	2,248,000	58	5,560,500	26	1,541,000	86	9,748,100	24	1,161,668	38	5,575,750	49	1,422,403	117	6,312,400	86	5,343,789	85	6,838,380	71	3,151,000	123	8,822,132	93	4,010,584	1,402	94,440,249		
Multi-Residential Properties	19	4,276,350					3	8,000,900	1	100,000																								1	8,000	9	12,225,000	24	12,385,250	
All Other Property Classes	59	4,185,135	14	202,000	1	975,000	19	12,171,750	99	4,251,978	52	3,536,000			4	2,024,500																		19	1,592,500	29	30,005,446	352	33,069,952	
TOTAL	175	15,120,055	99	2,080,072	61	3,974,717	377	41,925,080	119	7,778,316	75	5,784,000	58	5,560,500	26	1,541,000	90	11,772,600	24	1,161,668	38	5,575,750	52	1,548,135	185	7,633,050	94	5,804,589	91	8,053,287	71	3,151,000	143	10,422,632	131	46,241,039	1,778	138,886,451		

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Residential Properties	149	9,795,620	84	819,042	56	1,513,165	284	20,687,910	12	1,902,125	12	3,048,000	73	3,468,750	40	1,733,270	83	8,632,092	26	3,626	68	8,189,371	49	3,323,000	117	6,008,780	83	5,059,414	61	5,350,850	76	11,167	146	6,408,930	94	76,868	1,404	86,603,958		
Multi-Residential Properties	1	100,000	0				23	6,990,000																									1	498,000	2	24,142	28	7,782,142		
All Other Property Classes	50	4,342,400	9	1,761,985	2	1,500,000	29	3,239,800	102	8,002,269	58	2,032,580			1	500,000	6	55,432	0	0														14	2,015,690	28	30,325	374	33,154,031	
TOTAL	200	14,238,020	93	2,581,027	58	3,013,165	336	30,917,710	114	9,904,394	70	5,081,580	73	3,468,750	41	2,233,270	89	8,687,524	26	3,626	68	8,189,371	42	3,531,500	175	7,513,650	88	9,626,914	72	8,993,500	76	11,167	161	8,922,638	114	131,335	1,896	126,958,151		

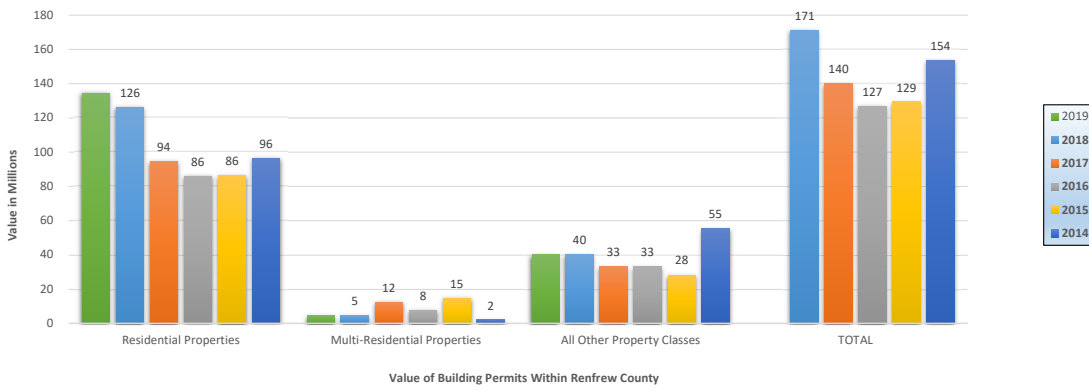
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Residential Properties	72	5,784,730	112	2,418,080	59	1,890,515	252	15,650,625	16	2,404,250	13	4,008,000	57	2,513,964	44	1,008,900	101	10,546,500	9	1,349,500	21	7,275,000	39	1,688,278	150	7,939,725	76	3,183,080	112	7,999,900	28	6,271	93	5,741,457	130	4,816,973	1,384	86,225,748		
Multi-Residential Properties	47	7,444,440	3	138,000			13	2,320,000	5	1,164,000							0	0	0	0																36	3,608,775	104	14,675,215	
All Other Property Classes	31	2,744,000	2	1,448,348	5	1,180,500	18	1,522,950	81	6,834,345	60	2,994,500			6	60,500	4	820,000	0	0	40	2,214,500	2	689,000	85	4,091,650	11	539,500	7	635,000	25	2,542	28	2,557,282			405	28,334,617		
TOTAL	150	15,973,170	117	4,004,428	64	3,071,015	283	19,493,575	102	10,492,995	73	7,002,500	57	2,513,964	50	1,069,400	105	11,366,500	9	1,349,500	61	9,489,500	41	2,377,278	235	12,891,375	87	3,722,580	119	8,634,900	53	8,813	121	8,298,739	166	8,425,748	1,893	129,235,580		

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County of Renfrew Building Permit Information (2014-2019)



County of Renfrew Value of Building Permits (2014-2019)



RESIDENTIAL AND CONDO										
Month of February										
AREA	TWP	Units Sold		% Change	5 Year Average	CDOM Average	Average Sale Price		% Change	5 Year Average
		2021	2020				2021	2020		
510	Deep River	7	8	-12.5%	4.6	21	245,257	182,641	34.3%	174,346
511	Chalk River	5	4	25.0%	3	13	261,700	135,975	92.5%	170,535
512	Head Twps	0	0		0	0	-	-		-
513	Laurentian Hills North	1	0		1	6	249,000	-		331,333
520	Petawawa	27	22	22.7%	19	26	392,941	299,652	31.1%	291,424
530	Pembroke	24	15	60.0%	17.2	0	241,067	207,617	16.1%	193,865
531	Laurentian Valley Twps	16	9	77.8%	7.6	21	354,491	276,312	28.3%	311,874
540	Renfrew	11	7	57.1%	6.8	18	283,168	232,129	22.0%	205,075
541	Admaston/Bromley	1	1	0.0%	1.4	2	47,000	76,000	-38.2%	165,300
542	Great Madawaska Twp	1	6	-83.3%	3.2	42	312,500	237,633	31.5%	310,765
544	Horton Twp	0	1	-100.0%	0.8	0	-	389,900	-100.0%	334,950
550	Arnprior	14	17	-17.6%	11.6	54	502,626	339,190	48.2%	313,687
551	McNab/Braeside Twps	7	6	16.7%	4.6	33	461,611	516,333	-10.6%	389,269
560	Eganville/Bonnechere	3	2	50.0%	3	9	338,667	156,000	117.1%	199,147
561	N Algona/Wilberforce Twp	2	2	0.0%	1.8	43	594,500	192,500	208.8%	311,042
570	Madawaska Valley	9	4	125.0%	4.8	51	351,444	316,750	11.0%	299,956
571	Killaloe/Round Lake	3	0		1	61	351,667	-		227,556
572	Brudenell/Lyndoch/Raglan	0	1	-100.0%	0.4	0	-	173,000	-100.0%	195,000
580	Whitewater Region	5	2	150.0%	4.8	32	363,220	257,500	41.1%	260,869
581	Beachburg	3	3	0.0%	2.2	10	479,167	211,633	126.4%	287,493
582	Cobden	2	3	-33.3%	1.8	29	271,000	153,667	76.4%	165,333
Total		141	113	24.8%	100.2		\$ 349,760	\$ 254,462	37.5%	237,170

Year To - Date										
AREA	TWP	Units Sold		% Change	5 Year Average	CDOM Average	Average Sale Price		% Change	5 Year Average
		2021	2020				2021	2020		
510	Deep River	16	10	60.0%	9	288	267,819	182,816	46.5%	192,051
511	Chalk River	9	5	80.0%	5.2	39	245,389	136,780	79.4%	188,284
512	Head Twps	0	0		0	0	-	-		
513	Laurentian Hills North	1	0		0.6	6	249,000	-		331,333
520	Petawawa	46	38	21.1%	34.6	23	384,738	290,826	32.3%	289,830
530	Pembroke	39	34	14.7%	29.6	27	238,134	195,446	21.8%	193,819
531	Laurentian Valley Twps	22	13	69.2%	12	24	369,311	312,216	18.3%	306,909
540	Renfrew	18	12	50.0%	13.8	32	280,121	209,950	33.4%	204,890
541	Admaston/Bromley	3	3	0.0%	2.8	31	113,967	146,000	-21.9%	201,743
542	Great Madawaska Twp	5	7	-28.6%	6	92	370,500	365,600	1.3%	360,878
544	Horton Twp	3	1	200.0%	1.8	104	435,000	389,900	11.6%	247,380
550	Arnprior	19	30	-36.7%	17.4	52	479,018	322,973	48.3%	305,333
551	McNab/Braeside Twps	11	9	22.2%	7.8	45	437,016	471,563	-7.3%	347,916
560	Eganville/Bonnechere	4	3	33.3%	5	43	412,750	159,167	159.3%	201,931
561	N Algona/Wilberforce Twp	4	2	100.0%	3.4	29	451,000	192,500	134.3%	282,538
570	Madawaska Valley	16	5	220.0%	8.6	50	363,712	257,500	41.2%	246,650
571	Killaloe/Round Lake	5	0		1.4	70	288,800	-		206,600
572	Brudenell/Lyndoch/Raglan	4	1	300.0%	1.4	27	-	-		206,000
580	Westmeath Twp	10	4	150.0%	8	27	379,131	212,000	78.8%	257,426
581	Beachburg	5	3	66.7%	3	9	436,500	211,633	106.3%	295,842
582	Cobden	2	6	-66.7%	3	29	271,000	148,333	82.7%	161,583
Total		242	186	30.1%			\$ 342,383	\$ 262,094	30.6%	257,140

Residentail Totals	2021	2020	% Change capared to previous Year
MLS® Residential New Listings (Feb Only)	215	169	27%
MLS® Residential Active Listing (Feb Only)	158	462	-66%

From: joel@peterboroughchamber.ca

Sent: February 12, 2021 3:38 PM

Cc: 'Stuart Harrison'

Subject: Request for renewed support for the VIA Rail HFR Project

Greetings fellow supporters of the VIA Rail High Frequency Rail (HFR) Proposal,

I am writing in the context of the upcoming federal budget, and the pre-budget consultation process.

Because we have a new Minister of Transport in Omar Alghabra, as well as several recent public comments from Federal Cabinet Ministers, I believe that a strong show of support for the VIA HFR project at this time will not only be welcomed, but necessary.

Many of you who have been copied on this email have already submitted letters of support, or Municipal Resolutions. I am asking you to freshen these up and resubmit them, as letters to your MP, the appropriate Ministers, and as pre-budget submissions.

I have included contact information below for the Prime Minister, the Transport Minister, the Finance Minister, and a link to the pre-budget website where you can attach your document as a “submission”, fill out a questionnaire, or both.

The deadline is February 19.

Sincerely,



Stuart Harrison President and CEO
Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce

Link to the pre-budget submissions: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/programs/consultations/2021/pre-budget-consultations.html>

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Sample Letter

RE: Proposal of New Passenger Rail Service Toronto – Ottawa – Montreal – Québec City

The _____ would like to take this moment to express our full support for VIA Rail Canada's dedicated tracks for High-Frequency Rail (HFR) plan as outlined in the Minister of Transport's Mandate Letter.

As shared infrastructure becomes more congested and Canadians demand more of their rail service provider, VIA's proposal for dedicated tracks for high frequency trains between Toronto – Peterborough – Ottawa – Montreal – Québec City will assure the corporation can maximize ridership and revenue and improve their on-time performance to over 95%. Dedicated tracks for passenger service will reduce trip times while also increasing VIA's profitability, effectively eliminating the need for a Government subsidy within a few years.

A dedicated passenger corridor will create significant economic development along the route, including an estimated 336,000 person years of employment, helping to assure the prosperity of our hard-working middle class. The hybrid Electric-Diesel trains running on this route will dramatically reduce carbon emissions by 12.5 Million tons of tCO₂e, the equivalent of a car-pool reduction of 2.8 million vehicles.

In addition to the benefits of more efficient inter-city travel, VIA's proposal will increase access to affordable housing in the new rail corridor and provide new residents with a transit option for commuting.

Dedicated tracks solve VIA's congestion problems, increase its efficiency and profitability, create economic development while remaining environmentally-friendly, and will give commuters better access to communities not traditionally served by transit. It is important to note that track improvements for passenger service will offer significant benefits to current and future freight users.

This project will increase economic development, improve environmental sustainability, and allow for movement of people and goods in unprecedented ways. All of which enhance the lives of Ontarians and Canadians as a whole.

For these reasons, we ask the Prime Minister, Transport Minister, and Finance Minister to seriously consider VIA's proposal and work with the communities along the line and VIA Rail to make it a reality.



BUSINESS CASE - STAFFING REPORT

Date: **March 16, 2021**

Department: **Development and Property**

Report Prepared by: **Craig Kelley**

PROPOSAL	Planning Internship Program
POSITIONS Union <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Union <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4-month increment contract position(s) - to assist as required in Planning Services Division.
SUMMARY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Discussion 	<p>The Planning Division Services is experiencing a significant increase in planning activity, much of it stemming from much more complicated files, and from the anticipated approval of the Official Plan. Many areas in our community have increased demand from property owners (existing and potential) as a result of relocating due to the pandemic, especially into our rural areas. This has resulted in increased pressure on our limited staffing resources to review application for rural severances and subdivisions.</p> <p>The Planning Internship Program is designed for an entry level planner, who must be enrolled in a post-secondary education in Land Development/Use Planning, Urban Design, Environmental Planning and Management, or Decision Support and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Planning Division Services would schedule this position over the County of Renfrew standard workweek and hours, providing 35 hours per week, for up to 4-month increments.</p> <p>The primary duties of this position will be to work with municipalities, in concert with planning staff, to provide initial triaging, categorization, and preparation of General Inquiries, and to begin to institute the workplans that have been developed to update local Comprehensive Zoning By-laws. They will also be required to assist in areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in the triage of General Inquiries • Scanning/digitizing of older plans • Organizing files, where necessary, including databasing and archiving • General Administrative duties

	An internship program can play a very important role in succession planning for the County of Renfrew and has been identified as a priority in the Strategic Review of Planning Services (2021).
RECOMMENDATION	THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council approve the Planning Internship Program beginning April/May 2021 for an initial 4-month program, and to assess the success of the program prior to a second and further intake.
FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS	Financial costs will be approximately \$14,000 for the initial 4-month period. Staff will investigate all available funding opportunities to offset costs.



THE CORPORATION OF

THE TOWNSHIP OF McNAB/BRAESIDE

2473 RUSSETT DRIVE, ARNPRIOR, ONTARIO K7S 3G8

March 8, 2021

County of Renfrew
9 International Drive
Pembroke, Ontario
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Attention: Craig Kelley, *CMO, Dipl.M.A., Dipl.M.M., Ec.D.*
Director of Development and Property

Dear Mr. Kelley:

The Township of McNab/Braeside is requesting the County of Renfrew's support with regards to our request to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for a Ministerial Rezoning Order for lands currently zoned Agriculture. I have attached a copy of the resolution passed by Council at their March 2, 2021 meeting.

Yours truly,

Lindsey A. Lee, AOMC
CAO/Clerk

Encl. 



Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: March 2, 2021 No: RESOLUTION - 59-2021
Moved by Deputy Mayor Brian Armsden Disposition: CARRIED
Seconded by Councillor Heather Lang Item No: 11.2

Description: Agricultural Zoning to Industrial Zoning

RESOLUTION:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to issue a ministerial zoning order under 2.47 of the Planning Act, or other power(s) as deemed appropriate, for the land known as 664 Campbell Drive - Concession 11, Part Lot 9,; Concession A Part Lot 9 and Concession A Part Lot 8 - - Pin 57327-0127 LT (53 ac), Pin 57327-0125 LT (83 ac) and Pin 57327-0123 LT (40 ac)

This ministerial order would designate these properties from Agriculture to Industrial. This ministerial order will allow proposed industrial development to proceed ultimately creating 500 to 600 new jobs in the Township of McNair, side located in the Riding of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by:
Mayor Tom Peckett

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

	Yea	Nay
T. Peckett	<u> x </u>	
B. Armsden	<u> x </u>	
H. Lang	<u> x </u>	
S. Brum	<u> x </u>	
O. Jacob		<u> x </u>

Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated
he/her/their seat(s),
abstained from discussion and did not vote

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

March 16, 2021

INFORMATION

1. **Renfrew County Agricultural Economic Development Committee
[Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (b)]**

Business Development Officer David Wybou, organized and held meetings of the Renfrew County Agricultural Economic Development Committee on February 9 and March 3, 2021. This Ad Hoc Committee is looking for ways to support and develop opportunities within the local Agriculture and Agri-food business communities of Renfrew County.

2. **North and Eastern Ontario Local Food Conference [Strategic Plan Goal No. 1(b)]**

The first session of the North and Eastern Ontario Local Food Conference (as reported at the last Development and Property Committee meeting) took place Wednesday, March 10, 2021 and was a resounding success. The session, “Local Food More than Ever – Harvesting the Lessons of COVID-19”, hosted a sellout crowd of 300 participants on Zoom with the County of Renfrew, represented by Business Development Officer David Wybou and the Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance as hosts. There are three more sessions scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. over the following Wednesdays from March 17 to 31, 2021, with some tickets still available, but are also closing in on sellout crowds. See attached Appendix ED-I for further details.

3. **Workforce and Workplace Post COVID-19 Facilitated Consultation with Local Employers [Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (b)]**

In collaboration with Algonquin College, the Labour Market Group of Renfrew and Lanark, the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce and the City of Pembroke Economic Development Services hosted a successful

series of four facilitated sessions with 100 local employers. Sessions were broken out into business sectors:

- Thursday, March 11, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Tourism, Retail, Professional Services
- Thursday, March 11, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Healthcare, Institutions, Social Services, Not-for-Profit
- Friday, March 12, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Developers, Construction, Real Estate, Skilled Trades
- Friday, March 12, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Manufacturing, Transportation, Agri-business, Wood Processing, Forestry

These sessions were intended to learn from employers how their workplace and workforce environment will be re-shaped by the pandemic. Discussion was facilitated by Erik Lockhart of Queen's University Executive Decision Centre and will be presented to County Council at an upcoming meeting.

4. **Letter of Support – Ontario Northland Transportation Services [Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (b)]**

Attached as Appendix ED-II is a letter received from the Township of North Algona Wilberforce to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario in support of a transportation service route with Ontario Northland for a two-day service a week from Pembroke along Highway 41 and 60 through Eganville to Renfrew be considered to accommodate the Mennonite community. As many members of our growing Mennonite community do not operate mechanized equipment or automobiles, they must rely on public transportation networks. With extremely limited inter-city bus service, North Algona Wilberforce Township is seeking an expansion of Ontario Northland bus service to connect from Highway 17, via Highways 41 and 60, to areas where our Mennonite residents have established communities.

5. **2022 Ontario Winter Games Update [Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (b)]**

The 2022 Ontario Winter Games Advisory Committee met on February 22, 2021 and March 8, 2021:

- (a) **Dates of Ontario Winter Games (OWG)**
The 2022 OWG Winter Games are scheduled for two consecutive weekends on February 24-27, 2022 and March 3-6, 2022. The OWG Committee and Staff will review with the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture in September whether the games will move forward as planned or be postponed in response to the current pandemic situation.
- (b) **Ontario Winter Games Coordinator**
Recruitment for an OWG Coordinator is in its final stages. A second round of interviews was conducted with short-listed candidates over the week ending March 12. Staff are looking to have this position filled by mid-March. Approximately 96 applications were received with many of the applicants having experience with previous Games. Virtual interviews were held with eight of the candidates.
- (c) **Games Organizing Committees**
Approximately 50 people have expressed interest in being part of a sub-committee for the OWG in response to request for volunteers. The Committee is looking to have the sub-committee Chairs in place by mid-March with virtual orientations scheduled to occur late March/early April by the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture representatives.

RESOLUTIONS

6. Economic/Socio Impact of Trails in Renfrew County [Strategic Plan Goal No. 3 (b)]

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee direct staff to share the draft report from the Ontario Trails Council on trail usage with the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee for their review.

Background

The Ontario Trails Council was engaged by Economic Development Services to survey county resident trail users and trails organizations, non-resident trail users; regional trail user organizations; and provincial trails organizations. The survey measured user patterns, frequency of trails use,

spending patterns and levels, goods and services purchased, and measured satisfaction levels of their trail user experience. The draft report is attached as Appendix ED-III for Committee's information and review. When the final report is prepared, the report writer, Patrick Connor, Executive Director of Ontario Trails Council (OTC) will present a summary and key findings of the report to Committee and/or County Council.

Summary: Navigating local food systems in a changing world and through a pandemic. Lessons Learned, opportunities, challenges and silver linings.

About this Event

The COVID-19 pandemic created immense opportunity and pressures for local food systems. It showed how critical these systems are, as well as exposing weaknesses that make them vulnerable.

In this series of 4 free webinars, we explore the hard-won lessons learned from a global pandemic that can help strengthen local food businesses and organizations. Each session takes place on a Wednesday in March, from 10am – 12pm. This virtual conference is hosted by the County of Renfrew and the Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance, and is brought to you with the collaboration of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

In the spirit of the conference, two participatory chef-led lunches will be hosted, featuring foods of Renfrew County and Northern Ontario.

Session 1: March 10, 2021, 10am to 12pm

Local Food More than Ever: Harvesting the Lessons of COVID-19

This opening session of the North and Eastern Ontario Local Food Conference will explore aspects of the local food system from diverse perspectives. Kicking off the conference will be the keynote speaker, Dr. Evan Fraser. Dr. Fraser is a Professor of Geography and the Director of the Arrell Food Institute at the University of Guelph. A passionate communicator, he has written for the Globe and Mail, the Guardian.com, CNN.com, ForeignAffairs.com, the Walrus and the Ottawa Citizen, and has authored popular non-fiction books about food and food security; most recently *Uncertain Harvest*, published in 2020.

Following the keynote address, a panel of diverse leaders in the local food movement will explore the lessons learned and emerging opportunities for local food, as the sector faces its second year influenced by the pandemic.

Presenters:

- Dr. Evan Fraser, Arrell Food Institute, University of Guelph
- Moe Garahan, Just Food Ottawa, Food Communities Network
- Peggy Brekveld, President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Additional speakers to be added once confirmed.

Session 2: March 17, 2021, 10am -12pm

Navigating Agri-Tourism During a Pandemic

COVID-19 created severe challenges and unknowns for agri-tourism businesses and the tourism sector overall. Operators were impacted during the peak of their season and had to respond and

adapt to the pandemic in order to stay in business. The second session of the North & Eastern Ontario Local Food Conference will explore how the tourism and agri-tourism sector pulled together and innovated to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This session will feature expert speakers from tourism organizations as well as agri-tourism business operators. The speakers will share their journey of navigating unknown conditions and employing creative innovations, adaptations and solutions to push through and the silver linings that emerged during the season.

Presenters:

- Melissa Marquardt, Ottawa Valley Tourist Association
- Duarte Da Silva, Prince Edward County Wine Growers Association
- Leanne Spry, Spry Farm
- Mitch Deschatels, Leisure Farm

Additional speakers to be added once confirmed.

March 17, 12-1 pm

Chef-led Lunch – Taste of the North

Pamela Hamel, CEO of Food + Soil Inc., and blogger @foodsbynature will lead us on an adventure of creating the perfect flexitarian Franco Ontarian Soup. Participants will be able to select the ingredients that fit their dietary interest, including their meat choice of pork sausage, bison, chicken or beef and / or combine with vegetables, white beans to make a robust broth. Topped with local cheese & croutons. While instructing us on making the soup, Chef Hamel will discuss the French culture of the north and east, as well as how to prepare a zero waste lunch. Participants will be provided with a recipe and ingredients list in advance, to follow along in the preparation of the meal if they wish.

Session 3: March 24, 10am – 12 pm

Surviving and Thriving: The Resilience of Local Food

Pivot...the word of the year. This session explores how local food distribution, Farmer's Markets, and local food businesses have re-purposed, re-framed, and re-directed their business models to increase the accessibility of local food and responded to consumer demand. They will share their sometimes roller coaster ride of what 2020 looked like for them, and what their hopes are moving in to 2021 and beyond.

Presenters:

- Danielle Collins, Ontario Federation of Agriculture
- Kevin and Jodi Belluz, Superior Seasons, Thunder Bay
- Chris Penton, Beechwood Farmers' Market, Ottawa

Additional speakers to be added once confirmed.

Session 4: March 31, 2021, 10am - 12 pm

Innovations in the Local Food Frontier: Aquaculture, Aquaponics, Greenhouse Production and Vertical Farming

In the past ten years, new ways of growing have taken off and have shown great potential for increasing local food production. Join OMAFRA specialists Dr. Fadi Al-Daoud (Greenhouse Vegetable Specialist) and Michael McQuire (Aquaculture & Aquaponics Specialist) for an introduction to four systems with the potential to grow the local food sector - aquaculture, aquaponics, greenhouse production and vertical farming. This session will provide an introduction to each production system including types of technologies available, resources for getting started, key industry trends, and innovative ways that businesses, First Nations communities, and non-profits are using these systems to grow their local economies and provide fresh healthy food to their communities.

Presenters:

- Dr. Fadi Al-Daoud, Greenhouse Vegetable Specialist, OMAFRA
- Michael McGuire, Aquaculture and Aquaponics Specialist, OMAFRA:

March 31; 12-1 pm

Chef-led Lunch – Taste of Renfrew County

After this final session, participants are invited to join Renfrew County Chef Tristan Hertzog for a virtual guided culinary experience preparing a lunch consisting of a cedar smoked pickerel, buttered and served with puffed wild rice on a bed of wild foraged greens finished with honey vinaigrette and a crumble of “highland blue” sheep’s milk blue cheese. The ingredients and recipe will be provided in advance and you can follow along as we all prepare the same meal together with Tristan's guidance over Zoom.

2021

Local Food More
Than Ever!



March 10: Local Food More than Ever: Harvesting the Lessons of COVID-19

March 17: Navigating Agri-Tourism During a Pandemic

March 24: Surviving and Thriving: The Resilience of Local Food

March 31: Innovations in the Local Food Frontier: Greenhouse, Vertical Farming, Aquaculture, Aquaponics

*Chef-Led virtual
participatory lunches!*
March 17th & 31st



NORTH & EASTERN ONTARIO LOCAL FOOD VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



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HOSTED BY:

Economic Development Services



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March 3, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
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Toronto, ON
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RE: Ontario Northland Transportation Services

Dear Premier Ford,

The Township of North Algona Wilberforce and the immediate surrounding area is home to a significant growing population of Mennonites. These very industrious people are thriving in our farm rich rural community and have become a very important component of both our business and the townships cultural fibre.

One barrier that the Mennonites face in our rural community is access to bus and train routes.

Mennonites in our area travel locally in buggies, for longer trips although very inconvenient they depend on the service provided by Ontario Northland bus transportation along the Highway 17 corridor. Unfortunately, the closest access to Ontario Northland bus services is Cobden, in some cases a 20-kilometre journey by horse and buggy. This causes a logistical dilemma as to what to do with the horse and buggy as there is no proper facility in Cobden to care for horses.

At a time in the past there was bus service through the area where the Mennonites have settled, mainly the Highway 60 corridor between Eganville and Renfrew, this service stopped prior to the establishment of the larger Mennonite community.

Recognizing the needs of our Mennonite residents and, also our large senior population the Township believes that having regular service through our community will be of great benefit to Mennonites who through their beliefs exclusively use bus transportation, our seniors who can no longer drive, and the new growing population of urban turned rural dwellers who need regular access to urban centres.

The Township of North Algona Wilberforce requests that the province review transportation service routes in our area with Ontario Northland and recommend that they consider at the very least a two-day service a week from Pembroke along Highway 41 and 60, through Eganville to Renfrew in place of Pembroke to Cobden to Renfrew along Highway 17.

Providing this service will help North Algona Wilberforce and the surrounding townships grow and bounce back after a long hard year of COVID -19 restrictions. This route would take away the barrier that restricts Mennonite travel from our area to other parts of the province.

Thank you in advance Premier Ford for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or our Township Chief Administrative officer.

A certified copy of the resolution is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,



James Brose
Mayor, North Algona Wilberforce Township
jbrose@nalgonaWil.com



Andrew Sprunt
CAO
cao@nalgonaWil.com

Cc MPP John Yakabuski
Warden Debbie Robinson, County of Renfrew
All Renfrew County Municipalities

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH ALGONA WILBERFORCE**

1091 Shaw Woods Road , Eganville , Ontario , K0J1T0
Tel: 613.628.2080

March 2, 2021

RESOLUTION**Resolution # 2021-03-02-094****Agenda Item # 11.2 Regular****Moved By :** Doug Buckwald**Seconded By :** Melvin Berndt

That Council authorizes the Mayor to sign a letter of support of bus service to North Algona Wilberforce.

And Further, the Mayor be authorized to sign a letter to Premier Doug Ford and Provincial Minister John Yakabuski requesting that Ontario Northland service North Algona Wilberforce and surrounding areas.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Doug Buckwald	✓			
James Brose	✓			
Janet Reiche-Schoenfeldt	✓			
Maria Robinson	✓			
Melvin Berndt	✓			

Carried

This is a certified and true copy of a resolution passed by the Township of North Algona Wilberforce.

James Brose, Mayor

A Report on Trail Usage

Prepared for Renfrew County

By: The Ontario Trails Council

February 2021

DRAFT

Background

In November 2020 the Ontario Trails Council (OTC) was retained by The County of Renfrew to design and host a survey to assess the use of trails and the impact of this use in Renfrew County.

Working in partnership with the staff of the County, OTC designed a series of questions for Trail Users, Provincial Level Trail Organizations and Regional Trail Stakeholders.

The Community Survey on Trail Activity and Use in Renfrew County - an individual trail user survey, focused on users of the trail and asked users questions relevant to their trips, the trails they use, how often, and sought answer about their experience and expenditure when using Renfrew Trails. This category broke out trail users into 13 different types of use, non-motorized and motorized.

The Provincial Level Trail Organization survey was focused on determining the level of Renfrew trail use that is supported by these organizations and determine the level of use that could be attributed to marketing or club support that drew these users to Renfrew County from these sources.

The Regional Trail Stakeholder Survey was designed to offer an assessment of the overall positive impact of the Renfrew County Trail use on other businesses and services that provide a service or product to trail users of Renfrew County trails. This included an estimate by type of trail user activity. For example cyclists would use cycling shops, motorized would use garages and fuel, and all would use a variety of restaurants and accommodation.

Overall the response rate was strongest to the Trail User Survey with 525 responses. The second highest level of response was from the Regional Trail Stakeholder Survey, with the Provincial Level Survey offering some insight to specific activity ATV'ing.

As a result this report will focus largely on the response of trail users to gauge the impact of Renfrew County Trails available for public use.

Results - Community Survey on Trail Activity and Use in Renfrew County

Overall 525 respondents to 18 questions.

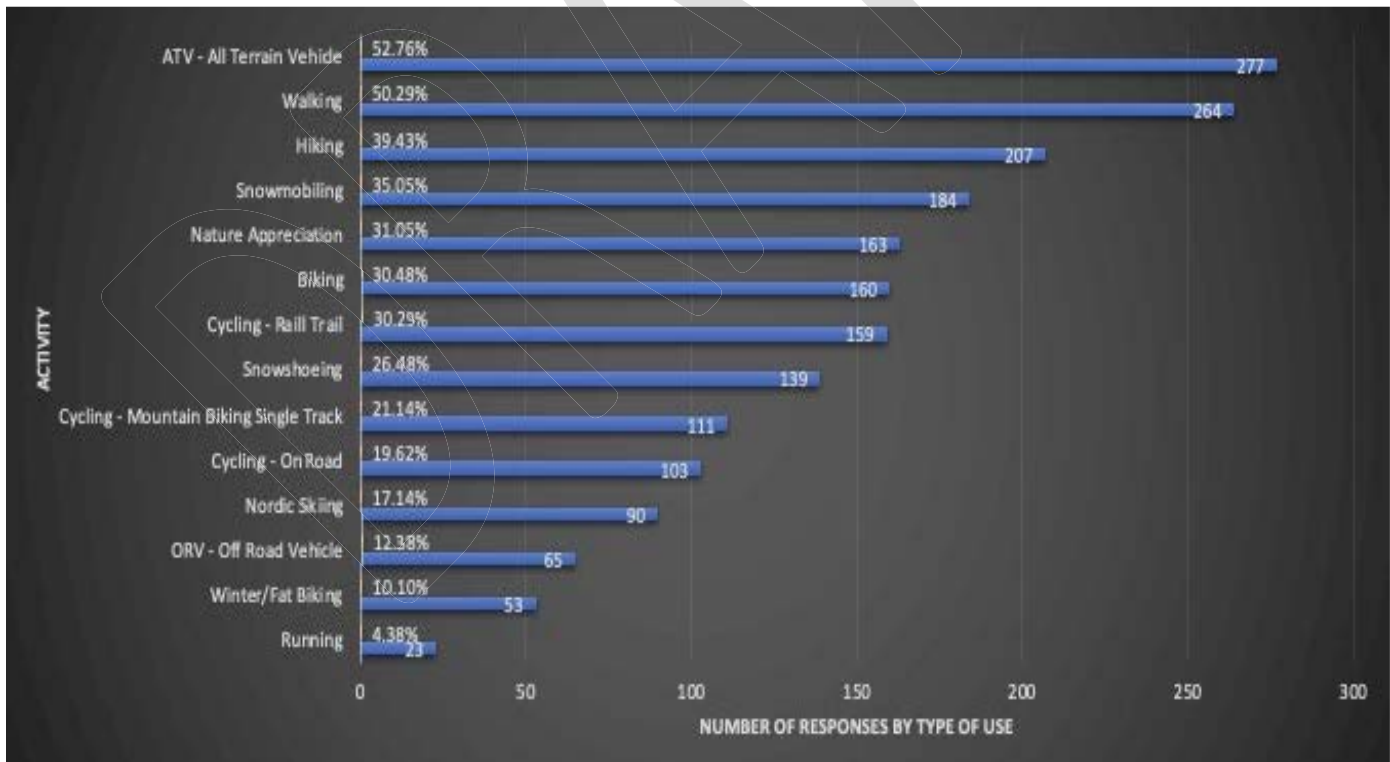
1. **Name** - while not required to provide a name, 283 people did provide a name. This will allow follow up if deemed of value in the future.
2. **Phone Number** - while not required to provide a telephone number, 225 people did provide a telephone number. This will allow follow up if deemed of value in the future.
3. **Email** - while not required to provide an email address, 225 people did provide an email address. This will allow follow up if deemed of value in the future.
4. **Postal Code - 525**, or 100% of respondents did provide a Postal Code. 55 different postal codes were reported. The Postal Code Response numbers by postal code will help to generally determine the location of the respondent:
 - a. K0J - 106 - Beachburg, Calabogie, Cobden
 - b. K8A, K8B - 105 - Pembroke
 - c. K0A - 61 - Ottawa, Casselman, Pakenham, Arnprior, Almonte, Richmond
 - d. K7S - 44 - Arnprior
 - e. K7V - 41 - Renfrew
 - f. K8H - 39 - Petawawa
 - g. K0G - 13 - Lanark, Kemptville, McDonald's Corners
 - h. K2G, K2J, K2E, K2H - 9 - Nepean
 - i. K2W, K2K, K2L, K2M, K2T - 8 - Kanata
 - j. K1H, K1L, K1N, K1S, K1Y, K2A, K2C - 8 - Ottawa
 - k. K7C - 8 - Carlton Place
 - l. K0C - 6 - Ingleside, Winchester
 - m. K0E - 6 - Cardinal, Spencerville, Toledo, Mallorytown
 - n. K7A - 5 - Smiths Falls
 - o. J0X - 4 - Oxford, London
 - p. K6V - 4 - Brockville
 - q. K7H - 4 - Perth
 - r. K7P, K7K, K7M - 4 - Kingston
 - s. K0H - 3 - Elginburg, Glenburnie, Maberly
 - t. K0K - 3 - Marmora, Madoc, Baltimore
 - u. K0L - 3 - Bancroft
 - v. K2S - 3 - Stittsville
 - w. K0B - 2 - Curran
 - x. K4A - 2 - Orleans
 - y. K4P - 2 - Greely
 - z. K7G - 2 - Gananoque
 - aa. K0M - 1 - Cameron
 - bb. K1B - 1 - Gloucester

- cc. K4M - 1- Manotick
- dd. K4R - 1 - Russell
- ee. K6T - 1 - Unknown
- ff. K8N - 1- Belleville
- gg. K9H - 1- Peterborough
- hh. L0B - 1- Orono
- ii. N0B - 1- Ballinfad
- jj. N5W - 1- London
- kk. P1B - 1 - North Bay

438 of the postal codes reporting are within 60 kilometers of the trail, along various points of the trail. This represents 83.4% of all respondents, who could be considered trail local.

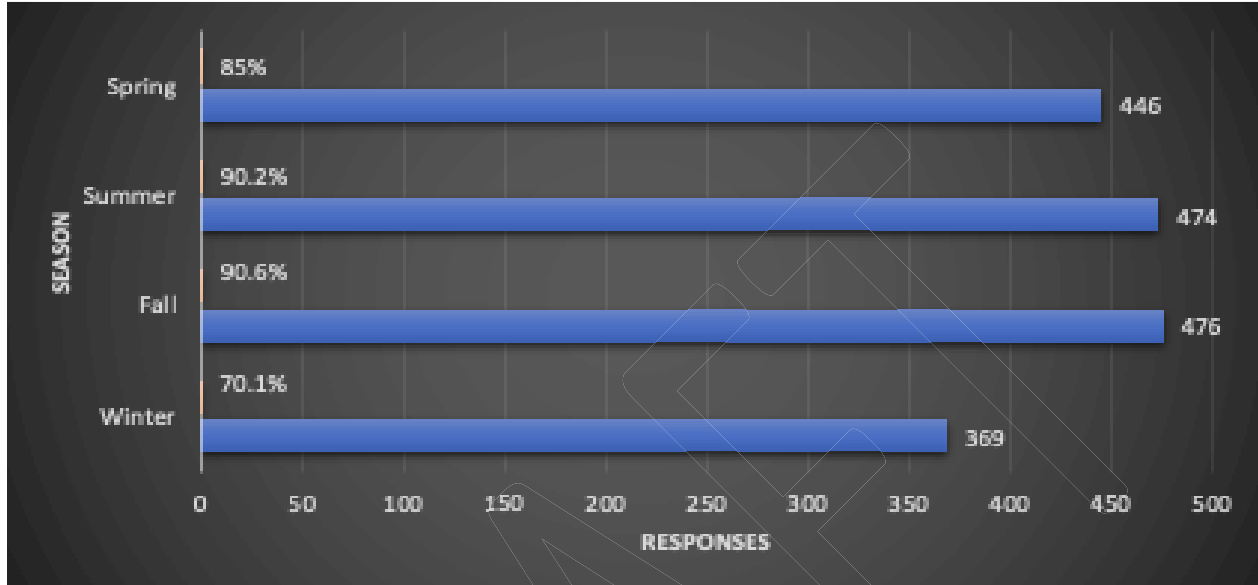
5. What trail activities do you do on Renfrew County trails? Number of responses: 525

The survey targeted 14 different trail use activities. All 14 uses are engaged on Renfrew County trails. The largest use group is pedestrian with a multi-season total of 412 responses. All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) with 343 respondents, all types of Cycling see 330 responses.



6. What seasons do you use Renfrew County Trails?

Overall the trails in Renfrew County are used all four seasons. The users report using the trails most in the Fall, followed by Summer, then Spring and then Winter.



7. Do you belong to a Renfrew County trail organization or trail user group? If so, which one(s) do you support? 525 responses

275 respondents indicated that they do not belong to a trail organization or trail user group. 59 respondents indicated that they support a provincial level organization, 25 Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs (OFATV), 33 Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs and 1 indicating they support The Ontario Federation of Trail Riders (OFTR). 31 local clubs support activity on Renfrew County Trails. The breakout of support by respondents by group is as follows:

- ATV - 118
- Snowmobile - 95
- Cycling - 41
- Cross Country Ski - 6
- Trail Development or Management Organization - 6
- Dirt Bike - 3
- Field Naturalists - 1

The 31 Clubs supporting Renfrew County Trails responding to the survey are:

Motorcycle/Dirt Bike

- Baytown Motorcycle Club
- Algonquin Trail Riders

Cycling/Mountain Biking

- Ottawa Valley Cycling and Active Transportation Alliance
- Beachburg Off Road Cycling Association (BORCA)
- Free the Woods MTBC
- LCMBA
- Omba

Snowmobiling

- Bonnechere Valley Snodrifters
- Bonntrae Snowmobile Clubs
- Calabogie & District Snowmobile Club
- Eganville Sno Drifters
- Griffith Madawaska Snowmobile Club
- Missing Link Snowmobile Club
- North Renfrew Snowmobile Assoc.
- Opeongo Snowbirds
- Halliburton, Bancroft, Ottawa Valley Snow Mobile Districts
- Timberline Snowmobile Club
- WCSTA
- White Water Sno Goers
- Riverside Snowmobile Club
- Snow country snowmobile region
- Snowmobile Clubs Missing Link

Cross Country Skiing

- Deep River XC
- Forest Lea Trails
- Madawaska Nordic
- Pembroke Cross Country Ski Club

Trail Development and Management Organizations

- EOTA
- MVT
- Four Seasons Conservancy

ATV/ORV

- KATVA
- Napanee ATV
- Nation Valley ATV
- Ottawa Valley ATV Club
- RCATV
- Rideau Lakes ATV
- Thousand Islands ATV Club

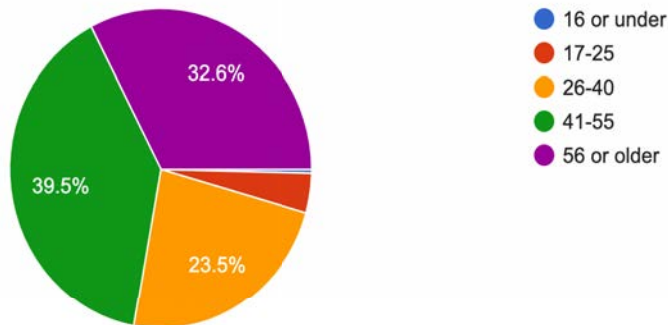
Naturalist

- Macnamara Field Naturalists

8. What is your Age?

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524 responses



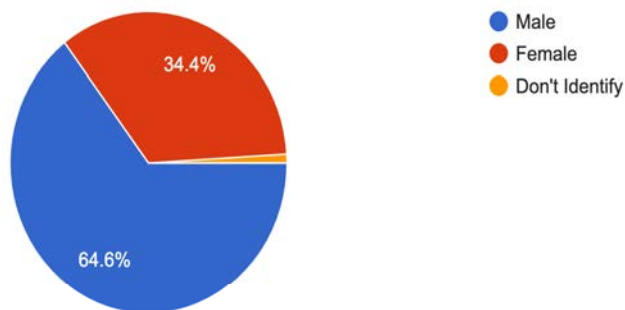
The largest respondent group is aged 41-55 (207 or 39.5%) of all responses. The second largest respondent group is aged 56 or older (171 or 32.6%) of all responses. The third largest group response group is 26-40 (123 or 23.5%) of all responses. The 4th group 17-25 represents (21 or 4%) of all responses. Only 2 responses where 16 or under.

Significantly 72.1% of all users are 41 or older and this population demographic has both the time and the dollars to spend on trail use and trail support through tourism.

9. What is your gender?

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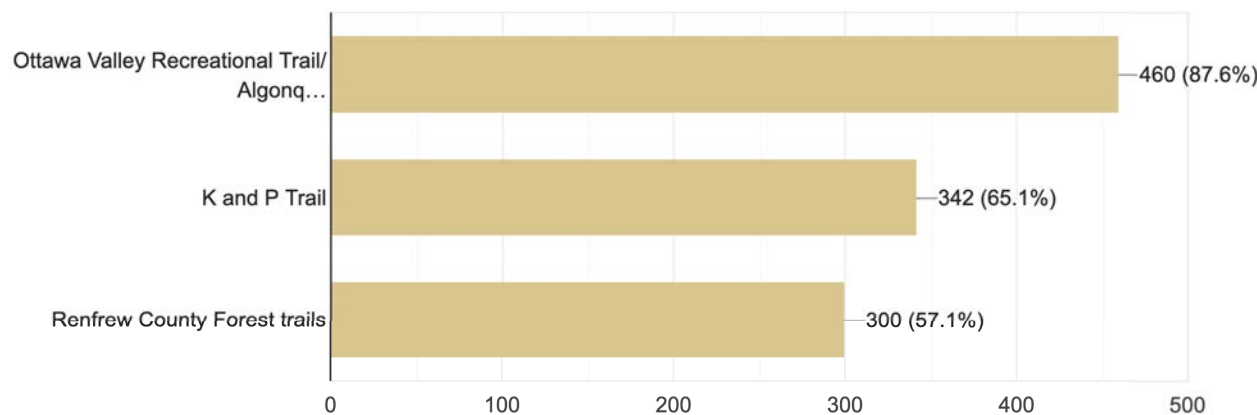
523 responses



There is clearly a larger male use of the Renfrew County Trails, than female. The male use is nearly 2x greater than female use. The total number of male responses was 338 to 180 female, with 5 users not identifying. There may be a correlation between this representative population use and the activity use on the trail.

10. Have you used the Renfrew County owned Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail/Algonquin Trail, K and P Recreational Trails? Or have you used trails in Renfrew County forests? 525 responses.

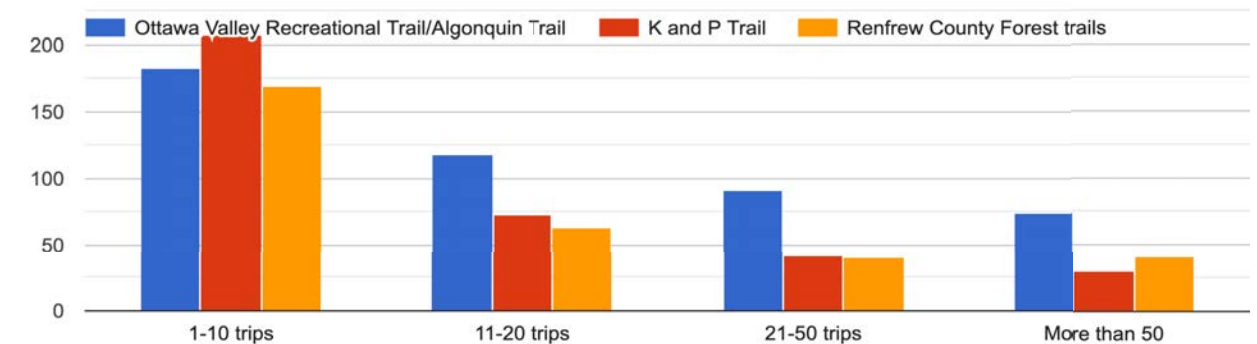
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525 responses



The survey shows that most, 460 (87.6%) of respondents use the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail/Algonquin Trail, followed by 342 (65.1%) using the K and P Trail. Nearly 300 (60%) also use the Renfrew County Forest trails.

11. Estimated number of trail trips per season, please check the trails and then provide an estimated number of trips per trail.

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I. Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail/Algonquin Trail Use

- 178 people indicate they use this trail 1-10 times a year, that represents a minimum of 178 to a maximum of 1,780 trips per year.
- 118 people indicate they use this trail 11-20 times per year for a minimum number of trips of 1,298 to a maximum of 2,360 trips per annum.
- 83 people indicate they use this trail 21-50 times per year for a minimum number of trips equaling 1,743 to a maximum of 4,150 trips per year.
- 74 people indicate they use this trail more than 50 times per year for a minimum number of trips of 3,700.

As a result a minimum of number of trips per year on the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail/Algonquin Trail could be stated as 6,929. A maximum estimate based upon the survey is in excess of 11,990 trips per year.

ii. K and P Trail Use

- 208 people indicate they use this trail 1-10 times a year, that represents a minimum of 208 to a maximum of 2,080 trips per year.
- 73 people indicate they use this trail 11-20 times per year for a minimum number of trips of 803 to a maximum of 1,460 trips per annum.
- 39 people indicate they use this trail 21-50 times per year for a minimum number of trips equaling 819 to a maximum of 1,950 trips per year.
- 25 people indicate they use this trail more than 50 times per year for a minimum number of trips of 1,250.

As a result a minimum of number of trips per year on the K and P Trail could be stated as 3,080. A maximum estimate based upon the survey is in excess of 6,740 trips per year.

iii. Renfrew County Forest Trails Use

- 170 people indicate they use this trail 1-10 times a year, that represents a minimum of 170 to a maximum of 1,700 trips per year.
- 55 people indicate they use this trail 11-20 times per year for a minimum number of trips of 605 to a maximum of 1,100 trips per annum.
- 38 people indicate they use this trail 21-50 times per year for a minimum number of trips equaling 651 to a maximum of 1,900 trips per year.
- 40 people indicate they use this trail more than 50 times per year for a minimum number of trips of 2,000.

As a result a minimum of number of trips per year on the Renfrew County Forest Trails could be stated as 3,426. A maximum estimate based upon the survey is in excess of 6,700 trips per year.

Over the entire Renfrew County Trail environment the survey indicates a minimum of 13,435 trail trips to a maximum in excess of 20,338 trail trips per year. Based on 525 respondents for an average number of trips of 39 per person per year.

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12. What other Renfrew County trails do you use? Please list up to 3 in order of most to least use. 525 responses

- 307 respondents supplied at least 3 other trails or trail types that they used in addition to the OVRT/Algonquin or Renfrew County Forest Trails.
- 205 respondents replied that they use no other trails in Renfrew County.
- 43 respondents re-ported that they used OVRT/Algonquin Trail.
- 34 respondents replied that they used other trails but they did not know the names of them, and or other non area trails.
- 116 trails by name or by type where identified: ATV, Beachburg, Calabogie, Snowmobile, Shaw Woods, Provincial Park and Crown Forest trails had multiple trails identified within the catchment, i.e Snowmobiling Top and B for example.

Responses by type - highest to least use mentioned

Snowmobiling OFSC - 58 incl. G, B, North Renfrew, Missing Link, Top A, Top B, Top E, 103R. 101 24 22, E105A, B101A, E102, B, 101, 106, 106A, A100, A103, B101a, 127, 126
ATV trails - 31, incl. Dacre, RCATV, OFATV, Nation Valley, Ottawa Valley ATV Club trails
Forest Lea - 30
Petawawa - 25, incl Terrace Trail, Research Forest, Centennial, Garrison, Fish Hatchery, Emerald Trail
Roads - 22 incl. Unmanaged, ROW, logging, bush, gravel, Crown Land
Beachburg County Forest - 18, incl. Lavallee Loop, Brewery and Forest
Shaw Woods - 18
Algonquin Park - 16 incl. Barron Canyon and Algonquin Pass
BORCA trails other than County Forest - 16, incl. Algonquin Pass, Pappin, Lorne, Chuckamoon
Calabogie - 14 incl. Ski, hiking, cycling
Eagles Nest - 13
Crown Land - 13
Griffith - 11
Greater Madawaska Trails - 10
Pembroke - 10 incl. Waterfront, Emerald Necklace, Kiwanis Park, Terrace Park and PAXC
Manitou Mountain - 8
Private Property - 7
Bennies - 5, incl. Bennies 2, and Bennies Corners, 2
Grove in Arnprior - 5

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Mateway Trail - 5
Mvt - 5, Incl 1- Almonte River and 2 -Sugarbush
Provincial Parks Trails - 5 incl. Foy PP, and Petawawa PP
Hydro Lines - 4
RC Forest Trails - 4
CN Rail - 4
Rail Bed - unidentified by name - 4
Arnprior - 3, to Renfrew, to Pakenham, to Almonte
Deep River - 3, incl. 1 - Silverspoon, and 1 - The Four Season
Golden Lake Area - 3
Lake St. Pierre Dirt Bike Trails - 3
Pakotina - 3
Westmeath - 3, incl. Loop and PP
Perth -2
Black Bay - 2
Alice Tract - 2
Eastern Ontario - 2
Egan Trail - 2, incl. 1- Geoheritage Trail
Gatineau Park - 2
Chalk River - 2
Barry's Bay/Wilno Area - 2
McNamara Trail - 2
Cobden - 2, incl. 1, Cobden Marsh Trail
Papin - 2
Silver Spoon - 2
Town of Renfrew Trails - 2, 1-Millennium
Dacre Heights Trails - 1
Chippior's Tract - 1
Crazy Horse - 1
Fraser Area Tracts - 1

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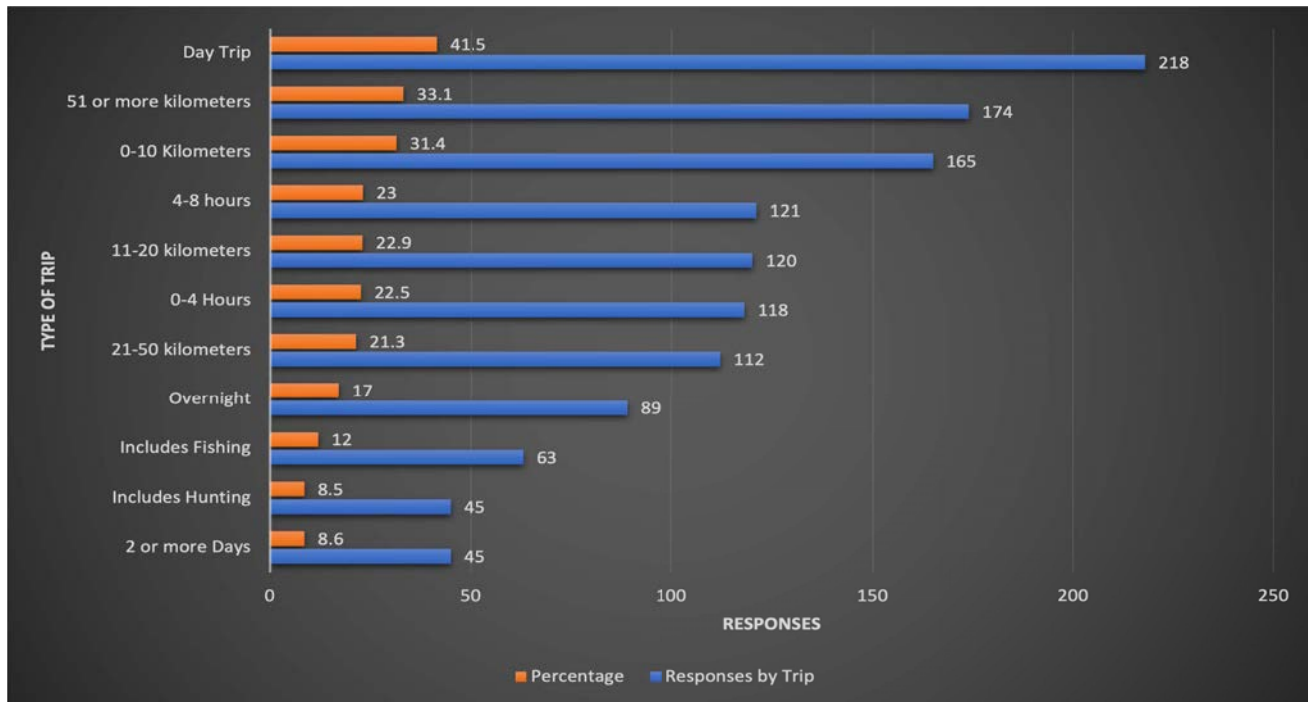
Horton Trail - 1
"Gravel Guys" - 1
Inspiration Trail - 1
Driftwood Park Trails - 1
Laurentian Valley Skating Trail - 1
Loggers Loop - 1
McNab/Braeside - 1
Opeongo - 1
Paugh Lake Trail - 1
Blueberry Mountain - 1
Bob Daze Trail - 1
Bonnechere Falls - 1
Petite Nation - 1
Bas Lake - 1
Trans Canada Trail - 1
Waban Lake - 1

The greatest number of trails mentioned other than the OVRT/Algonquin, K and P Trail and Renfrew County Trails are snowmobiling at 58, followed by ATV at 31, and then Forest Lea at 30.

These are the top 3 responses as to other trails that people use in Renfrew County. However, it is important to note that the survey caught a large number of trails that respondents new about.

When summed to the OVRT/A, K and P and RCF, this leaves a strong impression that approximately 60% of survey respondents are aware of at least 6 trails each, and that they are aware through use.

13. Please tell use about your trail trips. 525 responses.



Duration of Trip

The survey tells us that 41.5% percent of all trips on Renfrew County Trails are day trips. 17% of trips are overnight. 23% are 4-8 hour trips, 22.5% are 0-4 hour trips and 8.6% are 2 or more days. So people using the trail tend to use it for single or partial day use, 87% of the time. This is a strong indicator of local use.

25.6% of respondents indicate that they use the trail for an overnight 17% and a further 8.6% travel two or more days. With 25.6% of all users of the three trail systems staying over night or more this is a strong indicator that the trail is supported by a trail tourism. In fact 20.5% of trail users indicate that they are using Renfrew Trails to support hunting and fishing.

Trip Distance

Respondents indicate that they travel 51 or more kilometers on their trips 33.1% of the time, another 31.4% of the time people are travelling 0-10 kilometers, 22.9% of people travel 11-20 kilometers and 21.3% travel 21-50 kilometers.

The long distance trips are likely including the overnight stays, the shorter duration trip of 0-10 kilometers are local use. The 11-50 kilometer trips are most likely cycling.

14. Estimated number of multi-day trips per season. 525 responses

235 respondents indicate they do not do multi day trips = 235 trips
39 people indicate they do 1 multi-day trip per year = 39 trips
65 people indicate they do 2 multi-day trips per year = $65 \times 2 = 130$ trips
30 people indicate they do 3 multi-day trips per year = $90 \times 2 = 180$ trips
33 people indicate they do 4 multi-day trips per year = $132 \times 2 = 264$ trips
15 people indicate they do 5 multi-day trips per year = $75 \times 2 = 150$ trips
25 people indicate they do 1-5 multi-day trips per year = $62.5 \times 2 = 125$ trips
6 people indicate they do 6 multi-day trips per year = $36 \times 2 = 72$ trips
2 people indicate they do 7 multi-day trips per year = $14 \times 2 = 28$ trips
2 people indicate they do 8 multi-day trips per year = $16 \times 2 = 32$ trips
18 people indicate they do 10 multi-day trips per year = $180 \times 2 = 360$ trips
3 people indicate they do 12 multi-day trips per year = $36 \times 2 = 72$ trips
1 person indicates they do 14 multi-day trips per year = $14 \times 2 = 28$ trips
4 people indicate they do 15 multi-day trips per year = $60 \times 2 = 120$ trips
1 person indicates they do 16 multi-day trips per year = $16 \times 2 = 32$ trips
3 people indicate they do 18 multi-day trips per year = $54 \times 2 = 108$ trips
17 people indicate they do 20 multi-day trips per year = $340 \times 2 = 680$ trips
6 people indicate they do 10-20 multi-day trips per year = $90 \times 2 = 180$ trips
1 person indicates they do 30 multi-day trips per year = $30 \times 2 = 60$ trips
2 people indicate they do 50 multi-day trips per year = $100 \times 2 = 200$ trips
1 person indicates they do 120 multi-day trips per year = $120 \times 2 = 240$ trips
1 person indicates they do 150 multi-day trips per year = $150 \times 2 = 300$ trips
2 people indicate they do 200 multi-day trips per year. (may exceed total number of days in a year).
11 no target, just use a lot. = 11×2 for 22 trips.

In sum, a low estimate (only counted 2 days as a minimum duration of a multi-day trip) of the number of trips, by the 486 respondents, on Renfrew County Trails would be: 3,657 trips

15. Estimated average expenditures per trail trip.

142 people indicate they spend 0, x 51 multiple day or single day trips = 0
7 people indicate they spend \$1, x 23 multiple trips = \$23.00
3 people indicate they spend \$2, x 21 multiple trips = \$42.00
3 people indicate they spend \$3, x 14 multiple trips = \$42.00
1 person indicates they spend \$4, x 2 multiple trips = \$8.00
6 people indicate they spend \$5, x 20 multiple trips = \$100.00
1 person indicates they spend \$7, x 3 multiple trips = \$21.00
17 people indicate they spend \$10, x 24 multiple trips = \$240.00
17 people indicate they spend \$20, x single trips = $\$20.00 \times 17 = \340.00
9 people indicate they spend \$25, x 20 multiple trips = \$500
25 people indicate they spend \$30, x 11 multiple trips = \$330.00

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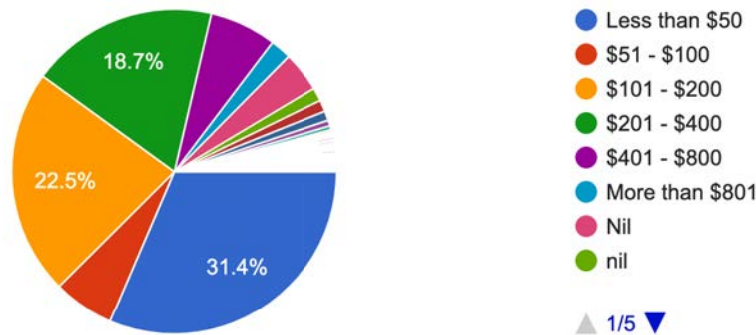
2 people indicate they spend \$35, x 2 single trips = \$70
17 people indicate they spend \$40, x 123 multiple trips = \$4,920
30 people indicate they spend \$50, x 84 multiple trips = \$4,200 + (11 single trips = \$550) = \$4,750
5 people indicate they spend \$60, x 47 multiple trips = \$4,620
5 people indicate they spend \$75, x 16 multiple trips = \$5,955 + (2 single trips = \$150) = \$6,105
5 people indicate they spend \$80, x 13 multiple trips = \$5,200 (1 single trips = \$80) = \$5,280
1 person indicates they spend \$90, x 1 multiple trip = \$90.00
76 people indicate they spend \$100, x 169 multiple trips = \$16,900 + (28 single trips = \$2,800) = \$19,700
3 people indicate they spend \$120 per trip x 22 trips = \$2,640
1 person indicates they spend \$125 for one trip = \$125
13 people indicate they spend \$150 per trip x 83 trips = \$12,450
21 people indicate they spend \$200 per trip x 82 trips = \$16,400
5 people indicate they spend \$250 x 21 trips = \$5,25600
10 people indicate they spend \$300 x 60 trips = \$18,00120
2 people indicate they spend \$350 x 12 multiple trips = \$414,200
4 people indicate they spend \$400 x 14 multiple trips = \$5,6100
1 person indicates they spend \$425 = \$425.006
2 people indicate they spend \$450 on 6 multiple trips = \$2,700
16 people indicate they spend \$500 on 56 multiple trips = \$28,500
2 people indicate they spend \$600 on 14 multiple trips = \$8,400
2 people indicate they spend \$800 on 4 multiple trips = \$3,200
1 person indicates they spend \$900 on 2 multiple trips = \$1,800
4 people indicate they spend \$1,000 on 18 multiple trips = \$18,000
2 people indicate they spend \$2,000 on 18 multiple trips = \$36,000

The survey indicates the 319 people reporting spending money on their trail trips. They spent \$215,071 on 1,202 reported trips of single or a minimum of 1 multiple days. Therefore a minimum estimate would be an average expenditure of \$178.93 per trip per person.

16. If you purchase a trail pass/permit, or pay for parking or an access fee when you are on a Renfrew County trail, how much do you spend per year?

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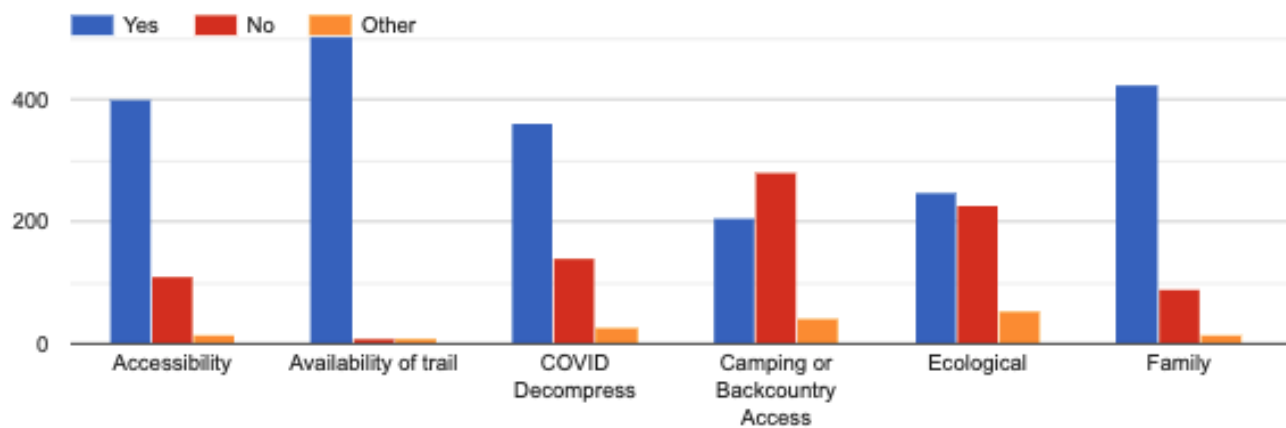
Moving from highest individual expenditure to lowest shows that


- 11 respondents indicate they spend more than \$800 per year for a minimum total of \$8,800
- 24 respondents indicate they spend between \$401-\$800 per year on fees for trail use. This is a minimum of \$8,820 to a maximum of \$19,200.
- 98 people (18.7%) spend \$201-\$400 per year on fees for trail use. This is a minimum of \$19,968 to a maximum of \$36,200.
- 119 people (22.5%) spend \$101-\$200 per year on fees for trail use. This is a minimum of \$12,118 to a maximum of \$23,800.
- 31 respondents indicate they spend between \$51-\$100. This represents a minimum of \$1,581 to a maximum of \$3,100.
- 179 people (31.4%) spend less than \$50 per year on fees for trail use. This is an estimated total of \$5,950.
- 57 people indicate they do not purchase a permit or pass or fund.

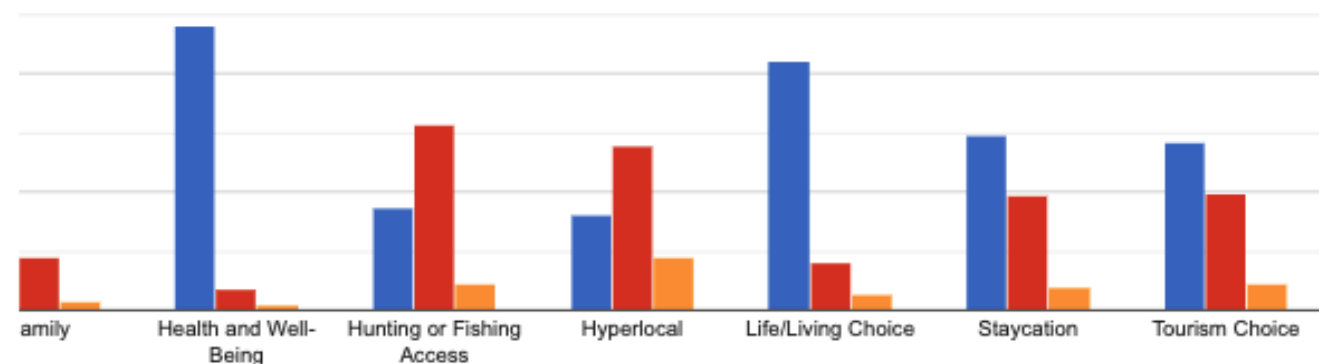
The survey indicates a minimum expenditure by the 468 people of \$48,437 or \$103.50 per person per year. The survey indicates a maximum expenditure by the 468 people of \$97,050 or \$207.37 per person per year.

17. There are many trail benefits. Which of these benefits apply to you by using Renfrew County trails?

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The respondents indicate that the benefits of the trail that matter most are:

- 1. Availability of the Trail
- 2. Health and Well-Being
- 3. Life/Living Choice
- 4. Family
- 5. Accessibility
- 6. COVID Decompress
- 7. Staycation

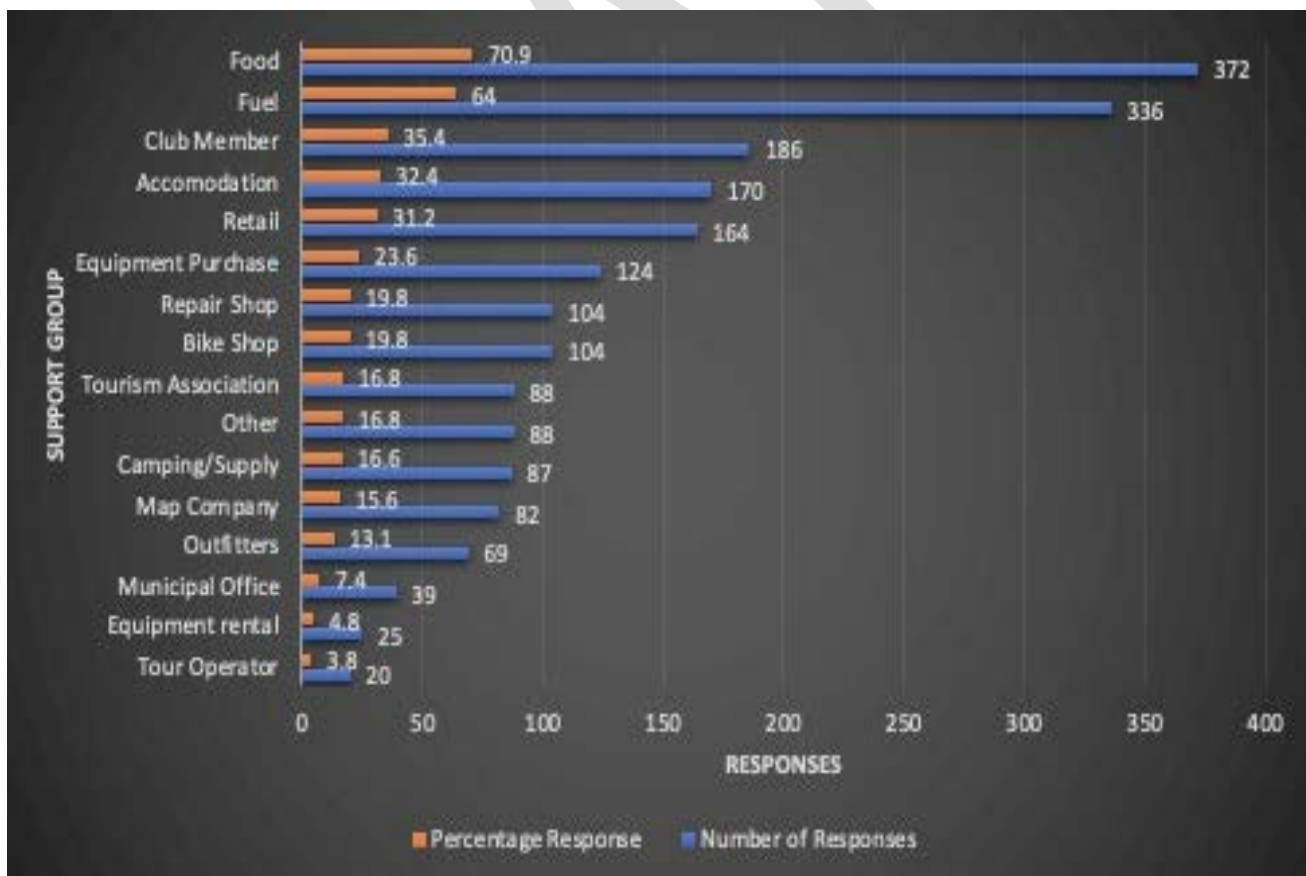
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8. Tourism Choice
9. Ecological
10. Camping or Backcountry
11. Hunting or Fishing
12. Hyperlocal

The Availability of the Trail is the most important value to the respondents. The top 6 identified benefits of the trails are all about quality of life impacts. There is a correlation between trail availability, people's health and well-being, and that there are life and living impacts that people value and are able to express by having trails.

The positive impacts of the trails are also expressed through the valuation of the trails in COVID Decompress reporting. Clearly, the local value of trails is reported in the top 50% of response categories, the value of the trail to the economy and travel activity make up 50%, but the lesser 50%. Therefore the local value of the trail offers a tourism product, that supports the local use.

18. There are a wide range of support groups that make trails available to the public. Do you use any of these to plan your trail activity or when you go for your trail trip?



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- Food - this is the largest single volume of retail purchases at 372 (70.9%) respondents reporting the purchased food.
- Fuel - this is the second largest volume of retail purchases at 336 (64%) respondents reporting they purchase fuel.
- Accommodation - 170 respondents report using accommodation in support of their trail trips.
- Merchandise Support - 25 respondents indicate they rent equipment for their trail trips, a further 124 indicate that they purchase equipment for their trip, 87 purchase camping gear or supplies and 104 trail users supported a local bike shop. Lastly 164 people went to a Retail Outlet for supplies of some sort. This is 524 of 2058, or 25 of all answers.
- Repair - 104 people went to a bike shop, another 104 went to a repair shop, this is 208 trips.
- Information - 186 (35%) people use a club, 104 use a bike shop, 88 use a tourism association, 82 use a map or map company, 69 use an outfitter and 20 a tour operator for support. This represents. This category represents 529 uses of this type of services.

Therefore the survey reports 2,058 trips to a support service against a total of 3,657 trail trips. This means that more than 56.7% of the time a person takes a trail trip in Renfrew they are also using a support service. Nearly 71% of the time they purchase food, 64% of the time they purchase fuel, 35% of the time they support a club and 32% of the time they use accommodation.

IN SUMMARY

The 3 trails surveyed, the Ottawa Valley Algonquin Trail, K and P Trail and the Renfrew County Forest trails are a multi season trail system. Used in the majority by men, but not exclusively so.

The survey shows that most, 460 (87.6%) of respondents use the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail/Algonquin Trail, followed by 342 (65.1%) using the K and P Trail. Nearly 300 (60%) also use the Renfrew County Forest trails.

The survey discovered that overall the respondents are aware of 61 different trails or trail systems in the County, and that they are aware of over 31 club and organizations that support their trail activities.

The community understands and appreciates the community health, economic and community benefit the trail provides. With an overwhelming number of respondents indicating that they appreciate the availability of the trail the most. Significantly 72.1% of all users are 41 or older and this population demographic has both the time and the dollars to spend on trail use and trail support through tourism.

The majority of respondents identified as being within 60 kilometers of some point of the trail. 41.5% of all trips on the trail are day trips, with 44.5% of those trips lasting between 0-8 hours. Another 17% of trail trips are overnight trips.

Over the entire Renfrew County Trail environment the survey indicates a minimum of 13,435 trail trips to a maximum in excess of 20,338 trail trips per year. Based on 525 respondents for an average number of trips of 39 per person per year.

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Additionally, the survey indicates a minimum expenditure on passes or permits by the 468 people of \$48,437 or \$103.50 per person per year. The survey indicates a maximum expenditure by the 468 people of \$97,050 or \$207.37 per person per year.

The survey indicates the 319 people reporting spending money on their trail trips. They spent \$215,071 on 1,202 reported trips of single or a minimum of 1 multiple days. Therefore a minimum estimate would be an average expenditure of \$178.93 per trip per person.

While the survey does not track dollar expenditures at services related to trails, 74% of trail users purchase food, 64% purchase fuel, 35% support a club and 25% used some form of retail, with 10% using a repair service.

So in trying to determine a valuation of expenditures on the trails we know:

- A minimum pass/permit expenditure on average is \$103.50 and the minimum trip expenditure is \$178.93 for a total \$281.43. The survey reports a minimum of 13,435 trail trips for a total minimum trail use economy of \$3,775,235.00
- We believe the number of trail trips taken to be underreported. This is because the sample of 525 is only .006% of the population of 88,512 in Renfrew County. Additionally, we used a factor of 2 days maximum for all multi day trips, which in some cases could be much larger than 2 days. Therefore it is not unreasonable to use the maximum number of trail trips as 20,338 which creates a Renfrew Trail Use economy of \$5,723,723.00 per year.

In closing, more accurate counting of the number of trail trips, perhaps even at every trail would enable a better overall assessment of the full expenditure on Renfrew County Trails.

OTTAWA VALLEY TOURIST ASSOCIATION REPORT

Prepared by: Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

March 16, 2021

INFORMATION

1. Winter Photo/Video Shoots

Weather and the on-going pandemic has continued to challenge the municipal winter photo and video shoots. A successful shoot took place in the Township of Laurentian Valley on February 25, as well as a skating segment in the Town of Deep River on March 3, 2021. As the prime opportunity for winter photos has now passed, future shoots will be scheduled for the warmer months and on-going throughout 2021.

2. Ottawa Valley Tourism Awards

The 2021 Ottawa Valley Tourism Awards opened nominations on March 1, 2021. Members are encouraged to self-nominate or nominate a fellow Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) member for merit or an event that took place in 2020. Municipalities are also encouraged to nominate their local businesses and events and/or municipally-led initiatives which meet the criteria. Application forms are available on the [OVTA website](#) for the following awards:

- Marilyn Alexander Tourism Champion Award – for an individual.
- Business of Distinction Award – for a business.
- Special Event of the Year Award – for an in-person or virtual event that took place in 2020.

The deadline to submit nominations is April 9, 2021.

All nominations are reviewed and winners are selected by a panel comprised of two OVTA Directors and the Warden, or designate.

3. Road and Cycling Map Advertising

Advertising opportunities are now available for the 2021 Ottawa Valley Road Map and updated Cycling Map.

The 2021 Road Map will be distributed via Canada Post to all households in Renfrew County (approximately 50,000 copies), as well as via local businesses to encourage residents to travel locally this year.

Municipalities are encouraged to advertise in the Road Map to promote their local communities and support local tourism businesses who continue to be affected by the pandemic.

The updated Cycling map will have a two-year shelf life and will be promoted via the OVTA's partnership with Ontario By Bike and local cycling groups. The map will be distributed via local businesses, direct mail (upon request) and cycling events, etc.

Businesses who purchase advertising in both publications receive a 15% discount. The deadline to purchase advertising and submit ad materials is Monday, March 22, 2021.

ENTERPRISE RENFREW COUNTY REPORT

Prepared by: Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

March 16, 2021

INFORMATION

1. Starter Company Plus – Funded New Businesses [Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (b)]

At the culmination of each four-month training session, clients may elect to compete in a business plan pitch contest for an award of up to \$5,000 in funding through the Starter Company Plus program. In the session ending this month, nine companies elected to compete and the panel selected eight winners, listed below.

- Dragonfly Family and Learning Services, Killaloe – Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) therapy to neurodivergent individuals
- Whitewater Virtual Assistance, Laurentian Valley – Virtual office and administration services for small businesses
- Bug & Bean Décor, Deep River – Children’s goods and home décor
- The Food Yard, Beachburg – Garden and orchard
- Pickling Dixie, Cobden – Market garden farm, produce, meat, pickled preserves
- Riverwood Acoustics, Renfrew – High fidelity bluetooth speakers with river-salvaged cabinetry
- Hidden Oak Professional Pet Grooming, Bonnechere Valley – In-home pet grooming
- H. Elaine Design Company, Bonnechere Valley – Residential and small commercial architecture

2. Canva Workshop – Graphics for Business [Strategic Plan Goal No. 3 (b)]

Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) hosted the first of three spring small business training sessions on Canva, a graphics program featuring ease of use, short learning curve and high-end graphics capability to support small

business in-house creation of graphics, web, print and social media content. Seventy-two local businesses participated in this free small business and entrepreneur training opportunity.

FORESTRY AND GIS DIVISION REPORT

Appendix IX

Prepared by: Jason Davis, Manager of Forestry and GIS
Prepared for: Development and Property Committee
March 16, 2021

INFORMATION

1. Forestry Activities

(a) Below is the Forestry Activity Tracker information for the month of February 2021:

Summary	County Forester Hours	County Forester %	Forestry and Trails Tech. Hours	Forestry and Trails Tech. %
Management of County Forests	70	83	48	37
Industry Support	0	0	0	0
Species at risk	0	0	0	0
Trails	0	0	68	52
GIS	N/A	0	0	0
Municipal Support	0	0	0	0
Education & Public	2	2	0	0
Learning/Conference/Workshop	12	15	14	11
Admin/Other	0	0	0	0
Total	84	100	130	100

- Staff attended the Forests Ontario Virtual Annual Conference.
- Staff presented virtually to Fleming College's Forest Technician class about Renfrew County Forest and plantation management.
- County Forester was interviewed for an online profile by Natural Resources Canada, with a purpose to educate the next generation about the possibility of working in the forest sector.
- On March 9, in celebration of International Women's Day (March 8), the County Forester sat on a panel for Canadian Biomass, Canadian Forest Industries and Pulp and Paper Canada magazines Women in Forestry Virtual Summit.
- The County Forester was invited and participated in a Virtual Roundtable on Women in Forestry on March 11, 2021 with the

Honourable Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues and the Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry as part of International Women's Day.

(b) Attached as FORGIS-I is the 2020 Annual Report for Activities in Renfrew County Forest. Staff will provide a presentation to highlight activities and a Forest Health Update.

(c) Tree marking has started at Beachburg Tract for a pine shelterwood harvest in 2022. Since this will be a multi-year, visually impactful operation, with renewal work to regenerate pine in the understory, and many recreationalists use the trails in this Tract, information was sent out to Beachburg Off Road Cycling Association (BORCA), Snow Country Snowmobile Region Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) District 6 and the Township of Whitewater Region. The Federal Government has launched [Growing Canada's Forest program](#), with an invitation for expressions of interest and request for information for involvement in the 2 Billion Tree program. This may be of interest for organizations with access to land for tree planting, tree nursery operators, or organizations looking to invest in a tree planting initiative. Potential participants for 2021 are encouraged to find additional information and apply before March 25, 2021. Future participants are also encouraged to complete a Request for Information before May 27, 2021.

2. GIS

Attached as Appendix FORGIS-II is the GIS Activity information for the month of February 2021. GIS staff worked on a total of 103 GIS projects.

3. DRAPE III

The County received the DRAPE III product and staff are in the process to make the 2020 air photos available to County staff, municipal staff and the public.

RESOLUTIONS

4. Letter of Support for Minister Yakabuski [Strategic Plan Goal No. 1(b)]

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee direct staff to prepare an appreciation letter under the Warden's signature for Provincial Ministers that have sustained the Forest sector.

Background

Attached as Appendix FORGIS-III is a letter that was sent by the Ontario Forest Industries Association and an alliance of northern, rural and Indigenous communities to Premier Doug Ford, expressing thanks for the support of the forest sector during the past year. Minister Yakabuski has brought positive changes to the Ministry and has been a great benefit to our local forest industry and is very much appreciated. Some members of the local forest sector were consulted and expressed that a similar letter would reflect their experience in the past year.

5. Algonquin Trail Completion Plan [Strategic Plan Goal No. 1(b)]

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to County Council that the Algonquin Trail proceed with sections identified as A, B and C as outlined in the attached table to a maximum of \$2 million commencing in 2021 over a four-year period;

AND FURTHER THAT funds be taken from reserves to finance this project and be repaid as a first charge against any future County of Renfrew annual surplus;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to continue to seek any grant opportunities, revenue streams and/or partnerships to offset funding requirements.

Background

A meeting of the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee was held on March 2, 2021 to discuss the resolution passed at the February 1, 2021 Budget Workshop directing staff to prepare a cost estimate to complete the Algonquin Trail along with financial options and bring to this Committee for review and approval.

Since the purchase of the CP rail corridor in 2016, the County of Renfrew along with support from the local municipalities, recreational trail groups, provincial and federal governments has completed 65 kilometres with stone dust and opened an additional 48 kilometres without stone dust on

the Algonquin Trail. Attached as Appendix FORGIS-IV is an outline of the current status of the Algonquin Trail sections.

Approximately 110 kilometres of the Algonquin Trail remains closed and approximately 47 kilometres are open but require the addition of stone dust to make the Trail usable for all permitted users.

Staff has reviewed the remaining areas that require additional work to complete the entire Algonquin Trail and has estimated that the total cost of \$4,053,073, which includes savings of \$104,000 from the 2021 approved budget, \$255,699 from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Resilience Fund and \$890,000 from the aggregate that the Ministry of Transportation has gifted the County. Attached as Appendix FORGIS-V is the cost estimate analysis for the Algonquin Trail over a multi-year period.

Area	Description	Year	Length	Total	Savings through Aggregate	ICIP & 2021 Budget
A	Renfrew to Cobden	2021	21	\$599,116		
B	Cobden to Pembroke	2022	27	\$892,292		
C	Petawawa to Chalk River	2023	20	\$849,920	\$163,303	ICIP \$255,699 & 2021 Budget \$104,000 = \$359,699
D	Chalk River to Border	2024	89	\$2,961,444	\$726,697	
D1	Chalk River to Stonecliffe	2024	42	\$1,407,732	\$342,936	
D2	Stonecliffe to Border	2025	47	\$1,553,712	\$383,761	
			246	\$5,302,772	\$890,000	
		*Based on 100000 Tonnes	Total without cost of Aggregate	\$4,412,772.00		
			Allocated Budget	\$104,000.00		
			ICIP Funding	\$255,699.00		
			Total	\$4,053,073.00		

A multi-year period would allow staff to apply for available funding opportunities, continue to receive support from trail user groups, and have a manageable timeframe with the existing supply of stone dust.

The County of Renfrew will be realizing savings from the aggregate provided by the Ministry of Transportation, with over 100,000 tonnes currently being delivered to the Chalk River and the Deux-Rivieres sites.

Staff acknowledges a number of challenges to complete the necessary work on the Algonquin Trail which includes an alternative route through Garrison Petawawa lands, Ministry of Transportation structures and approvals, remote nature of the last 89 kilometres through to the border with Papineau-Cameron Township.

Staff will provide a presentation to highlight the locations and explanation of the cost estimates over a multi-year period to complete the Algonquin Trail.

2020 ANNUAL REPORT FOR ACTIVITIES IN RENFREW COUNTY FOREST

PREPARED BY L. ROSE, R.P.F., ON MARCH 1, 2021

HARVEST

Timber sales for 2020 harvest activities were advertised in October 2019. Successful bids were received for all four sales. In addition, two longer-term contracts awarded in 2019 were available for harvest in 2020 (Opeongo and Shine Hill/Yantha). About half of the area at Opeongo was harvested in 2020, with the remaining area to be harvested in 2021. Harvest did not occur at Shrine Hill/Yantha and the contract has expired. This area has been advertised 4 times in the past with no success. There are limited/no markets for spruce pulpwood, making the completion of spruce plantations thinning difficult. Some revenue from Maves Tract applied to 2020, because of a short-term extension provided in 2019 due to extenuating circumstances. A summary is provided in Table 1.

Harvesting activities took place in almost all seasons of 2020, although five out of six blocks had some sort of timing restrictions for species at risk or recreation value. No major operational issues occurred, but because of the limited timing window available for harvest and some equipment issues, one block required an extension into early 2020 to complete harvest and hauling. As a result, some revenue for Germanicus Tract will apply to 2021. There was a complaint from an adjacent landowner about the harvest at Opeongo. Ongoing communication occurred with the individual, information was shared, and attempts were made to address the concern.

Approximately 24 people worked on the Renfrew County Forest (RCF) in 2020¹, as a result of tendered harvest operations, cutting and skidding or forwarding wood, building roads, processing timber on site, supervising operations, and hauling logs to mills.

Two County of Renfrew staff completed all planning (timber cruising, analysis, prescription writing), layout, tendering, wood measurement and operations monitoring activities. Most tree marking was completed by County staff, with a small area contracted out due to staff time being reallocated to trails activities.



Figure 1. Operators Sarah and Mike Ott at Simpson's Pit Tract

Table 1. Summary of 2020 Harvest Activities in RCF

Tract	Harvest Type	Area (ha)	Volume (m3)	Revenue (\$)
Maves	Spruce/Red Pine Thinning; extended from 2019	8	820 ²	7,958.36
Opeongo	Poplar/Mixedwood Clearcut, shelterwood; Multiple year harvest continuing in 2021	80 ³	7,301	76,960.29
Shrine Hill/Yantha	Spruce/Red Pine Thinning; not completed (19 ha)	0	0	0
Simpson's Pit	Red Pine Thinning	48	2,075	60,155.39
Beachburg	Red Pine Thinning	15	915	23,051.92
Germanicus	Red Pine Thinning; small extension into 2021	12	599	21,148.20
Elliot	Red Pine Thinning	9	807	14,465.79
Total for 2020		172	12,517	203,739.95

¹ During active operations, employed by successful bidders.

² Approximate. \$7,000 was accrued for 2019, from associated estimated volume that was harvested in 2019. Total volume from Maves was 1,496m³.

³ Approximate. About half of total allocated area (162ha) was harvested in 2020.

RENEWAL

Aside from monitoring existing renewal projects, no renewal activities took place in RCF in 2020. Recent harvest activities have been red pine plantation thinnings or poplar clearcuts, which do not result in forest conditions conducive to tree planting because of the stage of management, or the occurrence of natural regeneration. It is anticipated that some area currently being harvested and upcoming planned harvests will require artificial regeneration (e.g. tree planting) activities in the coming years.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Given that in-person gatherings were limited in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions, education and outreach activities were reduced. Opportunities are taken to positively promote sustainable forest management that occurs on RCF, as well as in Renfrew County as a whole, when staff time permits.

- Staff presented virtually to Algonquin College's Forestry Technician program about Renfrew County Forests.
- At the request of the Renfrew County District School Board, the County Forester was profiled in a video series [Edge Factor](#) exploring careers in STEM for high school students.
- The County Forester participated on a "Dream Maker Panel", a virtual Career Discovery Expo on October 7, 2020. The event was open to all young women (grades 7-12) and their parents in Renfrew County to explore career pathways in skilled trades, STEM, emergency response, entrepreneurship, and advancing women in society.

OTHER

Forest health and invasive species were big news items in Renfrew County forests in 2020: gypsy moth, emerald ash borer and sudden fir mortality were the main concerns and resulted in several public and municipal inquiries. A forest health report was prepared by County staff to summarize the major events of the year. The report will be made available to the public on the [County of Renfrew Website](#). In addition, 2020 was the first year of garlic mustard control (manual, by pulling) by staff at the Centennial Lake Tract. A population of the invasive plant was discovered in 2019 and will require annual monitoring and follow-up.

A student in Algonquin College's Forestry Technician program completed a 2-week co-op placement in forestry and trails with County staff.

County staff, on behalf of the County, submitted comments on three postings on the Environmental Registry of Ontario: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy, Proposed changes to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, and the Long-Term Management Direction for the 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan for the Algonquin Park Forest.

Another historic well was filled, at Simpson's Pit Tract.



Figure 2. Edge Factor's Virtual Workplace Experience



Figure 3. Gypsy Moth egg masses at Barnet Park in Calabogie



Figure 4. Garlic Mustard removal from Centennial Lake Tract

GIS ACTIVITY TRACKER

TIME PERIOD - Feb 2021

	Arnprior	Deep River	Laurentian Hills	Petawawa	Renfrew	Admaston / Bromley	Bonnechere Valley	Brudenell Lyndoch & Raglan	Greater Madawaska	Head, Clara & Maria	Horton	Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards	Laurentian Valley	Madawaska Valley	McNab / Braeside	North Algona Wilberforce	Whitewater Region	County-wide	TOTAL
GIS Data & Systems																			
Database Maintenance	1																	4	5
Internet GIS Maintenance																		7	7
Internet GIS Enhancements																		4	4
Internet Web Mapping Support	1						1				1			1					4
Data Distribution/ Contracts																			0
Conferences, Courses & User Groups																		4	4
Training, Reports & Presentations Delivered																			0
Technical Support																		3	3
Map document conversions & updates																			0
Policies & Procedures																			0
Research, Funding Applications & Budgets																			0
Other																		13	13
RFP																			0
Internal D&P Dept																			
Economic Development & Tourism																		1	1
Forestry & GIS																		5	5
Planning				1							3		1	2	1		1	8	17
Real Property																		1	1
Other																			0
County Departments																			
Administration, Finance & Information Technology																			0
Community & Social Services																		3	3
Emergency Services																			0
Human Resources																			0
Public Works & Engineering																		1	1
Other																			0
External Inquiries & Requests																			
Municipalities					2									1	1				4
Agencies & Institutions																			0
General Public & Businesses																		3	3
Other																			0
Special Projects																			
911/Civic Addressing	3				1			1	1		1		2				3	16	28
																			0
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																			0
Total	5	0	0	1	3	0	1	1	1	0	5	0	3	4	2	0	4	73	103

Notes:

March 4, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Rm 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario,
M7A 1A1

Re: Northern, Rural, and Indigenous Communities Applaud Leadership Demonstrated by the Ontario Government in Support of the Forest Industry

Premier Ford,

On behalf of the signatories below, we wish to extend our gratitude for the decisive action to support our industry, our communities, and our people. By recognizing the forest sector as an “essential service” mills remain open, tree planting continues, and critical supply chains keep moving. In response, despite the endless COVID-19 challenges, the forest sector has produced sustainable products and materials (e.g. wood pulp for medical equipment and sanitary products, forest biomass for energy production, and structural lumber for critical infrastructure projects, among others) while continuing to operate safely and responsibly.

No matter the challenge, topic, or issue, our request has been the same; do what is right for our working forests and the people of Ontario. With complete confidence, we can say that the Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), and his staff have listened, exercising both pragmatism and courage throughout these difficult discussions. The Minister continues to understand the challenges that we face and has consistently made the right decisions for the people of Ontario.

There have been numerous examples of the commitment to the forest industry, including finalizing *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy* (the “Strategy”), ongoing support for Ontario's Forest Access Roads Funding Program, a legislative change to species at risk management, and support for forest biomass generation facilities under power purchase agreements (PPAs). As a result, there is a renewed sense of hope and optimism that Ontario's forest industry will become a world leader in forest product manufacturing, which will strengthen our northern and rural economies.

We would further like to recognize the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP), and the staff of MECP, for their continued support of Ontario's forest industry. We are grateful that the Minister and his team have ensured that Ontario's interests are well protected and communicated in discussions with our Federal counterparts on various files that impact the forest sector and the people of this province.

Finally, we thank the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (MENDM), for his role in ensuring there is a future for forest biomass electrical generating facilities operating under Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) in Ontario. Furthermore, we sincerely appreciate the work done to keep electricity rates low for industrial consumers, and recognition of important energy conservation programs.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, despite endless challenges and uncertainty, the forest sector has further demonstrated its resilience and commitment to supporting the health and livelihoods of all Canadians by continuing to produce diverse forest products. Your government has taken action to recognize the importance of this sector, enabling forest processing facilities to continue to satisfy the

ongoing demand for essential wood products required for critical infrastructure projects, sanitary products, personal protective equipment (PPE), and many other goods and services.

Ontario's forest sector, supported by our northern, rural, and Indigenous communities, is prepared to do its part in supporting the province's economic recovery.

Sincerely,



Wendy Landry Mayor of
Shuniah President of NOMA



Chief Paul Gladu
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek



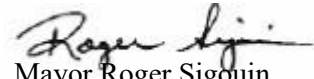
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Chief Marcus Hardy
Red Rock Indian Band




Danny Whalen
President of FONOM Councillor,
City of Temiskaming Shores



Mayor Roger Sigouin
Town of Hearst



Charla Robinson
President of the
Thunder Bay Chamber of
Commerce



Robin Jones
Mayor, Village of Westport, ROMA
Chair



Ian Dunn, RPF
Interim President & CEO
Ontario Forest Industries Association

CC Hon. Minister Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Hon. Minister John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Hon. Minister Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Liam O'Brien, Chief of Staff, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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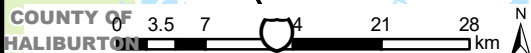
Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail/ ALGONQUIN TRAIL



Appendix FORGIS-IV

- Open - Stone Dust
- Open - Ballast
- Closed
- Provincial Highways

ALGONQUIN TRAIL
RENFREW COUNTY ~219 km
65 km completed with stonedust
48 km open but requires stonedust
106 km closed and requires additional investment to maximize MTO aggregate contract



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Appendix FORGIS-V

Length	Brushing	Aggregate	Turn Arounds/ Helipad	Highway Crossing and	Wet Ground/IP rep Work	Gates	Signs	Structures	Structure Approaches	Muskrat River	Alexander Street	Bridge Estimates	Total	Savings throu Aggregate
21		\$550,116					\$4,000	Bonnechere River, Haley's Gulley, Gould's Creek,	\$45,000				\$599,116	
27		\$707,292				\$40,000	\$5,000	Snake River, Muskrat River, Muskrat River, Alexander Street	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$65,000		\$892,292	
20	\$15,000	\$523,920		\$35,000	\$120,000	\$32,000	\$4,000	4 snowmobile structures				\$120,000	\$849,920	\$163
89	\$267,000	\$2,331,444	\$60,000			\$48,000	\$5,000	2 major highway structures 3 creeks structures				\$250,000	\$2,961,444	\$726
42	\$126,000	\$1,100,232	\$30,000			\$24,000	\$2,500	1 Major Highway Structure 1 Creek Structures				\$125,000	\$1,407,732	\$34
47	\$141,000	\$1,231,212	\$30,000			\$24,000	\$2,500	1 Major Highway Structure 2 Creek Structures				\$125,000	\$1,553,712	\$38
													\$5,302,772	\$890
											*Based on 100000 Tonnes	Total without cost of Aggregate	\$4,412,772.00	
												Allocated Budget	\$104,000.00	
												ICIP Funding	\$255,699.00	
												Total	\$4,053,073.00	

REAL PROPERTY ASSETS DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Kevin Valiquette, Manager of Real Property Assets

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

March 16, 2021

INFORMATION

1. Real Property – Projects Update [Strategic Plan Goal No. 2 (a)]

Attached as Appendix RP-I is a summary report of all projects currently underway that involve the Real Property Assets Division. Details on each project are included in the comments section.

2. Service Delivery Improvement Project (SDIP) [Strategic Plan Goal No. 3 (b)]

Project Status as of March 5, 2021

a) Front Reception Area

- Waiting on glass for reception area before remaining work can be done. Delivery issue due to COVID-19 shut down with both the manufacturing and supply companies.
- Occupancy is expected in mid-April.

b) Phase 1B (Courtroom, Entrance and Waiting Area)

- Finalizing Occupancy Permit. Expected week of March 22.

c) Phase 2 (Boardrooms, Collaborative Area)

- Scheduled for occupancy early May.

d) Phase 3 (Community Services and Paramedic Area)

- Community Services move dates scheduled for May 5 and 6.
- Paramedic move has been rescheduled to a later date. This area has been allocated as swing space for the Corporate Services and Administration Departments on 2nd Floor. The entire west wing area on 2nd will be relocated to allow for construction in that phase.

e) Phase 4 (Corporate Services and Administration)

- Scheduled for construction April 19. The area will be vacated of staff with construction estimated to be six to eight weeks.

f) Council Chambers

- Occupancy being planned for May 1.

g) Telephone System Upgrade

- The main phone system will be replaced by newer systems that are presently located at the leased locations for Childcare and Ontario Works.
- The upgrade will take place at the time of the Community Services move into the County Building scheduled for May 5 and 6. The phone system may be down for up to three days while this happens. Contingencies are being prepared for this.

Financials

Approved Construction Contract: \$3,417,307

Approved Council Chambers Reno: \$300,000

Change Order Contingency: \$175,000 (part of \$3,417,307 cost)

Change Orders to Date: \$159,592

Contingency Balance: \$15,407 (credit) March 5, 2021

Real Property - Projects Update March 16, 2021

Location	Work Description	Status			Comments
		Budget	Quote	Status	
County Admin Building	CAB Service Delivery Project			In Progress	Construction
	RFP - New Pylon Sign			In Progress	Directory signs installed. Main sign to be intalled in 2021
	Spacesaver File Storage			Awarded	Waiting on production schedule.
Renfrew County Place					
80 McGonigal					
Leases	Child's Paradise - 450 O'Brien				Expired Feb 28, 2019. Renewal outstanding.
	RCHC 169 Lake Street				Lease expires May 31, 2021
	Child Care - 545 Pembroke St				Lease expires May 31, 2021
	OW 169 Lake St.				Lease expired. Month to month notice exercised.
Facilities	Asset Management			On Going	Annual Building Condition Assess. 2022 to be submitted.
	Green Energy Act 507/18			On Going	2019 Reporting to Ministry completed.
	Building Lockdown Policy			Deferred	
	Energy Management Plan			Deferred	
Paramedic Bases					
OPP					

PLANNING DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Charles Cheesman, MCIP, RPP, Manager of Planning Services

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

March 16, 2021

INFORMATION

1. Planning Division Activity Tracker

Attached as Appendix PLAN-I is the Activity Tracker for February 2021. In February, the Planning Division opened 15 new severance applications and prepared 28 planning checklists for general inquiries (pre-consultations).

For the period January – February 2021, the County of Renfrew opened 15 severance applications compared to 10 over the same period in 2020. With respect to decisions, 9 decisions were rendered from January – February 2021 compared to 4 rendered over the same period in 2020.

One validation of title application in the Town of Laurentian Hills was approved to correct a Planning Act violation.

Official Plan Amendments No. 14 (RGT Philips Pit) and No. 15 (Schimmens) were approved in the Township of Laurentian Valley.

A plan of subdivision in the Town of Renfrew was approved for 1 block consisting of 6 multiple attached units.

A total of 24 General Inquiries were received.

RESOLUTIONS

2. Official Plan Amendment No. 31 [Strategic Plan Goal No. 1(b)]

Recommendation: WHEREAS the Planning Act requires the County of Renfrew to adopt an Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing approved the update to the Official Plan for the County of Renfrew in March 2020;

AND WHEREAS County Council directed staff to seek an approach to make changes to the approved Official Plan of the County of Renfrew that were more reflective of local context;

AND WHEREAS County planning staff prepared a draft Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 31, for this purpose:

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has provided the County of Renfrew with delegated authority, as permitted for in the Planning Act;

AND WHEREAS the local municipalities were offered an opportunity for early consultation on a draft of OPA 31 in November 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry's March 2020 approval of the County of Renfrew Official Plan contained an extensive mapping layer of Significant Wildlife Habitat (Deer Wintering Area) that was not part of the Council adopted update to the Official Plan and submitted to the Ministry;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry's March 2020 approval of the County of Renfrew Official Plan contained an increase in the lands designated Agriculture that were not part of the Council adopted update to the Official Plan and submitted to the Ministry;

AND WHEREAS County of Renfrew OPA 31 is reflective of local Renfrew County context, as provided for within the Provincial Policy Statement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council receive the attached March 16, 2021 draft OPA 31;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the County of Renfrew provide further direction to staff on which mapping for lands identified as Significant Wildlife Habitat (Deer Wintering Area) and Agriculture to be included in OPA 31;

AND FURTHER THAT the draft OPA 31 be circulated in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act to local municipalities, prescribed agencies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and that a designated period of time for comments be set out;

AND FURTHER THAT upon completion of this circulation and a subsequent review by this Committee and County Council, an electronic statutory public meeting be held on a future date yet to be determined.

Background

Attached as Appendix PLAN-II is a revised draft of OPA No. 31 dated March 16, 2021. This draft is a result of discussions at County Council on February 24, 2021, and staff responses/recommendations to municipal comments as outlined in the chart attached as Appendix PLAN-III, which has also been revised, effective March 16, 2021.

The changes from the November 10, 2020 to the March 16, 2021 draft of OPA No. 31 are outlined below:

- (a) Title page changed to reflect revised version of OPA No. 31 dated March 16, 2021.
- (b) Section 1.5(1) Introduction, page 13, clarifies that only Sections 3 and 15 of the County Official Plan apply to municipalities with their own local Official Plans.
- (c) Section 3.3(2) Urban Community, first bullet, page 71, deletes “and allocations”.
- (d) Section 3.3(7) Urban Community, page 74, deletes policy dealing with development within 1 km of a serviced settlement area.
- (e) Section 4.3(4)(iv) Village Community, page 76, deletes policy dealing with development within 1 km of a serviced settlement area.
- (f) Section 15.3(3) Local Official Plan – Laurentian Valley, second bullet, page 159, adds “ship” to “Town”.
- (g) Section 15.3(3) Local Official Plan – Laurentian Valley, page 160, adds the words “shall contain, at” to the sentence before the remaining 12 bullets.
- (h) Section 15.3(5) Local Official Plan – Laurentian Valley, page 161, adds wording to the effect that an amendment to the County Official Plan may not be required to refine the mapping on Schedule ‘B’.

- (i) Section 15.3(6) Local Official Plan – Laurentian Valley, page 161, second paragraph changes wording from “The County” to the “Township, in consultation with the County”, may allow....
- (j) Section 15.3(6)5. Local Official Plan – Laurentian Valley, Page 161, replaces the words “Urban Community” with “settlement area” and on page 162 and adds new wording at the end of 15.3(6) regarding adjustments to settlement area boundaries outside a comprehensive review.
- (k) Mapping - No changes were made to the mapping from the November 10, 2020 draft OPA No. 31 to the March 16, 2021 draft. For further clarity, no change was made to the Agriculture designation on Schedule ‘A’; it remains as approved by the Minister’s final decision on OPA No. 25 on March 26, 2020. No change was made to the Significant Wildlands Habitat (deer wintering areas) on Schedule ‘B’, except to note that the November 10, 2020 draft OPA No. 31 scaled back the deer wintering area to comprise just Deer Yard Stratum 1. Staff requires direction regarding any changes that are to be considered as these maps were provided to the County as part of the March 2020 approval of the Official Plan.

BY-LAWS

3. Request for Delegation of Authority for the Giving of Consents by the Township of Whitewater Region

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that pursuant to Section 54 of the Planning Act, County Council pass a By-law to delegate the authority for the giving of consents to the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region.

Background

Attached as Appendix IV is a report provided at the November 2020 Development and Property Committee, and the revised draft by-law for consideration.



DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

PLANNING DIVISION ACTIVITY TRACKER

TIME PERIOD - February 2021

Appendix PLAN-I

	Annprior	Deep River	Laurentian Hills	Petawawa	Renfrew	Admaston/Bromley	Bonnechere Valley	Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan	Greater Madawaska	Head, Clara & Maria	Horton	Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards	Laurentian Valley	Madawaska Valley	McNab / Braeside	North Alcona Wilberforce	Whitewater Region	County-wide	MONTHLY TOTAL	2020 YEAR-END TOTAL
APPROVALS																				
Local Official Plan																			0	0
Local Official Plan Amend.												2							2	2
Subdivision Draft Approval																			0	0
No. of Draft Approved Units																			0	0
Subdivision Final Approval																			0	6
No. of Final Approved Units																			0	140
Part Lot Control By-laws				1															1	8
No. of Part Lot Control Units				6															6	163
Severances							3		3			1				1	1		9	88
TOTAL FINAL & DRAFT APPROVED LOTS	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	391
APPLICATIONS (Review & Preparation of Documents)																				
Official Plans																			0	0
OPAs																			0	0
Comprehensive Zoning By-laws																			0	0
Zoning By-law Amend.						1								2	2				5	49
New Severance Apps (Cty)			*1	4					1		1		1	1		1	6		15	106
Severance Rpts to Mun.															4				4	22
Minor Variance Rpts to Mun.																			0	6
Plan of Subdivision Apps.																			0	4
No. of Subd Units																			0	80
Site Plans/Agreements																			0	5
LPAT Hearings																			0	0
PRELIMINARY REVIEW																				
Planning Checklists			1	2		5		2	1	1	3	1		3	5	2	2		28	215
Other Inquiries	1	3	3	2	1	4	5	2	8	1	1	3	4	6	16	2	2		64	768
TOTAL ACTIVITY	1	3	4	9	1	10	8	4	13	2	5	4	8	12	27	6	11	0	128	
2020 YEAR END ACTIVITY	30	16	26	59	14	80	110	43	134	14	71	83	63	118	244	73	100	1		1279

15 severances and *1 validation of title received January-February 2021 versus 10 severances received January-February 2020

9 severance decisions January-February 2021 versus 4 severance decisions January-February 2020

Official Plan Amendment 31

County of Renfrew Planning Staff Responses to Municipal Comments on draft OPA 31 – Prepared by County of Renfrew Planning Staff – February 9, 2021. [Revised March 16, 2021.](#)

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1.	Horton	1) Remove the majority of the Agriculture Designation, as previously submitted for OPA 25, on subject lands in Horton Township, as per the attached map. This map had previously been submitted by the Township which had been reformatted by the County to provide to the Province in 2018.	<p>Large contiguous tracts of land designated for agricultural uses are necessary for farming to prosper. The protection of farming land as a resource is supported not only by the PPS, but also by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA).</p> <p>In its submission to the Province in October 2019 during the PPS review, the OFA indicated that “To maintain the economic and employment contribution of the agri-food sector into the future, Ontario’s land use planning policies must to (sic) retain and reserve large, contiguous tracts of farmland for farming...”</p> <p>The OFA also said “Land use planning policies have been, and continue to be, a core issue for OFA and Ontario farmers. The protection of Ontario’s agricultural lands from incompatible development, as well as its loss from urban</p>

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			<p>expansion, continues to be an ongoing concern.” Finally, the OFA concluded that “Agrifood is an economic powerhouse in this province and will continue to create good jobs and generate economic growth as long as farm businesses are supported with smart land use policies and the infrastructure to thrive.”</p> <p>Agriculture is one of the top economic drivers in Renfrew County. According to the OFA “non-agricultural land uses located within lands designated for agriculture can negatively impact the ability of surrounding agriculture operations to expand or introduce new agricultural activities, particularly through mandated separation distances imposed by the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae.” Non-farming neighbours may not understand normal farm practices, and may object to odour, noise, dust, or other realities of farming. These uses may result in negative interactions or neighbour disputes about normal farm practices. “Agricultural impacts include restrictions on livestock expansion and other types of agricultural development, farmland loss, fragmentation of the agricultural land base, fragmentation of individual farm</p>

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			<p>operations,...Many of these impacts become much more critical when considered from a cumulative perspective at a regional scale.” (Lot Creation in Ontario’s Agricultural Landscapes” – Report 3 prepared by Wayne Caldwell, University of Guelph, 2011).</p> <p>The farming community is an integral part of our local economy, environmental sustainability, and ability to feed ourselves. Section 2.3 of the PPS requires planning authorities to designate prime agriculture lands. The existing Official Plan Agriculture designation was approved by the province, based on a mapping exercise that was informed by analyzing a number of variables (soils, land use), and included site inspections.</p> <p>As discussed above the identification and protection of prime agriculture land in official plans is supported by the OFA, is consistent with the PPS, and is good planning policy.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the Township of Horton completed a review of the agricultural lands and activities within their municipality. Upon investigation, site inspections, and</p>

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			<p>analysis of current and historical data and usage, the Township determined that certain lands are not, in fact, prime agricultural lands. Notwithstanding these comments, the County has an obligation to maintain a supply of suitable agricultural lands for farming activities well into the future, and to be consistent with the PPS.</p> <p>If County Council directs that certain lands be removed from the Agriculture designation as requested by the Township of Horton, and there is an appeal on this removal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), County planning staff would not be able to defend this removal.</p> <p>No change is recommended.</p> <p>No change was made to the March 16, 2021, Draft OPA 31. Staff requires direction regarding any further changes.</p>
		2) Remove Section 3.3(7) which refers to service settlement urban areas that may discourage development in neighbouring	<p><i>Section 3.3(7) of the draft Official Plan reads “To promote efficient development and land use patterns which sustain the financial well-being of the municipalities, development in areas adjacent or close to serviced settlement areas</i></p>

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		municipalities within a 1 km radius. This section adversely impacts any future growth and development in Horton Township.	<p><i>(generally within 1 km) should be discouraged. Development and land use patterns that would prevent the efficient expansion of an urban community should be discouraged.” The purpose of this policy is to encourage good land use planning by ensuring orderly and efficient development. It is understood that some municipalities view this policy as restricting development. It is believed that development in key locations, within close proximity to an adjacent Town (where there may be a demand for lots), will be shut down. One of the roles tasked to County (or upper-tier) planning is to consider matters across municipal boundaries. Section 1.2.4 of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) states that, where planning is conducted by an upper-tier municipality, the upper-tier municipality in consultation with lower-tier municipalities, shall identify areas where growth or development will be directed and provide policy direction for the lower-tier municipalities on matters that cross municipal boundaries. Section 1.2.1 of the PPS also states that a coordinated, integrated and comprehensive approach should be used when dealing with planning matters across municipal boundaries including managing</i></p>

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			<p><i>and/or promoting growth and development that is integrated with infrastructure planning (emphasis added).</i></p> <p><i>Lan use planning is about finding a balance between different pressures and public interests acting on the landscape – such as social, environmental, and economic. The draft Official Plan policy identifies an area (approximately 1 km) around serviced areas. Within this area, development would be carefully reviewed to ensure that the future expansion of the urban infrastructure will not be inefficiently constrained. Providing and maintaining the required infrastructure for growth is expensive. To minimize the cost to the existing and future taxpayer, municipal authorities are tasked with ensuring that growth occurs in a way that is logical and efficient. The cost of providing municipal services is higher in low-density, outlying developments than in high-density developments. Inefficient growth around serviced areas results in the need to “leapfrog” existing development which leads to higher municipal costs.</i></p>

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			<p><i>The Planning Act requires that planning decisions be consistent with the PPS, which supports a comprehensive, integrated and long-term approach to planning. The PPS recognizes that land use must be carefully managed to accommodate appropriate development to meet the full range of current and future needs, while achieving efficient development patterns. Efficient development patterns optimize the use of land, resources and public investment in infrastructure and public service facilities. They support the financial well-being of the Province and municipalities over the long term, and minimize the undesirable effects of development, including impacts on air, water and other resources. Taking action to conserve land avoids the need for costly remedial measures to correct problems and supports economic and environmental principles. To support our collective well-being, now and in the future, all land use must be well managed. There are several relevant PPS sections related to this Official Plan policy which include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Section 1.0 - Ontario's long-term prosperity, environmental health and social well-being depend</i>

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			<p><i>on wisely managing change and promoting efficient land use and development patterns.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>1.1.1a) – Promoting efficient development and land use patterns which sustain the financial well-being of the Province and municipalities over the long term;</i> • <i>1.1.1c) – Avoiding development and land use patterns that would prevent the efficient expansion of settlement areas in those areas which are adjacent or close to settlement areas;</i> • <i>1.1.1e) – Promoting the integration of land use planning, growth management and infrastructure planning to achieve cost-effective development patterns and standards to minimize land consumption and servicing costs.</i> • <i>1.1.1g) – Ensuring that necessary infrastructure and public service facilities are or will be available to meet current and projected needs.</i> • <i>1.1.3.2 – Land use patterns within settlement areas shall be based on densities a mix of land uses which are appropriate for, and efficiently use, the infrastructure and public service facilities which are</i>

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			<p><i>planned or available, and avoid the need for their unjustified and/or uneconomical expansion.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>1.1.3.6 – New development taking place in designated growth areas should occur adjacent to the existing built-up area and should have a compact form, mix of uses and densities that allow for the efficient use of land infrastructure and public service facilities.</i> • <i>1.1.3.7 Planning authorities should establish and implement phasing policies to ensure the orderly progression of development within designated growth areas and the timely provision of the infrastructure and public service facilities required to meet current and projected needs.</i> • <i>1.1.5.5 – Development shall be appropriate to the infrastructure which is planned or available, and avoid the need for the unjustified and/or uneconomical expansion of this infrastructure.</i> • <i>1.2.1 – A coordinated, integrated and comprehensive approach should be used when dealing with planning matters within municipalities, across lower and/or upper-tier municipal boundaries including: managing</i>

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			<p><i>and/or promoting growth and development that is integrated with infrastructure planning.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>1.2.4 – Where planning is conducted by an upper-tier municipality, the upper-tier municipality in consultation with lower-tier municipalities shall: identify areas where growth or development will be directed; and provide policy direction for the lower-tier municipalities on matters that cross municipal boundaries.</i> • <i>1.6.1 – Infrastructure and public service facilities shall be provided in an efficient manner that prepares for the impacts of a changing climate while accommodating projected needs. Planning for infrastructure and public service facilities shall be coordinated and integrated with land use planning and growth management so that they are: financially viable over their life cycle, which may be demonstrated through asset management planning; and available to meet current and projected needs.</i> • <i>1.6.6.1 – Planning for sewage and water services shall: accommodate forecasted growth in a manner that promotes the efficient use and optimization of</i>

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			<p><i>existing municipal sewage and municipal water services; and integrates servicing and land use considerations at all stages of the planning process.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>1.7.1 – Long-term economic prosperity should be supported by optimizing the long-term availability and use of land, resources, infrastructure and public service facilities</i> <p><i>The draft Official Plan Policies 3.3(7) and 4.3(4) are about good land use planning to ensure that when needed, lands are available to accommodate compact, integrated, and cost efficient development. Renfrew County is a diverse area; it is the largest land area County in Ontario. The policy provides flexibility to adapt the actual conditions and situations in the community. This policy does not create a 1 kilometer “no development” area around the serviced areas. The policy does trigger a review of proposed development to ensure that the goal of providing compact and cost-efficient communities is not jeopardized or hindered. The policy may result in a delay for some lands to be developed - until such time as they can be efficiently serviced. If the lands are identified as a key area for future development on expanded</i></p>

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			<p><i>services, then the policy promotes this use. If the lands are identified as an area not suitable to be serviced on municipal infrastructure, then this policy would not prevent development on private services. Sections 3.3(7) and 4.3(4) are consistent with the PPS, represent good planning, and are beneficial for the future orderly growth of the County.</i></p> <p><i>Therefore, the proposed sections are based on sound planning rationale and backed by an extensive policy framework. However, in order to address some of the concerns raised in the municipal comments, a recommended alternative to the wording in Sections 3.3(7) and 4.3(4) would be:</i></p> <p><i>To promote efficient development and land use patterns which sustain the financial well-being of municipalities, development adjacent or close to serviced settlement areas (generally within 500 metres, (as opposed to 1 kilometre)) should be carefully reviewed (as opposed to “should be discouraged”) to ensure it does not prevent the efficient expansion of these settlement areas.”</i></p>

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			Sections 3.3(7) and 4.3(4) have been deleted in the March 16, 2021, Draft OPA 31.
2.	Admaston/Bromley	Remove Section 3.3(7) and 4.3(4) – the policy that discourages development in proximity to serviced areas.	See previous comments.
3.	Bonnechere Valley	Thanks the County for all the work on this file. The main concern is the restriction of 1 km of unserviced lots adjacent to urban areas.	See previous comments.
4.	McNab/Braeside	Remove Section 3.3(7) and 4.3(4) – the policy that discourages development in proximity to serviced areas.	See previous comments.
5.	Madawaska Valley	Remove the section that discourages development generally within 1 km that would	See previous comments.

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		prevent efficient expansion of services.	
6.	North Alton Wilberforce	1) Remove Section 3.3(7) and 4.3(4) – the policy that discourages development in proximity to serviced areas.	See previous comments.
		2) Concerns about the increased amount in prime agricultural areas.	See previous comments. No change is recommended.
7.	Town of Arnprior	1) 1.5(1) Proposed revision for clarity – Change the words in the fourth paragraph by adding the words “only the policies of Section 3 Urban Community of this Plan and” should be added.	Agree – Recommend change be made, but also add after Urban Community “and Section 15 Laurentian Valley” of this Plan. Change made in the March 16, 2021, Draft OPA 31.
		2) 3.3(7) – The policy that discourages new development within close proximity to serviced settlement areas. Staff are reviewing and will provide	No change.

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		comment. Will impact neighbouring municipalities more than Arnprior.	
		3) 3.3(2) – Recommended to remove the word “allocation” from the last sentence of first bullet point.	<p>Agree – Recommend change be made.</p> <p>Change made in the March 16, 2021, Draft OPA 31.</p>
8.	Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards	<p>1) Strongly objects to the proposed amendments contained in OPA 31. OPA 31 will deter future development and growth, and add significant financial burden to the process. Specifically, the requirements for multiple studies on proposed developments over 3 lots creates additional roadblocks and financial hardships for taxpayers.</p>	<p>OPA 31 provides additional flexibility compared to the existing policies in the Official Plan. The current plan requires “multiple studies” for the creation of one lot. As noted in the Township comments, for some features (e.g., significant wildlife habitat) OPA 31 does not trigger a study consideration unless it exceeds the third lot created from the original holding. In addition, existing policies in the Official Plan regarding requirements for Environmental Impact Studies provide flexibility to waive studies beyond three lots based on local conditions (e.g., if development is minor in nature), while still being consistent with the PPS.</p> <p>No change is recommended.</p>

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		2) Objects to the discouragement of development within 1km of a serviced area.	See previous comments.
		3) Concerns about the obscurity of wording and the discretionary powers the County appears to have provides little comfort to Council.	This wording is intended to provide some flexibility in the process.
		4) Council recognizes the County's role to provide some areas of relief (e.g., removal of growth allocations). However, if these changes and deletions are possible, Council is of the opinion the remainder of OPA 31 should be open to relief as well.	The County is required under the Planning Act to be consistent with the PPS. The changes that are proposed in OPA 31 seek to address this requirement, while still reflecting the local context and unique characteristics of Renfrew County.
9.	Laurentian Valley	1) The proposed changes to Section 1.6 Local Planning of the Official Plan would satisfactorily	Agree.

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		address the majority of the concerns raised by the Township.	
		2) 15.3(3) should say “Township” not “Town”.	<p>Agree – Recommend change be made.</p> <p>Change made in the March 16, 2021, Draft OPA 31.</p>
		3) 15.3(3) – Preamble appears to be missing some words.	<p>Agree – Recommended change be made as suggested by the Township.</p> <p>Change made in the March 16, 2021, Draft OPA 31.</p>
		4) 15.3(5) – Add the following sentence “An amendment to the County OP may not be required where a local process has been undertaken, in consultation with the County to refine the mapping contained on Schedule “B”.	<p>Agree – Recommend change be made.</p> <p>Change made in the March 16, 2021, Draft OPA 31.</p>
		5) 15.3(6) – Remove “An amendment to the County OP may also be required” as there is no corresponding designation of	<p>Disagree. There may be an amendment required to the Schedule B information maps in the County OP. No change is recommended.</p>

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		lands on map schedules in the County OP for the Township of Laurentian Valley	
		6) 15.3(6) the first sentence should be amended to delete the words urban community and replace them with the words settlement area.	<p>Agree – Recommend change be made.</p> <p>Change made in the March 16, 2021, Draft OPA 31.</p>
		<p>7) 15.3(6) – references to the “County” should be replaced with “the Township” as it should be a decision of the Township and not the County as to whether to entertain a request to amend the Township Official Plan to expand a settlement area boundary.</p> <p>Requests additional language from Section 1.1.3.9 of the PPS be added Section 15.3(6) to permit the <i>Township</i> to make adjustments to settlement area</p>	<p>Agree in part. Role of the County is to review and approve Local Official Plan amendments – Recommend change be made to add “Township” in addition to County.</p> <p>After further discussions with the Township planner, the wording has been changed to “The Township, in consultation with the County”, in the March 16, 2021, Draft OPA 31.</p>

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		boundaries outside a comprehensive review, subject to the criteria listed in 1.1.3.9.	<p>Agree, but possibly change to <i>County/Township</i> (By agreement with the Township Planner, this approach is being clarified with MMAH) - This section of the PPS to allow boundary adjustments outside a comprehensive review applies to the broader category of “municipalities” (which includes counties), and so does not differentiate between lower or upper tiers. Also, under the Planning Act, in the course of reviewing and approving amendments to local Official Plans the County, as the approval authority, may require other information as it may deem necessary.</p> <p>Recommendation – Table until clarification from MMAH and further discussion with the Township Planner.</p> <p>After further discussions with the Township planner, the wording has been changed to “The Township, in consultation with the County”, in the March 16, 2021, Draft OPA 31.</p>
		8) Because of conflicting General Development Policies in the	The County is working as expeditiously as possible on the adoption of OPA 31.

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		Township and County OP as a result of the Province's modifications, the Township would appreciate adoption of OPA 31 by the County as early as possible. If the process were to take longer, consideration should be given to moving forward with the changes requested by the Township sooner to address the Township's unique issues.	

Excerpt from the

PLANNING DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Charles Cheesman, MCIP, RPP, Manager of Planning Services

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

November 10, 2020

BY-LAWS

4. Request for Delegation of Authority for the Giving of Consents by the Township of Whitewater Region

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that pursuant to Section 54 of the Planning Act, County Council pass a By-law to delegate the authority for the giving of consents to the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region.

Background

Attached as Appendix PLAN-IV is a letter from Mayor Michael Moore of the Township of Whitewater Region requesting that County Council pass a By-law under Section 54 of the Planning Act to delegate the authority for the giving of consents to the Township.

The reasons given by the Township for the request is that it would provide for greater local decision making, offer a “one window” approval process, and possibly decrease time frames and costs for proponents.

Section 54(1) of the Planning Act states that the Council of an upper-tier municipality may, by by-law, delegate to the council of a lower-tier municipality the authority for the giving of consents under Section 53 in respect of land situate in the lower-tier municipality.

Only three other municipalities in the County have delegated consent authority (the Township of McNab/Braeside and the Towns of Arnprior and Renfrew) and these were all granted well over 30 years ago; the delegation of consent authority is not a common practice in the County.

Two of the three municipalities, the Towns of Arnprior and Renfrew, have very few severance applications (about an average of 4 a year, compared to

an average of 25 a year for Whitewater Region). In the case of the Township of McNab/Braeside, the County of Renfrew Planning Division prepares a planning report for the municipality for each consent application.

The Town of Deep River had consent giving authority until recently when it opted to return this function back to the County.

The Township of Whitewater Region has a Committee of Adjustment already in place that deals with minor variances. This same Committee would also take on consent giving authority if this function was delegated to the Township. The Township has on staff a Registered Professional Planner (Mr. Ivan Burton MCIP, RPP) to ensure that the Planning Act, the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), the County Official Plan, local zoning by-laws and good planning practices are followed in the performance of this important role. As part of this delegation, the Township Planner would be responsible for all severance-related pre-consultations i.e., County Planning Division staff would no longer accept General Inquiries for severance proposals in the Township. However, we would still be responsible for approval of plans of subdivision and General Inquiries related to those types of development.

The Township would also take on all the administrative functions associated with consent giving authority e.g., intake of applications, public notices, agency circulation, inquiries from the public, lawyers, surveyors, and real estate agents, decisions, issuance of certificates, appeals, etc. We note from the Township's letter that Mr. Burton is an Accredited Committee Secretary-Treasurer (ACST) professional, a designation issued by the Ontario Association of Committees of Adjustment. Attached as Appendix PLAN-V is a draft consent delegation by-law that spells out the terms and conditions of the delegation.

(a) Financial Implications

Between 2015 and the middle of October of this year the County of Renfrew received 150 consent applications from the Township of Whitewater Region (out of a total of 819 applications). These applications generated \$134,200 in revenues to the County over that period. That represents about \$22,000 per year, or a little over 18%

of annual revenues from all consent applications (\$727,400) over that period. As a percentage of all sources of revenue to the Planning Division, severance fees from the Township of Whitewater Region represent 11% of the total revenues (based on data from 2015 to 2018).

Therefore, delegating consent giving authority to the Township of Whitewater Region will have a financial implication to the County. The resulting revenue shortage would have to be made up from the County levy.

(b) Other Implications to Consider

In addition to the financial implications, there are other implications to consider in delegating consent authority to the Township, including the precedent that this may set for other municipalities, and the potential for the further erosion of efficiencies in the delivery of this service at the upper-tier.

Because we are the consent granting authority for 14 of the 17 lower-tier municipalities in the County, we enjoy an economies of scale that enable us to devote the necessary staff people to the intake, processing, and planning review of each consent application. This level of staff input results in an efficient and effective administration of these files. Delegating a part of the County consent giving authority may affect these economies of scale and, further, may not comply with the provincial direction to improve and enhance service delivery.

Another factor to consider is the effect this might have on the consistent application of County of Renfrew Official Plan policies across the County.

However, another implication is that the delegation of consent granting authority to the Township of Whitewater Region would free up capacity within the existing County Planning Division staff complement to provide enhanced service to the other municipalities (e.g., by increasing the turn-around time on general inquiries/pre-consultations).

Council Members Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Mayor Michael Moore
Reeve Cathy Regier

Councillors:
Charlene Jackson
Dave Mackay
Daryl McLaughlin
Neil Nicholson
Chris Olmstead

Re: Request for Delegated Authority for Consents

Dear Warden Debbie Robinson,

At its meeting of September 9, 2020, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Chris Olmstead

Seconded by Councillor Charlene Jackson

That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region request that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew pass a by-law to delegate the authority for the giving of consent under Section 53 of the Planning Act to Whitewater Region Council in respect of land situated within the geographic Township of Whitewater Region.

Carried - Resolution #2020-4319

The current process can be viewed as a two-stage process by which a proponent files an application to the County of Renfrew, which is then distributed to the Township for comments. This process, in most cases, requires that a proponent reach out to both Township and County staff.

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Section 54 of the Planning Act permits *the council of an upper-tier municipality, by the passing of a by-law, to delegate to the council of a lower-tier municipality the authority for the giving of consents under section 53 in respect of land situate in the lower-tier municipality.*


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Throughout Renfrew County, other local municipalities that have been delegated authority include the Town of Arnprior, Town of Renfrew and the Township of McNab Braeside.



The County of Renfrew Official Plan outlines policies, among others, relating to the land division applications including Consents. These policies apply to the Township of Whitewater Region and will continue to apply whether or not County Council delegates approval authority to local council.

The Township hired a full-time Land Use Planner/Economic Development Officer in the spring 2019 to provide, among others, a full range of professional land use planning functions. The Planner hired by the Township is an Accredited Committee Secretary-Treasurer (ACST) professional, a designation issued by the Ontario Association of Committee of Adjustments.

Through the passing of a by-law at County Council, delegated authority for the giving of Consent can be transferred to the local Council. This delegated authority, while not affecting any of the applicable planning policy, would provide for a greater localized decision making for the Township. The process will provide for a one-window approval process and may decrease timeframes and costs for proponents.

In closing, we ask that Whitewater Region be given the same delegated authority provided to other lower-tier municipalities in the county.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Mayor Michael Moore

c.c. Reeve Cathy Regier
County of Renfrew Council
Whitewater Region Council
All lower-tier municipalities in Renfrew County
Paul Morneau, CAO/Clerk
Craig Kelley, Director of Development & Property
Charles Cheeseman, Manager of Planning Services
Robert Tremblay, Chief Administrative Officer, WWR
Ivan Burton, Planner/EDO, WWR
Carmen Miller, Clerk/Secretary-Treasurer CofA, WWR



COUNTY OF RENFREW

BY-LAW NUMBER

**A BY-LAW TO DELEGATE CONSENT AUTHORITY TO THE
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
UNDER SECTION 54 OF THE PLANNING ACT**

WHEREAS pursuant to the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990 c. P.13, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Act, the Council of the County of Renfrew has authority to give consents in respect of land situated in the County of Renfrew;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the County of Renfrew has the authority to and has previously delegated the authority of Council to deal with applications for consent pursuant to Section 53 of the Act to the County of Renfrew Land Division Committee and to appointed officers by By-law 25-20, as authorized by Section 54(4) of the Act;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of Section 54(1) of the Act, the Council of the County of Renfrew may, by by-law, delegate to the Council of a lower-tier municipality the authority for the giving of consents under Section 53 in respect of lands situate in the lower tier municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of County of Renfrew enacts as follows:

1. The authority of the Council of the County of Renfrew to grant consents pursuant to Section 53 of the Act in respect of land situate in the Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region is hereby delegated to the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region, subject to the provisions of this By-law.
2. The delegation made in Section 1 herein does not apply to any application for consent received by the County of Renfrew on or before _____, 2021.

3. The Council of the Township of Whitewater Region or its delegate in exercising the authority delegated by Section 1 of this By-law shall comply with the conditions of delegation specified in Schedule A to this By-law.
4. Schedule A annexed hereto is hereby declared to form part of this By-law.
5. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

READ a first time this 31st day of March 2021.

READ a second time this 31st day of March 2021.

READ a third time and finally passed this 31st day of March 2021.

DEBBIE ROBINSON, WARDEN

PAUL V. MOREAU, CAO/CLERK

SCHEDULE A

Conditions of Delegation of Consent Authority to the Council of Whitewater Region

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of this By-law, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region or its delegate shall comply with the following conditions of delegation:

Applications

1. Applications shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of the Act and all applicable Ontario Regulations. All notices of application, decisions, certificates, reference plans and any other information that may be required by the County (e.g., planning reports) shall be provided electronically to the Clerk of the County of Renfrew. Copies of said certificates and reference plans shall be forwarded by the Township of Whitewater Region to the Clerk of the County of Renfrew within thirty (30) days of issuance.
2. Decisions on applications for consent shall be made in accordance with the applicable provisions and regulations of the Planning Act, the Provincial Policy Statement, the County of Renfrew Official Plan, local zoning by-laws and all other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

Reporting

3. Where any of the authority delegated by Section 1 of this By-law is in turn delegated pursuant to Section 54(2) of the Act the Township of Whitewater Region shall forward to the Clerk of the County of Renfrew a certified copy of the delegating By-law within fifteen (15) days of its passage.
4. On or before the _____ day of December of each year, the delegated authority shall file with the Director of Development and Property of the County of Renfrew a brief report:
 - (a) categorizing and summarizing the activities of the delegated authority.
 - (b) identifying any general or specific operational or other concerns related to the implementation of the delegated authority.

Monitoring

5. The appellant status of the County of Renfrew and of its officers acting in the stead of the County in any of its functions, shall be recognized by the delegated authority. In this regard, the County shall monitor decisions of the delegated authority to ensure County-wide interests are adequately dealt with and protected as generally detailed in the Official Plan of the County of Renfrew.

Other

6. The County may make available a support service function to assist in training and ongoing technical support of the delegated authority. The use of County resources for this purpose or any other purpose may be subject to fees. Notwithstanding such function, the delegated authority assumes all responsibility and liability for its actions in implementing the delegation.
7. The Council of the County of Renfrew may by-by-law, in its discretion and pursuant to Section 54(7) of the Act, withdraw the delegation of authority.
8. The Township of Whitewater Region shall have on staff a qualified person with a Registered Professional Planner (RPP) designation or its equivalent.