

COUNTY OF RENFREW



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS of the COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION of the COUNTY OF RENFREW

- Second Ordinary Session -

County Council
Pembroke, Ontario
January 26, 2022

GENERAL SESSION

The General Session of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

The Warden, Debbie Robinson, presided.

Warden Robinson cited the Land Acknowledgement, identifying that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Algonquin People.

The meeting opened with a moment of silent reflection and the singing of the National Anthem.

The roll was called and all members were found to be present. No pecuniary interest was disclosed.

Moved by Councillor Brose

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT the minutes of November 24, 2021 and December 14, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED.

Warden Robinson addressed Council as follows:

Members of County Council:

During the month of January, I attended 26 meetings on County business.

On January 5 and 6, I attended the Inaugural meeting of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus where I was acclaimed as Chair for 2022. Warden Liz Danielsen of the County of Haliburton is also returning for her second consecutive term as EOWC Vice-Chair. The EOWC has agreed to stay the course with its 2021 priorities for the initial months of 2022 with key priorities being Long-Term Care, Ontario Health Teams, and Affordable and Attainable Housing. The Caucus will also re-evaluate its strategic plan and priorities during the priority-setting EOWC meeting in March 2022.

On January 7, we held a special meeting of County Council and made the decision to postpone the 2022 Ontario Youth Winter Games. All parties are working together over the coming weeks to explore the possibility of hosting in 2023, and additional information will be shared with you later in this meeting.

On January 17, 2022, Council approved the 2022 budget with a modest increase of 1.6%. Thank you to County Council for the thoughtful debate in approving a budget that provides clear direction to our staff, allowing them to do their jobs and deliver services to our residents in a timely manner.

On January 23, I attended the virtual Rural Housing Affordability Roundtable with Premier Ford and MMAH Minister Steve Clark along with members of AMO and ROMA. It was an excellent opportunity to inform both the Premier and Minister on what is really happening on the ground in rural Ontario in relation to the housing crisis. Approximately 100 people attended; however, there were only about a dozen of us that had the opportunity to speak. Councillor Peter Emon and I were among the dozen and we used our time to share some stories and possible solutions we hope the province will consider.

During the wrap up, the Premier commented on our suggestion of multi-year funding and program flexibility so we will see if that evolves into some concrete funding programs going forward. Both he and Minister Clark were very engaged and interested in the opinions of those in attendance.

ROMA 2022 Conference (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) just wrapped up yesterday and the County of Renfrew was successful in obtaining four delegation meetings during the Conference:

Councillor James Brose and Director of Development & Property Craig Kelley and Director of Community Services Laura LePine presented to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to discuss working with the province to find more innovative and efficient ways of addressing the critical shortage of attainable and affordable housing in rural Ontario;

Councillor Tom Peckett along with the Director of Public Works and Engineering Department Lee Perkins, presented to Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, to ask the Province to expand the eligibility criteria and access to the Provincial Gas Tax Fund; providing greater flexibility in the guidelines for the ICIP Program; and continue to increase funding under the Ontario Community infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and improving this fund by removing restrictions that limits funding to only core infrastructure;

Councillor Bob Sweet and Manager of Forestry and GIS Jason Davis met with the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, to request that the Province consider future county funding applications for the completion of the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail as a multi-use, active transportation trail; and

Councilors Michael Donohue and Jennifer Murphy, along with Director of Corporate Services Jeff Foss met with the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, to discuss the municipal role in public health and its funding.

I want to thank our MPP John Yakabuski for attending the County of Renfrew's delegations. His presence sends a subtle message to his colleagues, that he is supportive of our issues and is prepared to assist our lobbying efforts. He is well respected by his political colleagues in all three parties, and it is a privilege to work with him as the Warden.

Also, during ROMA, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus presented position papers on Long-Term Care capital construction, Ontario Health Teams and Affordable and Attainable Housing in Eastern Ontario during the Multi-ministerial delegation meeting as well as our meetings with the Liberal and NDP caucuses.

As chair of the EOWC, I was also involved with a joint delegation with George Cornell, chair of the WOWC, where we had the opportunity to speak with Minister Elliott regarding elected municipal representation on governance boards of all Ontario Health Teams. She has committed to discussing this further in the weeks to come.

It was also my privilege to be a member of the panel in a session at ROMA entitled 'Taking a Pulse Check on Rural and Northern Health', where I had the opportunity to speak about RC VTAC and the family physician shortage.

On January 28 and 29, I will be attending AMO Board meetings to discuss:

Fixing the Long-Term Care Act, 2021 Phase 1 Regulations;

Conservation Authority Modernization;

AMO 2022 Conference Preparation; and

AMOs Pre-Budget Submission.

January was a whirlwind of meetings, so while I still have some wiggle room in February's schedule I am working, along with MPP John Yakabuski, to get RC VTAC back in front of Minister Elliott. This is of crucial importance to our residents and our commitment to obtaining annual funding remains steadfast.

On behalf of Council, I wish to express our sincere condolences to Councillor Debbie Grills, Mayor of Head Clara and Maria on the passing of her husband Bob on New Year's Day. I also wish to express our condolences to former Bonnechere Valley Mayor and County Councillor Zig Mintha on the passing of his wife Shirley.

I will remind those assembled here of the following - the County of Renfrew, Experience our history, Share our future.

This concludes my address for this session of County Council. Debbie Robinson, Warden

Delegations were heard as follows:

- a) 9:10 a.m. - Mr. Joe McBrearty, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Pat Quinn, Director of Communications, and Ms. Meggan Vickerd, General Manager for Waste Services, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Chalk River to provide an update on Advanced Nuclear Materials and Research Centre and Health Research (Actinium 225).

Councillor Doncaster vacated the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Councillor Doncaster returned at 10:27 a.m.

- b) 9:50 a.m. - Ms. Susan Chase, Specialist in Digital, IT Strategy, Smart City and Innovation, Perry Group Consulting Ltd. to overview the Digital Strategy Discovery Review prepared for the County of Renfrew.

Council recessed at 10:56 a.m. Council reconvened at 11:10 a.m. with the same persons present.

Councillor Robert Sweet, Chair of the Development & Property Committee brought in and read the resolutions of the following report:

January 26, 2022

To the Council of the Corporation
of the County of Renfrew

Members of County Council:

We, your **Development and Property Committee**, wish to report and recommend as follows:

INFORMATION

1. Development and Property Staffing Update

a) Junior Planner – Planning Division

We are pleased to announce that Laura Jamieson is the successful applicant for the Junior Planner competition. Laura started her employment with the County on January 4 and has already started working on general inquiry responses and the comprehensive zoning by-law update projects.

b) Supervisor – Technical Services – Real Estate

We are pleased to advise that Erica Etmanskie joins our team effective January 31, 2022 and will fill the position left vacant by Janet Porter who submitted her resignation effective December 21, 2021. Erica comes to us with experience in project management, real estate, contract preparation and knowledge of Municipal and Provincial regulations. We look forward to working with Erica as we proceed with multiple new projects.

2. Planning Division Activity Tracker [Strategic Plan Goal No. 3]

Attached as Appendix I is the Activity Tracker Summary along with an overview of the major planning files for 2021.

For the period January – December 2021, the County of Renfrew opened 200 severance applications compared to 106 applications in 2020. In total

783 new lots received draft or final approval compared to 391 in 2020. Two new subdivision applications have been received that propose to create an additional 322 lots.

The County of Renfrew received a total of 254 formal requests for general inquiries (planning checklists). In addition, staff responded to 229 other inquiries.

Special projects completed include Official Plan Amendment 31, Town of Petawawa Zoning By-law update, and the Cannabis Study.

3. **2022 Harvest Timber Sale Results [Strategic Plan Goal No. 2]**

Harvest Timber Sales for 2022 were advertised and opened on December 2, 2021 and are summarized below. DPF 05-22 (Ruby Tract) was not awarded because the bid received was significantly below market value according to prices received for similar forest types on Renfrew County Forests over the last five years. Awarded bids are highlighted in green. The total estimated revenue based on volume estimates included in the tender for 2022 is \$306,419.80. Actual revenue is calculated based on weighed actual volume harvested. It is worth noting that the harvest at Beachburg Tract will inevitably impact recreation activities in the well-used trail system. Outreach and communication has been ongoing with Beachburg Off Road Cycling Association (BORCA), Whitewater Sno-Goers and Snow Country Snowmobile Region Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) District 6 since February 2021 when tree marking began.

	Bid Submission Amount				
	DPF 01-22: Lorwall Lake Tract	DPF 02-22: Brudenell Tract	DPF 03-22: Beachburg Tract	DPF 04-22: Round Lake Tract	DPF 05-22: Ruby Tract
Lavern Heideman & Sons	\$78,440.00		\$117,400.00		
A.J Nagora Logging	\$36,320.00		\$31,915.00	\$16,992.00	\$26,750.00
Ott Family Logging	\$56,792.00			\$35,489.80	
1706217 Ontario Inc.	\$125,000.00	28,530.00			

4. **Comprehensive Zoning By-law Update Schedules** [Strategic Plan Goal No. 3]

Nine municipalities have requested that the County prepare the update to their local comprehensive zoning by-laws. Updates are required under the Planning Act within three years of the passing of the County Official Plan update. Three projects would be scheduled per cohort (estimated one-year time frame) in accordance with a work plan that was circulated to the municipalities. Staff have already started working with the first cohort to update the by-laws.

Cohort 1

- Bonnechere Valley
- Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards
- North Algona Wilberforce

Cohort 3

- Horton
- Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan
- McNab/Braeside

Cohort 2

- Madawaska Valley
- Laurentian Hills
- Admaston/Bromley

RESOLUTIONS

5. **Pembroke and Area Airport**

RESOLUTION NO. DP-CC-22-01-02

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council authorize the Warden to send a formal letter of support for the Pembroke and Area Airport and the Arnprior Airport.

Background

Attached as Appendix II is an email that was received from Allan Wren, Councillor, Laurentian Valley Township and Chair of the Pembroke and Area Airport Commission on November 19, 2021.

6. **Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities [Strategic Plan Goal No. 4]**

RESOLUTION NO. DP-CC-22-01-03

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council approve the membership of the County of Renfrew in the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC); AND FURTHER THAT this membership will support and inform the economic and business development efforts of the County of Renfrew and member municipalities in the area of nuclear science and the many other fields of science and technology research and development being carried out at Chalk River Laboratories.

Background

Municipalities, regions and counties across Canada that host nuclear sites, nuclear power generation stations, nuclear science and technology research laboratories, nuclear reactors and uranium mining and processing operations are members of the CANHC. The association represents the interests of nuclear host communities in interactions with upper tier governments and with the owners and operators of nuclear facilities and the broader nuclear industry. The CANHC unites the voices of municipalities and is the national representative of the wishes and interests of municipalities in this very mature, complex, expanding and diversifying scientific and business sector.

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions and mitigation are a national and global imperative that is leading to a resurgence of the deployment of non-greenhouse gas emitting nuclear power electricity generating stations globally. This presents business and economic development opportunities for Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) and Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Inc. (CNL). Further, the research and development of hydrogen technology at CNL has placed Renfrew County in the forefront of that field of energy technology development.

Our Committee directed staff and the Warden to determine who will be the representative from the County of Renfrew.

BY-LAWS

7. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Consultation Process

RESOLUTION NO. DP-CC-22-01-09

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council pass a By-law to enter into a Contribution Agreement between the County of Renfrew and the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation for their review as a condition of the successful Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) grant for the rehabilitation of the Algonquin Trail.

Background

On November 4, 2021, the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee directed staff to continue with the consultation process as a condition of the successful application for a grant to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). It is a requirement to have a consultation process completed with the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, with financial implications of approximately \$20,000. The Contribution Agreement has been reviewed by the County's legal counsel of Borden Ladner Gervais of Ottawa, Ontario.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Robert Sweet, Chair

And Committee Members: P. Emon, S. Keller, D. Lynch, C. Regier, J. Reinwald, D. Robinson, J. Tiedje

Moved by Councillor Donohue

Seconded by Councillor Brose

THAT Item # 7, Resolution No. DP-CC-22-01-09 be severed from the report and voted on separately. CARRIED.

The Report was adopted as presented, except Item # 7, Resolution No. DP-CC-22-01-09.

Councillor Jennifer Murphy, Chair of the Finance & Administration committee brought in and read the resolutions of the following report:

January 26, 2022

To the Council of the Corporation
Of the County of Renfrew

Members of County Council:

We, your **Finance and Administration Committee**, wish to report and recommend as follows:

INFORMATION

1. CRA Mileage Rates – [Strategic Plan Goal #2]

In June 2018, Council adopted Resolution No. FA-CC-18-06-76 directing that effective January 1, 2019 the mileage rates for the County of Renfrew will be increased yearly as per the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) mileage per kilometer rate. Staff have reviewed the Canada Revenue Agency Automobile Allowance rates for 2022 and noted that there is an increase to 61 cents per kilometer for the first 5,000 kilometers and 55 cents over 5,000 kilometers.

2. Provincial Offences Administration Backlog [Strategic Plan Goal #3]

The following chart highlights the ongoing backlog of court matters due to the COVID-19 shutdown:

Month 2021	# of Courts Originally Scheduled	# of Courts Cancelled	# Part I Charges in Backlog	Part III New Charges	# Part III Charges in Backlog	Total Backlog Charges	Number of Court Days Required for Backlog	Months to Clear Backlog at Current Rate
March	4	4	456	60	403	919	39	13
April	3	2	540	53	646	1239	52	17
May	6	2	514	75	355	944	39	13
June	6	2	527	90	595	1212	50	16
July	5	2	512	95	277	884	37	12.5
August	6	2	432	77	549	1058	44	15

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Sept.	6	3	439	88	449	956	40	13.5
Oct.	5	2	499	125	377	1001	42	14
Nov.	7	2	560	86	540	1186	50	16.5
Dec.	6	3	534	57	555	1146	48	16

3. **2022 Municipal Election**

As everyone is aware, the Municipal Election will be held on October 24, 2022 and the new Council takes office on November 15, 2022. Local municipalities can hold their inaugural meeting anytime after November 15, but would have to revise their Procedural By-law to affect a change. The Inaugural meeting of County Council will be scheduled after the local municipalities advise when their inaugural meeting will be held to swear in their Councillors.

An email was sent to the local municipalities in December with little response.

4. **Request for Donation to Festival Hall**

Attached as Appendix I is a letter from Mayor Mike LeMay, City of Pembroke, Mayor Bob Sweet, Town of Petawawa and Mayor Steve Bennett, Township of Laurentian Valley, advising that Festival Hall is planning a renovation of the theatre in 2022 which includes the replacement of seats. A Festival Hall Seat Campaign is being launched to replace the seats and partners are being offered diamond, platinum or gold partnership levels and to receive recognition on the Festival Hall Seat Campaign Wall of Honour within the theatre.

Resolution No. FA-CC-01-04-87 was adopted on April 30, 2001 as follows: "THAT County Council discontinue the practice of awarding grants."

5. **Continuity of Operations**

With the rise in the Omicron variant and renewed restriction from the Province of Ontario, the County of Renfrew has had to take a step back from in-person meetings and for the months of January and February. Committees and County Council will continue to meet virtually. Staff will continue to monitor what is happening locally and provincially, and will provide ongoing reports to Committee and County Council in order to reassess our position on in-person meetings at the end of February. Our priority at the County of Renfrew is to keep staff and residents safe as we continue to adapt to the ever-changing landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic. As you will read in the reports from each department that follow the County of Renfrew faces a real challenge with the continuity of operations in the months to come. Continuing to staff our facilities and provide services to our community will be our top priority in the weeks and months ahead.

LONG TERM CARE

Homes are currently tracking 21 staff at Miramichi Lodge and 12 staff at Bonnechere Manor. Staff are now starting to come off the 10-day isolation period following a surge of high-risk contacts and PCR positive cases over the holidays. Staffing pressures have remained constant at Bonnechere Manor averaging 3-4 PSW absences on a given shift. Miramichi Lodge experienced a spike in absences January 3 with 5 PSW absences. Staffing contingencies in place for both Homes include:

- Pre-holiday season up staffing of PSW schedule utilizing recent staffing fund enhancements.
- Utilization of newly created resident aide position to support PSW staff.
- All hands-on deck approach i.e. shift of duty focus to meeting basic care requirements vs program functions/ MDS / BSO, etc.
- Continuation of PSW/ RPN & RN student placements including living classroom at Bonnechere Manor to commence in the coming weeks.
- Engage childcare / early years workers to support screener staffing schedule.
- Engagement of Essential Care Giver role for basic care/feeding assistance as required.

In the event either Home reaches crisis staffing status such that provision of basic care is in jeopardy, Homes are now permitted to engage in test- to - work option. Several critical conditions must be adhered to engage the test-to-work approach. This measure allows for return to work as early as 7 days after last date of high-risk contact or resolve of symptoms for those staff testing positive, versus the typical 10 days required for staff working in Long-Term Care.

To date neither Home has had a COVID positive resident case, and neither Home has been declared in outbreak. Significant Directive changes intended to bolster infection prevention and control measures to reduce COVID exposure and mitigate effects include:

- Mandatory third dose boosters for all staff, volunteers, students & essential caregivers by January 28, 2022. Both Homes have run multiple clinics for staff and ECGs, on track to meet this target and with over 100 staff vaccinated in each home. Essential Care giver vaccine clinics run at each home.
- Resident social and overnight absences suspended.
- Twice-weekly Rapid Antigen Test (RAT). As an extra precautionary measure both Homes continue to test **daily** all persons permitted to enter the Home.

EMERGENCY SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The Service has responded to the needs of community members and advanced the profession of paramedicine by:

1. Increasing staffing to manage the increase in call volume, local hospital transfers, transfers outside of the County, and Community Paramedic interventions.
2. Increasing training, building relationships, and improving the ability to access patients in remote areas.
3. Strengthening professional practices to implement solutions to help relieve system pressures such as supporting triage and emergency department functions critical to a seamless transfer of care and patient flow throughout the healthcare system. These roles also reduce the impact of off-load delay, thus liberating 911 Paramedic resources to be available to the community.
4. Administrating the continued operation of the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC) as a primary care access point

for episodic care assessment as well as registration and testing for COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

5. Collaborating with partner agencies to provide a rapid response for testing and vaccination at mobile and static sites as well as in-home care.
6. Supporting the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) through vaccination clinics and response to outbreak testing in the community.
7. Expanding Remote Patient Monitoring for patients with acute or chronic conditions to provide 24/7 support of complex care needs and avoiding 911 or Emergency Department utilization.
8. Implement the COVID-19 Auxiliary Medical Directive to treat patients to remain in their own home.
9. Integrate the use of RC VTAC as a regional consultative medical service for Emergency Department Physicians, Paramedics, and their patients to provide definitive care, prescribing and referral.
10. Implement the Special Event Medical Directive to treat patients to remain in their own home under limited circumstances.
11. The Paramedic Service deployment plan has been amended with our partners at the Renfrew Central Ambulance Communications Centre to reduce the urgency of inter-facility transfers and to protect our 911 Paramedic resources to be available for response in the County of Renfrew.
12. Delivering the Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care Program for at risk populations.
13. Expanding the Community Paramedicine Program through innovations (such as point of care testing, diagnostics, and interpretation) and to function as a surge capacity for community 911 response as needed.
14. Amend departmental policies to reflect a requirement for 2 COVID-19 vaccinations as a minimum for all new hires.
15. Amend departmental policies to direct all staff to don N-95 respirators for all patient contacts.
16. Amend workplace isolation protocols developed in consultation with corporate occupational health and the health unit.
17. Logistics has sourced additional N-95 masks in anticipation of further workplace safety measures. An order has been placed and a date of receipt is yet to be confirmed by the supplier.

18. N95 fit testing has been reinvigorated to meet the changing availability of mask models available for distribution to staff.
19. Logistics has sourced additional COVID-19 rapid tests in anticipation of increased demand. An order has been placed and a date of receipt is yet to be confirmed by the supplier.
20. PAPR respirator availability has been increased to accommodate new hires and in anticipation of an increase in demand for use.
21. All in-person meetings have been cancelled and only essential movements of staff within our facilities are approved.
22. All administrative in-person attendance requires pre-approval by the Chief.

Pressures

Paramedics are collaborators who offer concrete, practical solutions to many of the broad healthcare challenges that the County is facing. The Service is unique in its ability to offer care on scene, in the community and as extensions to primary care. Because of this, the Service has experienced an increased demand for service which has resulted in an increased call volume and transfers for 911 operations coupled with an increase in patient interventions from the Community Paramedicine Program. These system pressures have created recruitment and retention challenges, which are impacting response times and creating logistical and administrative pressures felt in every area of the Service.

Recommendations to Support the Service Moving Forward

In order to continue to respond to community needs and identified healthcare gaps, the Service needs to keep responding to a new level of sophistication, and innovative solutions to address the healthcare needs of the people it serves.

Addressing Demand for Service

We will continue to explore innovative solutions to increase our response capacity, and ensure that we meet our community needs such as modifications to our deployment plan and collaborating with other services and the regional base hospital program to implement strategies to keep the worried well and those not requiring a hospital at home.

We are working with local hospitals to implement an offload strategy to free up 911 resources. This includes

- paramedic resources in hospital and offloading directly to the waiting room when warranted.
- includes working with local hospitals to ensure a bed is ready at the receiving facility prior to a transfer being initiated so that a patient can be offloaded directly.
- includes delaying interfacility transfers in favour of retaining emergency response capacity.

We will continue to work with the Renfrew Central Ambulance Communications Centre to seek solutions such as providing clinical consultation, more robust transfer triaging and prioritization of requests and resources.

Supporting staff

Omicron and provincial policies related to quarantine and isolation have created unprecedented pressures on Paramedic staffing levels. We are now routinely down staffing swabbing, vaccinating, 911 and Community Paramedic units due to short- and long-term employee absence from the workplace despite an open-call hiring process.

A recruitment drive is underway to expand our available staff complement. WSIB case management has been identified as an area of significant concern as it is seemingly difficult to collaboratively support staff and encourage return to work activities. This process needs significant review going forward.

We will be continuing to focus on communicating change with staff, encouraging and empowering staff to utilize the resources available to them to positively affect their day and the care of their patients. These are difficult times for all Paramedic Service Staff. We need to make extraordinary efforts to support their day to day needs and be appreciative of the work that they do to support our communities.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Pembroke, Renfrew and Arnprior offices are open to the public. Killaloe site remains closed to the public but all services are offered remotely. Walk-in traffic has remained relatively light as the majority of recipients are continuing to use virtual methods to receive services. Staff continue to encourage virtual service wherever possible and, when necessary, staff will meet with clients in a secure interview room which is sanitized regularly

and contains a full plexiglass partition. All staff are wearing appropriate masks when interacting with clients. Staff in-office has been greatly reduced with the majority of staff working from home. All three divisions have minimal staff working in office ensuring a sufficient staff complement in office to serve individuals coming in. Child care staff are working on Emergency Child Care services and communication to parents; Ontario Works staff are working with an increase in applications for assistance due to the Province moving back into stage 2 and many service workers impacted and laid off; and Housing continues to serve tenants and new applicants for housing and housing programs. Maintenance and custodial staff continue to provide on-site emergency services only at this time to all Renfrew County Housing Corporation buildings.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Currently, the majority of office staff are working from home. Staff have been advised to remain at home as much as possible for work purposes. If staff enter the building they have been instructed to be masked at all times. Double masking has been recommended. All work continues to be completed i.e. tender preparations, invoicing, capital project preparation and related works.

The Public Works Operations staff continue to be available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week while based at home. The Patrol Supervisors are operating the facilities and handling day-to-day operations, and all regulatory requirements are currently being met or exceeded.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Finance

The Finance Division continues to ensure the continuity of all financial services with several staff on-site and available during regular working hours to answer questions and provide the same quality of service delivered prior to COVID-19. Our remaining staff began working remotely in response to the guidance provided by the CAO. Staff continue to meet all performance standards for payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, reporting, banking and benefits administration. Reception duties for the County Administration building are the responsibility of the Finance Division and staff continue to ensure that walk in and telephone

enquiries are answered in person during our regular office hours of Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Human Resources

The Human Resources Division also ensures the continuity of service with at least two staff on-site and available during regular working hours. The rest of the division will work remotely as much as possible, with office visits as required. Our Employee Health Coordinators are available during our regular office hours of Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to provide assistance and guidance to all staff related to public health direction on COVID reporting, isolation and health concerns.

Information Technology

IT staff are still providing all the same service and support that was previously delivered before COVID-19 by using a variety of remote management tools, virtual private networks (VPN) and network/security monitoring. The division will utilize a staff rotation model with 50% of staff in the office each day during regular business hours. IT staff are able to provide remote troubleshooting support to approximately 500 County computers by using our Desktop Central Management suite, which even allows us connectivity to staff who are using County computers while working remotely. IT staff are also continually monitoring the complex county network of servers and security applications to ensure our networks stay protected and safe. Server backup systems are monitored daily for completion, and random file restores are performed weekly to ensure our data is fully recoverable if the need arises. VPN access is monitored in real time to alert IT staff if there are any attempted breaches to our secured file system and networks. Updates and revisions to the County website continue to be posted as quickly as possible to help keep our residents informed with the latest news and alerts being issued by the County. County staff are able to request IT support by either emailing the IT helpdesk or by calling the helpdesk hotline which all IT staff can respond to no matter if they are working remotely or from the office. IT staff are still providing onsite support to the various county offices in situations where remote management is not feasible and are following all health protocols for entering those facilities.

Provincial Offences

The POA Court continues to offer Audio/Remote Video Court by Zoom.

POA staff transitioned to the new POA reception/service counter on May 24, 2021 and the public entrance door was opened on June 7, 2021. The Ministry of the Attorney General requires that POA court services be available to the public during regular office hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

The next step for the POA Court is planning for reopening court locations for in-person appearances. The Recovery Secretariat provided the planning toolkit and resources to assist municipalities in ensuring that appropriate precautionary measures are in place prior to re-opening courts to in-person appearances. The plexiglass and COVID-19 signage have been installed at the County of Renfrew Administration Building courtroom in order to meet the guidelines in preparation for the in-person court appearances.

The first Trial in Absentia court (where we are required to have the courtroom open) is set for March 21, 2022.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

All staff are being encouraged to transition to a work-from-home environment for the next few weeks. We have allowed some flexibility for some staff to work in the County Administration Building if and when required. The doors to the building remain open to the public, but meetings with the public are to be held virtually or by appointment only and then, only if absolutely necessary in person. We continue with virtual meetings when possible. There are new staff joining this Division, requiring them to be on-site more regularly to get familiar with people and process.

Staff in Forestry/Trails have the option to working remotely in the field when weather and situation permits.

The Real Estate/Property Division remains on-site and will be reviewing building operations (filters, cleaning schedule, etc.) to ensure that the buildings are operating in an effective manner with the new variant. RCHC maintenance and custodial staff have transitioned to emergency repairs only, and pausing regular maintenance duties that require greater interaction with tenants.

We continue to monitor staff absences and respond accordingly.

6. **Insurance Rates – 2022** [Strategic Plan Goal #3]

An email dated December 24, 2021 was received from MIS Municipal Insurance Services advising that our annual renewal premium for the County of Renfrew for 2022 is \$703,467, which is an increase of 11% or \$70,908 more than 2021. MIS has kept their annual premiums as stable as possible, over the past six years but insurance companies are experiencing the effects of the hard insurance market and the impacts of COVID. On average, insurance companies are seeing a premium increase in the 15-20% range this renewal season, depending on claims. Fortunately for the County of Renfrew, MIS has negotiated an 11% increase. The driving factors behind our premium increases are a 10% increase in our liability rates, 4% increase in auto rates and a 12% increase in property insurance rates. Cyber insurance has also increased significantly over the past year due to the increase in the number and size of claims therefore, our premium is up 45% or \$12,800 over 2021. This increase is a result of insurers working to adjust premiums to align with the new and growing exposure.

7. **County of Hastings – Increasing Cost of Insurance Premiums** [Strategic Plan Goal #3]

Attached as Appendix II is a letter dated December 2, 2021 sent to the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General, Ministry of the Attorney General and the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance from Warden Rick Phillips, County of Hastings expressing concern over the dramatic increases in the cost of insurance premiums, as a result of joint and several liability and protecting our municipalities against cyber attacks.

8. **Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)** [Strategic Plan Goal #3]

Attached as Appendix III is a letter dated December 15, 2021 from Ms. Nicole McNeil, President and Chief Administrative Officer, MPAC providing details of the 2022 funding requirements of a province-wide municipal levy increase of 0%. Based on preliminary assessment data, the charge for the County of Renfrew will be approximately \$1,541,699.83 compared to the 2021 funding requirement for the County of Renfrew of \$1,546,566.24 representing a decrease of 0.31% for the County.

Attached as Appendix IV is the MPAC-InTouch Newsletter dated December 21, 2021 providing an update on new construction and renovations in 2021, the 2021 Municipal Partnerships Report, MPAC launches 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, upcoming webinars and partnerships in action.

9. **Board of Health** [Strategic Plan Goal #3]

Attached as Appendix V is a letter dated December 14, 2021 from Ms. Heather Daly, Acting CEO/Director, Corporate Services, Renfrew County and District Health Unit giving notice to the County of Renfrew that pursuant to Section 72 (5) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act (H.P.P.A.) the amount that the Board of Health estimates will be required to defray its expenses under Section 72(1) for the year 2022 is \$1,733,289, which is unchanged from 2021. These payments are to be made in 12 equal installments due the 1st day of each month. The Board of Health has also provided the following additional information:

- 2022 Municipal Levy Report with Assumptions and Considerations;
- Breakdown by Obligated Municipalities; and
- History of the Municipal Levy from 1987 – 2022.

10. **2022 Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario (MEPCO)** [Strategic Plan Goal #3]

The Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario (MEPCO) is a non-profit corporation created by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to provide pension expertise and resources to AMO's employer representatives on the OMERS Sponsors Corporation (SC) and Administration Corporation (AC) Boards. The board structure was established through legislation to provide sponsors (employers and employees) with the responsibility for the Plan, devolving it from the Province. The legislation names AMO as the sponsor for OMERS municipal governments, the largest sponsor of the municipal employers. The MEPCO board meets quarterly and members include pension experts, as well as municipal government representatives that provide well thought out, actuarially sound perspectives on OMERS issues that reflect the interests of municipal employers and the overall sustainability of the OMERS Pension Plan.

The 2022 Budget includes a provision for this continued payment to MEPCO. Our Committee approved the Treasurer to continue to pay the Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario (MEPCO) the 2022 Employer Municipal Contribution in the amount of \$3,428.99 (578 OMERS Employees x \$5.25/per employee) including HST. The 2021 Employer Municipal contribution for the County of Renfrew was \$3,357.80 including HST (566 OMERS Employees x \$5.25/per employee).

11. Scott Rosien Black and Locke – Audit Planning Letter 2022 [Strategic Plan Goal #2]

Attached as Appendix VI is a letter dated December 17, 2021 that was received from Ms. Karen Black, CPA, CA, Scott Rosien Black and Locke to our Chair, Councillor Jennifer Murphy, advising that in their role as auditors they wish to provide a letter that addresses their responsibilities as an independent auditor, provide information about the planned scope and timing of their audit and request a response to some audit questions and any additional information that may be relevant to their audit. Also referenced as Appendix 1 within the letter to Chair Murphy, is a letter to Mr. Paul Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk confirming their acceptance and understanding of the audits will be conducted with the objective of expressing an opinion on the financial statements. Attached as Appendix VII is the letter approved by our Committee in response to the above letter sent by Scott Rosien Black and Locke in order to help them identify and respond to the risks of fraud.

RESOLUTIONS

12. 2022 Membership of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) [Strategic Plan Goal #3]

RESOLUTION NO. FA-CC-22-01-04

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council approve the 2022 membership fee to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in the amount of \$9,564.56 including HST.

Background

The County of Renfrew is presently a member of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). The membership fee for 2021 was \$9,373.14 including HST. The membership fee for 2022 is \$9,564.56 including HST which is a 2.04% increase over 2021. Attached as Appendix VIII is a letter dated December 16, 2021 from Jamie McGarvey, President, AMO providing details of the value of our AMO membership and representing municipal employer interests in OMERS as our sponsor representative through the Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario (MEPCO).

13. 2022 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Membership Dues [Strategic Plan Goal #3]

RESOLUTION NO. FA-CC-22-01-06

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council approve the 2022 membership fee to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in the amount of \$21,521.42 including HST.

Background

The County of Renfrew, along with its lower-tier municipalities are members of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

- The membership fee for 2018 was \$15,165.82 including HST, plus an additional \$2,289 to support the FCM legal defense fund, which the County opted not to participate in.
- The membership fee for 2019 was \$15,585.15 including HST, plus a new and voluntary fund of \$7,458.00 to support the FCM Special Advocacy Fund, which the County opted not to participate in.
- The 2020 membership was \$20,088.82 which was an increase of 29% over 2019.
- The 2021 membership of \$20,800.81 was a 3.54% increase from 2020.
- The 2022 membership of \$21,521.42 is a 3.46% increase from 2021.

14. Call to Action - Joint and Several Liability [Strategic Plan Goal #2]

RESOLUTION NO. FA-CC-22-01-07

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

WHEREAS in 2018, Premier Ford committed to reviewing the matter of municipal joint and several liability;

AND WHEREAS this review was conducted in 2019 with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and municipalities fully participating;

AND WHEREAS the results of this provincial review have not been released and municipalities are still awaiting news of how the Attorney General will address this important matter;

AND WHEREAS liability and risks are one major driver of exponentially increasing insurance costs;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) submitted "Towards a Reasonable Balance – Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs" in October 2019 that provides a refresh on the municipal argument to find a balance to the issues and challenges presented by joint and several liability, including implementing full proportionate liability and a cap on economic loss awards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that County Council support the following seven recommendations contained within the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) submission:

1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability;
2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations, and whether a 1-year limitation period may be beneficial;
3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards;
4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans;
5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non-profit insurance reciprocals;
6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims, and deductible limit changes which support

- its, and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability;
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General;
- AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Jamie McGarvey, AMO President.

Background

Attached as Appendix IX is a copy of an email from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) dated January 5, 2022 entitled “Call to Action – Joint & Several Liability”. AMO is asking municipal councils to lend their support to the seven recommendations contained within the AMO submission from October 2019 entitled “Towards a Reasonable Balance: Addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs” which is also attached as Appendix X.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Jennifer Murphy, Chair

And Committee Members: J. Brose, G. Doncaster, M. Donohue, B. Hunt, T. Peckett, D. Robinson, R. Sweet

Councillor Hunt vacated the meeting at 11:41 a.m. due to internet connection. Councillor Hunt re-entered the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Councillor Sweet vacated the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

The Report was adopted as presented.

Council recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. Council reconvened at 12:49 p.m. with the same persons present except Councillor Peckett and Councillor Sweet.

Councillor Michael Donohue, Chair of the Health Committee brought in and read the resolutions of the following report:

January 26, 2022

To the Council of the Corporation
of the County of Renfrew

Members of County Council:

We, your **Health Committee**, wish to report and recommend as follows:

INFORMATION

1. Deployment Strategy – Diversion of Non-Acute Patients [Strategic Plan Goal #3]

The Paramedic Service is facing staffing challenges at a time when our Service is most urgently needed. We have developed an alternative care path for the diversion of non-acute patients from emergency rooms to be cared for in their own homes. The patient would be cared for by Community Paramedics whenever possible, acting as an extension to primary care. Paramedics can identify and bridge gaps in the healthcare system to be accessible, proactive, and responsive to community needs.

For paramedics in Eastern Ontario, the Regional Paramedic Program of Eastern Ontario (RPPEO)'s Medical Director, associate medical directors and base hospital physicians provide medical oversight. Working with the RPPEO and Paramedic partners, we will develop a plan to develop safe, alternative pathways to care, including in person or virtual wellness checks and the RCVTAC with primary care physicians able to advise Paramedics.

2. COVID-19 Testing Update [Strategic Plan Goal # 3]

The Paramedic Service saw unprecedented demand for Covid-19 testing throughout the month of December. In response to community demand the schedule was amended to create more capacity for testing. The provincial revisions to testing eligibility in late December has subsequently decreased demand. Resources will be realigned to provide the optimal level of service where and when it is required.

3. Vaccine Update [Strategic Plan Goal # 3]

Midway through December with Omicron cases climbing, age eligibility was increased and waiting period between doses was decreased. All partners collaborated to increase capacity for delivery of vaccine. In December, Paramedics assisted 6,929 eligible adults and 1,381 children to receive first, second and third doses.

Vaccines are currently being delivered to the in-home vulnerable population. The Vaccine Team will continue to assist with pediatric and adult mass clinics and are preparing for fourth doses for long-term care.

4. Hospital/Paramedic Service Partnership

Omicron has further weakened an already fragile health care system. Several pressure points including staffing shortages, particularly in hospital ERs have affected the Service with off-load delays which has in turn effected coverage to the community. RCVTAC has been a welcome addition to serve our rural communities, but Paramedics have more to offer. Community Hospitals are now turning to Paramedics, with their increased knowledge and scope of practice to assist with overburdened emergency departments, recognizing the unique perspective that can be added to patient care. Paramedics can assist to alleviate off-load delays, ensure continuity of care, and keep patients from falling into the cracks of an over-taxed system.

A rotating roster of Paramedics have been working in the Arnprior Regional Health Emergency Department since late December. The program has been well received by both Paramedics who are happy to provide support to a partner agency and emergency staff, for assistance to relieve emergency department pressures during surge periods.

A Service Agreement between Arnprior Regional Health and the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service has been signed.

5. College Ontario Premier's Award for Health Sciences– Chief Michael Nolan

We are pleased to report that Chief Michael Nolan has been awarded the Colleges Ontario Premier's Award on behalf of Algonquin College.

The Premier's Award was presented to Chief Nolan on November 18th during a virtual ceremony to recognize the outstanding contributions made by Ontario college graduates who are working to make important social and economic contributions to Ontario and abroad.

6. COVID-19 Pandemic Update – Long-Term Care (Strategic Plan Goal #3)

- Effective January 28, 2022, third dose boosters will be mandatory for all staff, volunteers, students and essential caregivers (ECGs). Both Homes are making good progress having held vaccine clinics for staff and ECGs prior to Christmas continuing into January.
- Residents will be offered a fourth dose booster of vaccine in the upcoming weeks upon reaching three months post third dose date. Consent collections are well underway.
- Testing and Staff Isolation Requirements: As per Ministry of Long-Term Care directive all staff, students, volunteers and caregivers who are COVID positive or a high-risk close contact with someone who is COVID positive or have symptoms of COVID-19 are required to:
 - Be PCR tested and where delays in PCR testing also be rapid antigen tested (RAT).
 - Isolate and do not return to the home for 10 days from time of symptom onset or last high-risk contact.
 - Where a negative PCR result is obtained, staff may return to work if asymptomatic. If symptomatic may return 24 hours after symptom improvement (48 hours if gastrointestinal).In circumstances of critical staffing shortages homes may recall fully vaccinated staff early under the following circumstances:

Positive Cases

- may be cleared to return on day 7 if negative PCR test on day 6 or negative RAT day 6 and 7 (both negative to attend work on day 7).

Close Contacts: Test to Work

- PCR test as soon as possible and if negative can return to work.
- Daily RAT and can continue working if negative.
- Negative PCR on day 6 or negative RAT day 6 & 7 allows for conclusion of testing.

In order to implement Test-to-Work protocol, additional work place isolation and enhanced personal protective equipment for worker and

co-workers must be adhered to. Neither Home is implementing Test-to-Work at this time

- Testing in Suspect or Confirmed Outbreaks:

The new testing guidance prioritizing groups including long-term care, retirement housing and seniors' congregate care settings, it is anticipated that we will have easier access to rapid tests, and expedited turn around times on PCR testing – which have been unacceptably long to date. Due to the long PCR testing result times, the Chief Medical Officer of Health has put in place measures to assist with identifying outbreaks more quickly.

Where there is a high-risk of exposure, homes are called upon to PCR test and rapid antigen test (RAT) concurrently.

While waiting for the PCR results, a PHU may use its existing authority to declare an outbreak when the following occurs:

- One (1) positive RAT in a resident may be classified as a suspect outbreak.
- Two (2) positive RATs in staff or residents may be classified as a confirmed outbreak.
- Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Directives were revised with interim recommendations for additional requirements regarding personal protective equipment in particular regarding required use of fit tested N95 masks, eye protection, gown and gloves for contact with suspect or confirmed COVID cases. As fit testing and procurement of certain limited types /sizes of masks continues, the majority of staff at both Homes are fitted to N95 masks currently in stock.
 - **Directive #1** for Health Care Providers and Health Care Entities
 - **Directive #5** for Hospitals and Long-Term Care Homes
- Dr. Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, Renfrew County & District Health Unit issued a Class Order effective December 22, 2021, which was followed by an announcement by Minister Phillips effective December 30, 2021 that included the following measures:
 - Social absences and overnight stays are prohibited.
 - General visitation is prohibited, however the Homes are accommodating these visits virtually and as well via window visits.
 - Visitors are restricted to essential caregivers and where possible to one person at a time and will be required to complete rapid antigen tests 2 times per week. As supply permits, both County Homes

continue to rapid test all persons permitted to enter the Home on a daily basis.

- Homes must conduct Infection prevention and control (IPAC) audits every two weeks at minimum when the home is not in an outbreak, and once weekly at minimum during an outbreak.

7. Community Accountability Planning Submission (CAPS) Managed Funding (Strategic Plan Goal #2)

To facilitate negotiation of the next Multi-Sector Accountability Agreement (M-SAA) between Ontario Health and the County of Renfrew, Bonnechere Manor Senior/Adult Day Program, Bonnechere Manor is required to submit a planning document known as the Community Accountability Planning Submission (CAPS) for 2022-23. The CAPS will be submitted by the deadline of January 31, 2022. This program is 100% funded by Ontario Health. The CAPS document encompasses the service planning, measurement and evaluation of health services as well as the organizational performance.

BY-LAWS

8. Pharmacy Services Provider Request for Proposal (Strategic Plan Goal #3)

RESOLUTION NO. H-CC-22-01-05

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT the Health Committee recommend that County Council adopt By-laws to enter into agreements with MediSystem Pharmacy for the provision of Pharmacy Services to Bonnechere Manor and Miramichi Lodge for the period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2027.

Background

The County of Renfrew Long-Term Care Homes, Bonnechere Manor and Miramichi Lodge recently advertised for Pharmacy Services through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The RFP submission deadline was November 30, 2021 with four applications received. The results of the proposals submitted are as follows:

Bidder	Evaluation Points out of 100
MediSystem Pharmacy	95
CareRx	91
Hogan Pharmacy Partners Ltd.	88
National Pharmacy	53

Based on the evaluation process staff is recommending that the RFP be awarded to MediSystem Pharmacy as a new pharmacy provider to Bonnechere Manor and for the continuation of pharmacy services to Miramichi Lodge.

We would like to thank Aikenhead's PharmaChoice Pharmacy for their service to Bonnechere Manor, which is scheduled to end March 31, 2022.

The new Pharmacy Services Agreements individually for each County of Renfrew Long-Term Care Home: Bonnechere Manor and MediSystem Pharmacy; Miramichi Lodge and MediSystem Pharmacy; would be for the term commencing April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2027.

The termination clause within the agreement states that either party may terminate the agreements upon either ninety (90) days written notice to the other or without notice in the event of breach of the terms of this Agreement.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Michael Donohue, Chair

And Committee Members: D. Bennett, G. Doncaster, P. Emon, D. Grills, K. Love, J. Murphy, D. Robinson

The Report was adopted as presented.

Councillor Peckett returned to the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Councillor Thomas Peckett, Chair of the Operations Committee brought in and read the resolutions in the following report:

January 26, 2022

To the Council of the Corporation
of the County of Renfrew

Members of County Council:

We, your **Operations Committee**, wish to report and recommend as follows:

INFORMATION

1. B022 (Indian River Bridge) Design Update [Strategic Plan Goal No. 2]

WSP Canada is undertaking the design for rehabilitation of B022 (Indian River Bridge). The investigations and preliminary design for the bridge have been completed. The Preliminary Design Report has recommended closure of the bridge for the duration of construction for the rehabilitation project.

A number of benefits listed below have been identified for closure of the bridge:

- Estimated \$200,000 cost savings;
- 16 weeks or less construction (verses 22 weeks if staged);
- Paving in proper temperatures (September or October);
- Improved safety during construction; and
- Better overall rehabilitated bridge – closure allows for replacement of bearings, construction of wing-wall tie-backs, no construction joints in the deck, and more.

The shortest viable detour is approximately 9.2 km (or 8 minutes) long from one end of the bridge to the other. The Township of Laurentian Valley has been contacted regarding the use of local roads in the detour. The local bussing company has also been contacted regarding the impact closures will have on bussing and turnarounds are being coordinated to ensure bus pickups are not significantly impacted. The use of Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) roads for the detour will also be undertaken.

Based on the overall project benefits, staff have directed WSP Canada to proceed with detailed design under a road closed scenario.

2. **B057 (Mount St. Patrick Bridge) Design Update** [Strategic Plan Goal No. 2]

Rehabilitation in the form of superstructure replacement is proceeding for B057 (Mount St. Patrick Bridge). A Cultural Heritage Assessment has been completed for the bridge which has identified that the bridge does have heritage significance to the cultural heritage landscape of Mount St. Patrick.

As the heritage significance has been established for the bridge, the superstructure replacement must be sympathetic to the existing structure. As such, the replaced superstructure will have similar looks and dimensions to the existing bridge while still meeting modern code requirements. HP Engineering, the Design Consultant for the bridge, has been directed by staff to continue with detailed design under these requirements.

3. **C124 (Cameron Culvert) Agreement** [Strategic Plan Goal No. 2]

The County of Renfrew replaced Cameron Culvert in 2019. In the spring of 2020, the Design Consultant inspected the structure and immediately notified the County that the majority of the large riverstone had been washed out of the culvert and, without this protection, the culvert footings had begun to undermine.

The original replacement alternative recommended by the Design Consultant was a closed bottom precast concrete box culvert due to changing bedrock elevations and high velocity of spring flows. However, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) required that a natural bottom be instated, using large rounded riverstone, for the replaced culvert due to the drop in elevation at the outlet and backflow from the Ottawa River. As such, design and replacement proceeded under these requirements and very large riverstone was placed along the interior of the culvert.

The Design Consultant and County staff undertook emergency repairs to add a layer of tremie concrete along the entirety of the bottom of the culvert to enclose it and infill the undermined footings. The total cost of construction for the emergency repairs was \$49,030.24.

In December of 2020, a formal letter was sent to the Design Consultant identifying that the County of Renfrew wished to recover costs associated with this emergency repair. In November 2021, a letter was received from the Design Consultant identifying that although they did not feel fully responsible for the emergency repairs being required, as they had identified risks associated with DFO's requirements, they advised they were willing to contribute \$25,000 in recoveries for the repairs for the purposes of making full and final compromise and resolve this matter amicably. As such, our Committee authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a full and final release for recoveries for emergency repairs required on C124 (Cameron Culvert) on behalf of the County of Renfrew.

RESOLUTIONS

4. Winter Control Reserve

RESOLUTION NO. OP-CC-22-01-09

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council recommend that \$250,000 be allocated to the Winter Control Reserve.

Background

In 2021 County Council created a Winter Control Reserve to be funded from within any County of Renfrew surplus in 2020 up to a maximum of \$250,000. Our Committee is proposing that once again \$250,000 be allocated to the Winter Control Reserve from 2021 surplus.

5. Growth Strategy and Development Charges

RESOLUTION NO. OP-CC-22-01-10

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council direct staff to facilitate a delegation of a consultant to attend the March meeting of County Council to provide an overview on development charges for the County of Renfrew.

Background

The Public Works and Engineering Department is currently preparing a report with respect to growth strategy and development charges that is to

be presented to County Council in February. Our Committee has proposed that at the March meeting of County Council a consultant be invited to attend as a delegation to discuss development charges and what the implications of having them in the County of Renfrew.

BY-LAWS

6. **County Road 512 (Foymount Road) Road Widening** [Strategic Plan Goal No. 2]

RESOLUTION NO. OP-CC-22-01-06

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council pass a By-law to amend By-law 142-21 to include the acquisition of Part 10 on Plan 49R-19917 from Krzys Chmiel and Lina Farias in the amount of \$976.08; AND FURTHER THAT Parts 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, **and 10** on Plan 49R-19917 be dedicated as part of the public highway upon registration of the transfer documents.

Background

By-law 142-21 was passed at the November 8, 2021 meeting of Council approving the purchase of property from Krzys Chmiel and Lina Farias. Staff were made aware that Part 10 of 49R-19917 was inadvertently omitted from the By-law for the purchase and dedication as part of public highway.

The property to be transferred to the County is identified as Parts 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 on Plan 49R-19917. The total area of the land to be transferred is 0.195 acres. An appraisal was completed, and fair market value has been determined to be \$976.08, which includes the additional lands. A copy of a map showing the applicants' lands and a copy of Plan 49R-19917 are attached as Appendix I.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. Peckett, Chair

And Committee Members: D. Bennett, B. Hunt, S. Keller, D. Lynch, D. Robinson, J. Tiedje

The Report was adopted as presented.

Councillor James Brose, Chair of the Community Services Committee brought in and read the resolutions of the following report:

January 26, 2022

To the Council of the Corporation
Of the County of Renfrew

Members of County Council:

We, your **Community Services Committee**, wish to report and recommend as follows:

INFORMATION

1. **Multi-Ministry Supportive Housing Initiative – “What We Heard”**
[Strategic Goal #3]

Attached as Appendix I is a memo from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Multi-Ministry Supportive Housing Initiative which is part of the review of the province’s supportive housing programs to improve services for people and drive greater system efficiency.

2. **Surge in Ontario Works Applications** [Strategic Plan Goal #3 (b)]

Since the termination of the federal financial benefits on October 23, 2021, there has been a province-wide surge in social assistance applications. The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) has been in the process of transitioning new Ontario Works applications to a centralized intake process; however, due to the high volume they have had to divert a significant number of applications back to municipal offices to ensure that financial supports are delivered in a timely manner.

3. **2022 Early Years and Child Care Funding Approach** [Strategic Plan Goal # 3 (b)]

Attached as Appendix II is a memorandum dated December 2, 2021, from Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Holly Moran, regarding the 2022 Early Years and Child Care Funding Approach.

4. **Emergency Child Care** [Strategic Plan Goal # 3 (b)]

Attached as Appendix-III is a memorandum dated January 4, 2022, from Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Holly Moran, outlining the fourth round of Emergency Child Care for school age children starting January 10, 2022.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

James Brose, Chair

And Committee Members: D. Grills, K. Love, C. Regier, J. Reinwald, D. Robinson

The Report was adopted as presented.

Moved by Councillor Regier

Seconded by Councillor Love

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal for the purpose of (a) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them (Algonquin Trail); and (b) for the purpose of litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Renfrew County Place – Lease(s)). Time: 1:18 p.m. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT this resume as an open session of County Council. Time: 1:40 p.m. CARRIED.

Item 7, Resolution No. DP-CC-22-01-09 of Development and Property Report regarding the contribution agreement with the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan was adopted. Carried.

Councillor Sweet re-entered the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Peckett

THAT the following By-laws be enacted and passed:

- a) By-law 7-22 – A By-law to Amend By-law Number 142-21 to Acquire Land - County Road 512 (Foymount Road).
- b) By-law 8-22 - A By-Law to Execute a Contribution Agreement between the County of Renfrew and the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation.
- c) By-law 9-22 – A By-law to Enter into an Agreement with MediSystem Pharmacy for the provision of providing pharmacy services to Bonnechere Manor.
- d) By-law 10-22 - A By-law to Enter into an Agreement with MediSystem Pharmacy for the provision of providing pharmacy services to Miramichi Lodge. CARRIED.

Written Reports from Representatives Appointed to External Boards

- a) Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
Councillor Emon overviewed the attached report from the November 26, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.
- b) Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN)
Councillor Murphy advised that the Inaugural meeting was held at the beginning of January. The meeting was brief and it was the last meeting for CEO David Fell, and new member Bob White from Pembroke was welcomed. EORN will be meeting by zoom at least until May. Rogers is doing very well on uplifts, increasing capacity on towers they already have and finding towers that they can use without building new towers. A pre-budget meeting will be held on Friday with the budget hopefully approved in March.
- c) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Councillor Doncaster overviewed the attached FCM Report.
- d) Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Councillor Love overviewed the attached ROMA report.

Mr. Moreau overviewed his 2022 goals and objectives.

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Peckett

THAT County Council accept the 2022 goals and objectives for the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Love

THAT Section 66, Notice of Motion, of the Procedural By-law be suspended in order to bring forward a motion regarding the Ontario Youth Winter Games. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Donohue

THAT County Council direct staff to request from the Province of Ontario that the allocation for the 2022 Ontario Winter Games be reallocated and designated for the Games to be held in February 2023; AND FURTHER THAT County Council supports and recommends that the organizing committee consider February 2 - 5 and February 9 - 12, 2023 as the new dates for the Ontario Youth Winter Games. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Doncaster

Seconded by Councillor Brose

THAT By-law 11-22, being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the County of Renfrew at the meeting held on January 26, 2022 be now numbered, deemed read three times and passed. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Peckett

Seconded by Councillor Love

THAT County Council adjourn. Time – 2:41 p.m. CARRIED.