

ADDENDUM TO DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY REPORT

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INFORMATION

9. Renfrew County Day at Queen's Park

In 2020, the County of Renfrew's planned "Day at Queen's Park" was thwarted by the COVID-19 pandemic. At the time, we asked Provincial staff to keep us in mind once the legislature was open to hosting events once again. Earlier this summer, we received news of the readiness of the venue to accept such events and booked into one of the available dates.

We've been able to confirm that Thursday, November 3, 2022 will be Renfrew County Day at Queen's Park, and has received full support and endorsement from MPP John Yakabuski.

As brought forward at the time that County Council endorsed this initiative, throughout the recent strategic planning process, members of County Council and Senior Leadership Team recognized that the County would benefit from greater relationships with the Provincial government leaders and their senior staff. As an economic development tool, several regions across Ontario have used a tool known as a Queen's Park Day to promote and inform those parliamentary decision makers on their communities, businesses, innovators, and complex issues.

Typically, MPPs (and their staff) will be afforded an opportunity to discover all the County has to offer during the legislative assembly's lunch recess. The key sectors of agriculture, forestry, nuclear energy/innovation, manufacturing, and tourism would be showcased through displays, videos, presentations and a Renfrew County-grown lunch. Representatives from local sector champions would be invited to participate and present/demonstrate to the invited guests.

We will also be highlighting the 2023 Ontario Winter Games in Renfrew County at this event, with members of the Games' organizing committee

who plan to bring a number of pieces of promotional items that will be presented to the Premier and to the sitting MPPs.

Staff has currently engaged the venue staff to determine the steps required to host such an event, and will bring back the logistical requirements. The budget required for this event would be funded through the Economic Development Division and the Ontario Winter Games budgets.