



DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

A meeting of the Development and Property Committee was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., at the County of Renfrew Administration Building, Pembroke, Ontario.

Present were: Chair James Brose
Warden Peter Emon
Vice-Chair Robert Weir
Councillor David Bennett
Councillor Daniel Lynch
Councillor Mark MacKenzie
Councillor Gary Serviss
Councillor Keith Watt (attended virtually)

Staff Present: Craig Kelley, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Jason Davis, Director of Development and Property
Lee Perkins, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Bruce Howarth, Manager of Planning Services
Lacey Rose, County Forester
Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk
Tyson Hilts, Systems Analyst
Tina Peplinskie, Media Relations and Social Media Coordinator
Evelyn VanStarkenbug, Administrative Assistant

Chair Brose called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The land acknowledgement identifying that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Algonquin People was recited. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-23-03-31

Moved by Councillor Serviss

Seconded by Councillor Weir

THAT the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting be approved. CARRIED.

Representatives from the Township of Whitewater Region, Mayor Neil Nicholson and Mr. Ivan Burton, Chief Administrative Officer overviewed a presentation regarding the acquisition and

lease of the former Canadian National (CN) rail line in Whitewater Region and potential partnership opportunities between the Township and the County of Renfrew, which is attached as Appendix A.

Warden Emon entered the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Committee was advised that the CN rail line within the City of Pembroke was purchased by a private owner eliminating a linear asset that could have been considered as a by-pass route for motorized use in the Township of Laurentian Valley and the City of Pembroke.

It was noted that the bridge structures on the CN rail line are currently used by snowmobile and ATV clubs who have made significant improvements to the bridges as part of their agreements with CN.

Mr. Kelley advised that in order for the County of Renfrew to enter into discussions for partnership opportunities with the Township of Whitewater Region, a formal request by resolution should be submitted to the County of Renfrew for consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-23-03-32

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Weir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Development and Property Committee move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for to discuss trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization (Township of Whitewater Region CN rail line acquisition). Time: 9:58 a.m. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-23-03-33

Moved by Councillor Serviss

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT this meeting resume as an open meeting. Time: 10:16 a.m. CARRIED.

Development and Property

Mr. Davis overviewed the Development and Property Department Report, which is attached as Appendix B.

Economic Development

Mr. Davis overviewed the Economic Development Division Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-23-03-34

Moved by Warden Emon

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends that County Council send a letter under the Warden's signature expressing the County of Renfrew's support for the creation of the South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund, a separate film stream fund under the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF). CARRIED.

Ottawa Valley Tourist Association

Mr. Davis overviewed the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Enterprise Renfrew County

Mr. Davis overviewed the Enterprise Renfrew County Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Forestry

Ms. Rose overviewed the Forestry Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Planning

Mr. Howarth overviewed the Planning Division Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Committee was advised that staff will include a summary of severances that were approved inhouse as part of the planning activity report which is provided twice a year.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-23-03-35

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Watt

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends that County Council adopt a By-law to Delegate to the Land Division Committee and to Appointed Officers Part of the Authority with Respect to the Granting of Consents; AND FURTHER THAT By-law 25-20 be repealed. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-23-03-36

Moved by Warden Emon

Seconded by Councillor Serviss

THAT the Development and Property Department Report, which is attached as Appendix B be approved. CARRIED.

Councillor Serviss provided an update on the Algonquin Forest Local Citizens and the Ottawa Valley Forest Local Citizens Advisory Committees.

New Business

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories

Councillor Lynch advised that a meeting will be held on March 30, 2023 at the Best Western and Conference Centre in Pembroke regarding the stewardship and remediation of Chalk River Laboratories.

Renfrew County and District Health Unit

Mr. Davis overviewed a News Release received from the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) with regards to their Service Hub that will be vacating Renfrew County Place at 450 O'Brien Street and relocating to 127 Raglan Street South in the Town of Renfrew at the end of June, which is attached as Appendix C.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-23-03-37

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Seconded by Councillor Weir

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on April 11, 2023. Time: 10:58 a.m. CARRIED.



COUNTY OF RENFREW DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE DELEGATION

MAYOR NEIL NICHOLSON AND CAO IVAN BURTON

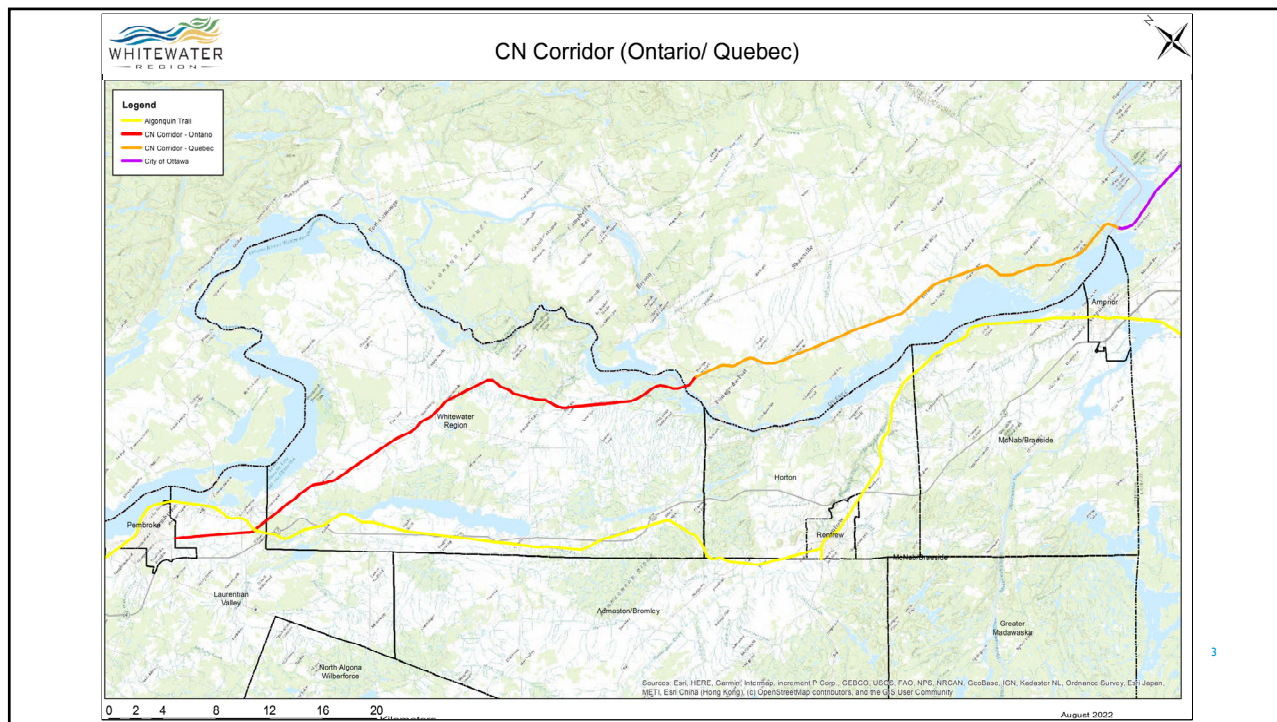
MARCH 7, 2023

PURPOSE OF THE DELEGATION

Introduce the acquisition and lease of the former CN Rail Line in Whitewater Region.

Examine partnerships opportunities with the County of Renfrew as leaders in the management of inter-municipal multi-use trails.

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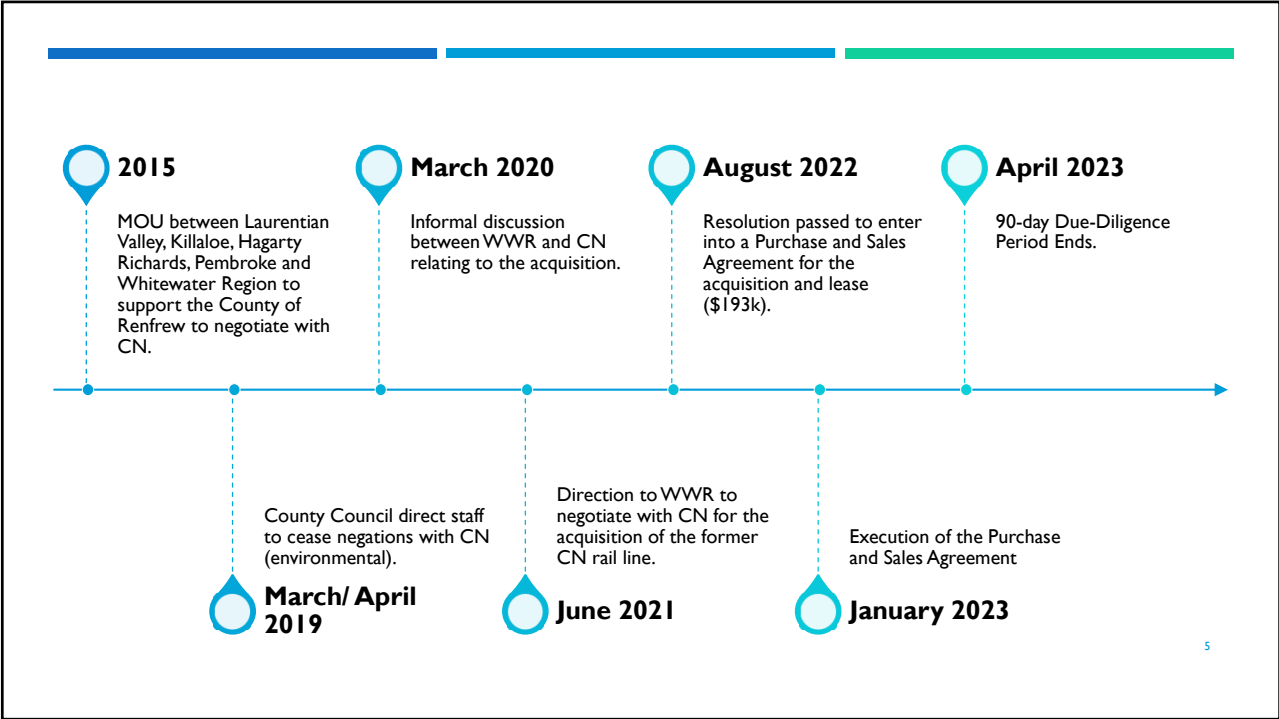
ACQUISITION AND LEASE

- CN Beachburg Subdivision in Whitewater Region
- Interprovincial Bridge Crossing incl. abutments
- Lots 5 647 925 and 3 350 672 of the Cadastre of Québec, Registration Division of Pontiac

DETAILS

- 35 km (328.9 acres)
- Former Stations: Foresters Falls, Beachburg, Perretton 1/2 and Finchley
- Bridges: Ottawa River, Brooms Creek, Beachburg, McGonegal Road and Moxam Road

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WHITEWATER REGION STRATEGIC PLAN AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

2020-2030 Strategic Plan

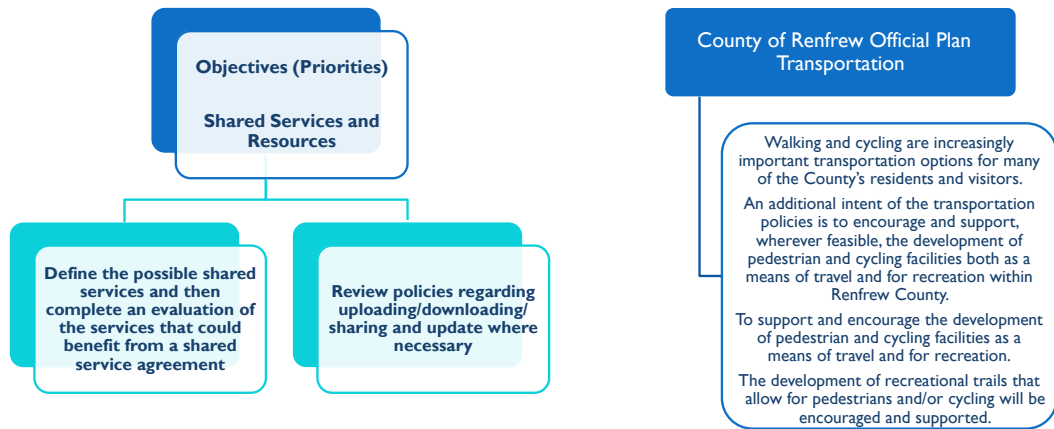
- Economic Development (Tourism)**
Explore intermunicipal trail connections.
- Recreation (Trails & Parks)**
Support existing and new partnerships.
Provide safe, efficient and renewed recreation trails.
Investigate active transportation through trail connections between settlement areas.

2022 Active Transportation Plan

VISION
"Provide a safer, more accessible network with enhanced connections between key destinations and natural areas to promote active transportation as a way for residents to achieve a healthy and high quality of life."

6 It is recommended that when possible Whitewater Region should consider purchasing and protecting abandoned rail lines within the Region for future network connectivity (e.g. CN Line, Timminco Mine rail corridor) and additional separation between road cyclists and road users.

COUNTY OF RENFREW 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN AND DIRECTION



ENGAGEMENT

Regional Not-For Profit

- Whitewater Sno Goers
- Renfrew County ATV

Governmental

- Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Transport Canada
- Ministry of Infrastructure



BENEFITS AND CONSIDERATIONS

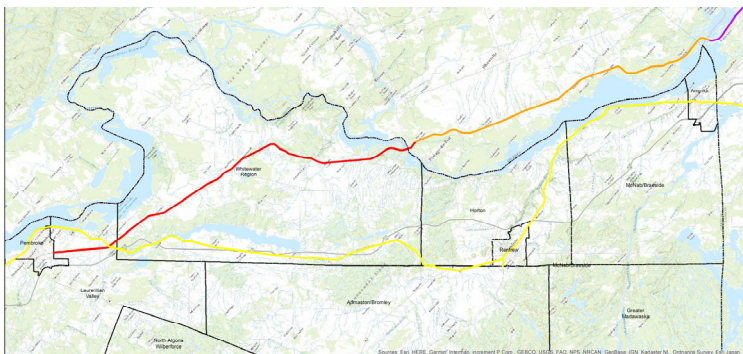
CONNECTIVITY

- Algonquin Trail (s/t Laurentian Valley acquisition)
- Whitewater Region's Village Beachburg, BORCA Trails, Ottawa River Tourism Sector
- Province of Quebec incl. Litchfield, Portage-du-Fort
- OFSC Trails 114 and 116

LEVERAGE

- County leadership and knowledge of trail management in inter-municipal multi-use trails
- Engagement with regional partners (County of Pontiac/ City of Ottawa)
- Partnership for funding

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QUESTIONS

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COUNTY OF RENFREW**DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

TO: Development and Property Committee
FROM: Jason Davis, Director of Development and Property
DATE: March 7, 2023
SUBJECT: Department Report

INFORMATION

1. **Ontario Regulation 161/17 – Occupation of Public Lands under Section 21.1 of the Public Lands Act**

Attached as Appendix I is correspondence from Peter D. Henry, Director of the Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) advising of amendments being Ontario Regulation 161/17. The key proposed amendments relate to camping on water over public lands and are intended to reduce the environmental and social impacts of floating accommodations and long camping stays which was part of the public comment request on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) Number [019-5119](#).

Amendments to Ontario Regulation 161/17 are posted on the ERO number [019-6590](#) and the public is encouraged to review and provide comments. The comment period closes on April 11, 2023.

2. **Residential Market Activity**

Attached as Appendix II is the Residential Market Activity summary for the County of Renfrew for February 2023. This summary provides sales activity within the County compared to previous years as well as a five-year average.

3. **Economic Development Division**

Attached as Appendix III is the Economic Development Division Report, prepared by Ms. Melissa Marquardt, Manager of Economic Development, providing an update on activities.

4. **Ottawa Valley Tourist Association**

Attached as Appendix IV is the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association Report, prepared by Ms. Melissa Marquardt, Manager of Economic Development, providing an update on activities.

5. **Enterprise Renfrew County**

Attached as Appendix V is the Enterprise Renfrew County Report, prepared by Ms. Melissa Marquardt, Manager of Economic Development, providing an update on activities.

6. **Forestry**

Attached as Appendix VI is the Forestry Report, prepared by Ms. Lacey Rose, County Forester, providing an update on activities.

7. **Planning Division**

Attached as Appendix VII is the Planning Division Report, prepared by Mr. Bruce Howarth, Manager of Planning Services, providing an update on activities.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

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February 24, 2023

Hello,

We are writing to let you know that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is proposing to make amendments to [Ontario Regulation 161/17](#) under *the [Public Lands Act](#)* regarding the use of floating accommodations and camping on water over public lands in Ontario. In addition, minor changes (listed below) are proposed for added clarity and consistency in the regulation.

The proposed changes are described in a regulation proposal notice that was posted on Ontario's Regulatory Registry and the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) on February 24, 2023 (ERO number [019-6590](#)).

The proposed changes related to floating accommodations were informed by feedback received by the ministry in response to the March 2022 ERO bulletin titled, "Seeking input about the use of floating accommodations on waterways over Ontario's public lands" (ERO number [019-5119](#)).

We are proposing to amend Ontario Regulation 161/17 to clarify the types of camping units that can be used to camp on water over public land. It is proposed that the definition of 'camping unit' will be clarified to allow for camping on liveaboards and houseboats but will exclude floating accommodations, float homes and barges with residential units or camping facilities.

We are also proposing to change the conditions that must be met when camping on water over public lands in Ontario by:

- reducing the number of days that a person can camp on water over public land (per location, per calendar year) from 21 days to 7 days
- increasing the distance that a person camping on water must move their camping unit to be occupying a different location from 100 metres to 1 kilometre
- adding a new condition to prohibit camping on water within 300 metres of a developed shoreline, including any waterfront structure, dock, boathouse, erosion control structure, altered shoreline, boat launch and/or fill.

In addition, we are proposing to:

- harmonize the conditions for camping on public land so that residents and non-residents are required to follow the same conditions when camping on water over public lands or on public lands
- specify conditions for swim rafts, jumps, ramps for water sports, heat loops and water intake pipes
- clarify that camping on a road, trail, parking lot or boat launch is prohibited
- amend the regulation to add the following to the list of excluded public lands to which section 21.1 of the *Public Lands Act* and Ontario Regulation 161/17 do not apply:
 - lands subject to an agreement authorizing the use of those lands
 - lands subject to an authorization under the *Aggregate Resources Act*.

We encourage you to review the proposal notice (ERO number [019-6590](#)) and provide feedback through the ERO. The comment period for the proposal closes on **April 11, 2023**.

Online Information Sessions

We invite you to attend an online information session during which ministry staff will present an overview of the regulatory proposal and answer questions. Sessions will be held on the following dates:

Session 1 – Wednesday, March 8: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Session 2 – Monday, March 20: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

If you wish to attend an online information session, please register by emailing public.lands@ontario.ca with the subject line “Regulatory Proposal Information Session” and indicate your preferred session date. You will receive a reply to your email with the session start/end times and information on how to join.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Henry, R.P.F.
 Director, Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch
 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: Pauline Desroches, Manager, Crown Lands Policy Section
 Michelle Dano, Senior Program Advisor, Crown Lands Policy Section

Residential Market Activity Report										
Month of February										
AREA	TWP	Sales Activity		% Change	5 Year Average	Average Price		% Change	5 Year Average	Average DOM
		2023	2022			2023	2022			
541	Admaston/Bromley	1	1	0.0%	1.4	395,000	925,000	-57.3%	338,800	62
550	Arnprior	10	15	-33.3%	13	395,740	612,098	-35.3%	421,695	42.1
581	Beachburg	0	3	-100.0%	2	-	299,667	-100.0%	337,617	0
572	Brudenell/Lyndoch/Raglan	0	0		0.2	-	-		173,000	0
511	Chalk River	2	2	0.0%	3	250,750	321,450	-22.0%	246,475	16.5
582	Cobden	0	6	-100.0%	2.4	-	477,088	-100.0%	257,689	0
510	Deep River	5	6	-16.7%	5.6	319,100	430,817	-25.9%	257,063	65
560	Eganville/Bonnechere	2	6	-66.7%	3.6	277,778	570,000	-51.3%	300,389	124.5
542	Great Madawaska Twp	2	2	0.0%	3.2	555,000	863,000	-35.7%	465,767	106
512	Head Twps	0	1	-100.0%	0.2	-	695,000	-100.0%	-	0
544	Horton Twp	0	0		0.8	-	-		334,950	0
571	Killaloe/Round Lake	2	2	0.0%	1.6	452,500	372,500	21.5%	340,167	123
513	Laurentian Hills North	0	0		0	-	-		249,000	0
531	Laurentian Valley Twps	7	5	40.0%	7.8	389,262	422,320	-7.8%	357,927	66.9
570	Madawaska Valley	1	8	-87.5%	4.8	365,000	457,121	-20.2%	326,763	61
551	McNab/Braeside Twps	3	4	-25.0%	4.6	659,967	508,762	29.7%	516,735	107
561	N Algona/Wilberforce Twp	2	6	-66.7%	2.8	266,000	553,500	-51.9%	367,000	2.5
530	Pembroke	12	17	-29.4%	16.2	352,300	352,000	0.1%	264,101	25.3
520	Petawawa	13	27	-51.9%	20.4	412,308	545,900	-24.5%	385,463	22.2
540	Renfrew	0	8	-100.0%	6	-	519,625	-100.0%	310,224	0
580	Whitewater Region	1	1	0.0%	3.2	609,000	238,000	155.9%	366,965	12
Total		63	119	-47.1%	102.8	\$ 393,941	\$ 500,900	-21.4%	343,382	47.7

Year - To - Date										
AREA	TWP	Sales Activity		% Change	5 Year Average	Average Price		% Change	5 Year Average	Average DOM
		2023	2022			2023	2022			
541	Admaston/Bromley	2	3	-33.3%	3	410,000	703,917	-41.8%	331,927	32.5
550	Arnprior	16	44	-63.6%	24.4	442,337	574,500	-23.0%	416,009	66.3
581	Beachburg	2	5	-60.0%	3.2	541,500	305,000	77.5%	386,227	40
572	Brudenell/Lyndoch/Raglan	0	3	-100.0%	1.6	-	663,333	-100.0%	663,333	0
511	Chalk River	3	3	0.0%	4.8	272,833	272,633	0.1%	225,502	127
582	Cobden	1	7	-85.7%	3.6	620,000	498,933	24.3%	337,303	35
510	Deep River	6	10	-40.0%	9.2	316,750	413,580	-23.4%	260,543	56.2
560	Eganville/Bonnechere	5	9	-44.4%	6	329,111	498,000	-33.9%	310,850	75.8
542	Great Madawaska Twp	3	4	-25.0%	5.6	423,333	606,500	-30.2%	432,553	100.7
512	Head Twps	0	1	-100.0%	0.2	-	695,000	-100.0%	695,000	0
544	Horton Twp	2	3	-33.3%	2.4	447,500	674,600	-33.7%	445,400	76.5
571	Killaloe/Round Lake	3	3	0.0%	2.4	408,333	348,333	17.2%	307,367	109
513	Laurentian Hills North	0	0		0.2	-	-		249,000	0
531	Laurentian Valley Twps	8	12	-33.3%	12.4	412,467	502,592	-17.9%	377,117	64.8
570	Madawaska Valley	4	15	-73.3%	9	313,750	430,791	-27.2%	307,551	63
551	McNab/Braeside Twps	6	7	-14.3%	8	704,817	518,578	35.9%	497,072	100
561	N Algona/Wilberforce Twp	4	8	-50.0%	4.4	305,500	628,875	-51.4%	369,920	41.5
530	Pembroke	20	29	-31.0%	28.8	325,055	368,500	-11.8%	260,498	34.5
520	Petawawa	22	37	-40.5%	34.4	419,427	521,513	-19.6%	375,010	36.5
540	Renfrew	6	15	-60.0%	12.4	375,200	468,700	-19.9%	308,752	60
580	Westmeath Twp	4	5	-20.0%	6.6	554,500	496,916	11.6%	399,944	24.5
Total		117	223	-47.5%	102.8	406481	\$ 496,500	-18.1%	351267.4	57

MLS® Residential Market Activity	February 2023	Compared to		
		Feb-22	Feb-21	Feb-20
New Listings	111	-17.8%	-46.6%	-33.1%
Active Listings	233	138%	23.9%	-49.0%

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Melissa Marquardt, Manager of Economic Development

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

March 7, 2023

INFORMATION**1. New Invest Renfrew County Website**

The new Economic Development website has launched. The website is a marketing tool that provides information for potential investors, developers and entrepreneurs interested in doing business in the County of Renfrew. Ms. Marquardt will overview the website www.InvestRenfrewCounty.ca at the meeting.

2. Selling Food Forum

Registration has launched for the Selling Food Forum series. The two-part series includes an in-person workshop on March 21 in Eganville, followed by a virtual webinar on March 27. The cost to register is \$25/person plus HST and includes locally inspired refreshments and lunch.

To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/selling-food-forum-tickets-568131696197>

RESOLUTIONS**3. Letter of Support for South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund**

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends that County Council send a letter under the Warden's signature expressing the County of Renfrew's support for the creation of the South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund, a separate film stream fund under the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF).

Background

The South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund is an initiative led by a volunteer industry committee comprised of independent film and television producers, film commission offices and regional marketing boards who are proposing the creation of a \$25 million fund dedicated to supporting Eastern Ontario's film and television industry. The proposal, modelled after the successful film stream fund run out the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, requests that the fund be established through the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade's Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF).

The proposal currently has the support of a number of MPPs and Mayors, including the Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Energy and the Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks from Eastern Ontario. Warden Emon attended a reception in Toronto on February 28 which brought together film and television industry representatives, MPPs and cabinet staff in advance of pre-budget announcements. A copy of the full proposal is available here: <https://www.seopaf.ca/learn-more>.

OTTAWA VALLEY TOURIST ASSOCIATION REPORT

Prepared by: Melissa Marquardt, Manager of Economic Development

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

March 7, 2023

INFORMATION

1. **New Website Launches**

The Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) launched their new consumer and industry-facing website in late January. The new site is the OVTA's primary marketing tool and highlights the vast array of tourism experiences and communities, including places to stay, play and dine. Ms. Marquardt will overview the website www.OttawaValley.travel at the meeting.

2. **New Adventure Motorcycle Route Launches**

In partnership with the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO), the OVTA has launched a new adventure motorcycle route in the Ottawa Valley. Named the [Pick-Axe Loop](#), this new 350km+ adventure route winds its way over scenic gravel and logging roads and through mixed forests. The Pick-Axe Loop is part of the [Ride The Highlands](#) motorcycle touring program and is now the sixth Ottawa Valley route to be added to the program.

A short-documentary video highlighting the making of the route is currently being promoted in advance of the 2023 riding season and is available for viewing at: https://www.youtube.com/embed/n9kwdDKo7_g.

3. **Ottawa Valley Tourism Awards**

Nominations are now open for the Ottawa Valley Tourism Awards. The annual awards are an opportunity to celebrate industry achievements, strive for future excellence and honour the memory of those before us.

Three new categories have been added bringing the total to six awards, including:

- Tourism Champion (individual)
- Business/Organization of the Year
- Event of the Year
- Tourism Marketing (new)
- Sustainability Champion (new)
- New Tourism Product (new)

More information, including award criteria, eligibility and on-line nomination forms can be found at www.OttawaValley.travel/industry.

Nominations will be accepted until Monday, April 3, 2023. Municipalities are encouraged to nominate individuals and businesses from their communities.

The Ottawa Valley Tourism Awards will be presented during the OVTA's Tourism Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) being held on April 25, 2023 at Maplehaus in Hardwood Lake near Palmer Rapids.

4. **Summer Experience Program**

As a follow-up to January's Report, additional information has been obtained from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport about the impact of the Summer Experience Program in Renfrew County.

- For-profit organizations are ineligible to apply for this program,
- Program information is circulated to all municipalities and not-for-profit organizations within Renfrew County and re-circulated by community partners such as Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation, OVTA and Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization,
- 20-30 applications are received each year, and
- Approximately 10 positions are assigned to Renfrew County.

ENTERPRISE RENFREW COUNTY REPORT

Prepared by: Melissa Marquardt, Manager of Economic Development

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

March 7, 2023

INFORMATION**1. Starter Company Plus Opens for 2023**

The Starter Company Plus program is now open and accepting applications. Eligible businesses include new start-ups and existing businesses registered for less than five years. Participants receive fast-track training in writing a business plan and developing two years of cash flow projections, mentoring, and the opportunity to pitch for up to a \$4,000 grant.

The Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) Small Business Advisor, Heather Inwood-Montrose, is currently conducting outreach and virtual information sessions are scheduled for April 11, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., and April 13, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Participants must attend one information session to obtain an application form. Participants interested in registering for an information session can do so at <https://ovta.typeform.com/to/hRDXNeRE>.

More information is available at <https://www.enterpriserenfrewcounty.com/programs/> or by emailing ercinfo@countyofrenfrew.on.ca.

2. Francophone Entrepreneurship Programming

Francophone entrepreneurship programming continues throughout the month of March with virtual marketing workshops scheduled on March 21 and 29.

On March 6, a Francophone Business Networking Breakfast was held at le Centre Culturel Francophone de Pembroke with approximately 25 attendees. The event included presentations by ERC, Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation and guest speaker Marie-Josée Lévesque of Bumpy Roads Studio in Pembroke.

The event also included presentation of the first Francophone Entrepreneurship Award. Warden Emon presented the award, on behalf of ERC, to Marie-Josée Lévesque of Bumpy Roads Studio, Pembroke, Ontario.

FORESTRY REPORT

Prepared by: Lacey Rose, County Forester
 Prepared for: Development and Property Committee
 March 7, 2023

INFORMATION**1. Forestry Activities**

- a) This winter season has been a busy one for harvest operations. Harvest and haul at Brudenell Tract is now complete and we await final information for invoicing. Harvesting is underway at Pershick Tract.

Beachburg Tract operations is also complete, without any complaints or major issues with recreationalists. Staff monitored the operations frequently, and provided updates on the Renfrew County Forest Facebook page, to recreational groups, and maps on site.

In addition, as agreed at a meeting of the Development and Property Committee in January 2021 where Resolution No. DP-C-21-01-09 "THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that staff continue to work with the Beachburg Off Road Cycling Association (BORCA) to amend the current Land Use Permit to include the building, maintenance and liability of a pavilion at the Beachburg Tract; AND FURTHER THAT red pine tree-length material be donated for the construction of the pavilion, if BORCA is willing to wait until the next harvest at Beachburg Tract which is scheduled for 2022 or 2025" was passed, a few logs were donated to the Beachburg Off-Road Cycling Association (BORCA) to help construct a small covered shelter.

Tract	Sale #	Harvest Type	Allocated Area (ha)	Total Bid Received (\$)*	Status	Invoiced** Revenue to Date for 2023 (\$)
Crow's Nest	01-23	Red Pine Plantation	8	17,880.00		
Centennial Lake	02-23	Red Pine Plantation	56	101,800.00		
Pershick	03-23	Red Pine Plantation (mostly 1st thin)	23	17,200.00	Harvest underway.	
Brudenell	02-22	Cedar and Poplar	15	28,530.00	Harvest/haul complete. Carry over from 2022 due to winter conditions. Awaiting information for final invoice.	
Beachburg	03-22	White Pine Shelterwood	43	117,400.00	Extension granted until end of 2023 due to salvage work. Harvest complete, haul ongoing.	127,533.99

Tract	Sale #	Harvest Type	Allocated Area (ha)	Total Bid Received (\$)*	Status	Invoiced** Revenue to Date for 2023 (\$)
Round Lake East	04-22	Red Pine Thinning	18	35,489.80	Extension granted until end of 2023 due to salvage work.	
TOTAL				318,299.80		127,533.99

* Actual invoiced amount will depend on actual, weighed volume (m3) harvested. Bid is based on estimated volume.

**Invoicing can occur as long as 30 days post-haul. Mills must send in weigh slips before invoicing can occur.

In Progress

- b) Staff attended and moderated a session at the Forests Ontario Conference in Alliston. Important and timely discussions included innovative science to monitor for forest disturbance, bioenergy and carbon storage solutions, and other challenges facing the forest sector. Staff also attended a field tour at the Petawawa Research Forest (PRF), which provided an opportunity to connect with Natural Resource Canada Directors and PRF staff about research underway, and connect on how we can utilize this knowledge and share practical experience gained from managing the Renfrew County Forest.

PLANNING DIVISION REPORT

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Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

March 7, 2023

INFORMATION

1. Planning Activity

The Planning Division has had two vacant positions for a period of several weeks, which has had an impact to timelines for processing applications. While the County is in the process of filling these positions, and on-boarding future new staff (a process that can take many months), it is anticipated that timelines and delays may increase.

Staff are prioritizing:

- Plan of subdivision applications,
- Applications that would generate employment uses (i.e. commercial/industrial), and
- Local approvals (for municipalities that have an agreement for planning services).

To achieve the timelines associated with the priority files, there may be delays to general inquiry responses, consent applications, special projects (i.e. zoning by-law updates), and requests for support from municipalities that do not have an agreement for planning services.

BY-LAWS

2. Consent Delegation By-law

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends that County Council adopt a By-law to Delegate to the Land Division Committee and to Appointed Officers Part of the Authority with Respect to the Granting of Consents; AND FURTHER THAT By-law 25-20 be repealed.

Background

As directed by County Council, a By-law regarding the delegation of authority related to the approval of consent applications has been amended.

The Province is encouraging municipalities to find efficiencies in the planning process, to speed up approvals, and encourage more housing development. One of the Provincial changes made under Bill 23 “More Homes Built Faster Act” amended the Planning Act to eliminate third party appeals to consent applications. The public no longer has the ability to appeal the decision of the County with respect to consent applications. By-law 25-20 delegates to the Manager of Planning Services the authority to decide upon “straight forward” consent applications – meaning a consent that conforms to a municipality’s planning documents (Official Plan and Zoning By-law), is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and has not raised concerns or objections from the public or a public body. Under the current By-law, consent applications that have a planning concern raised from a member of the public triggers the need to have a

hearing, where the decision to approve or not is delegated to the Land Division Committee.

A disputed consent can add several months to the decision-making process of a severance application. Disputed consents as a result of public concerns or objections make up the majority of files brought to the Land Division Committee for a decision. The proposed amendments to the delegation by-law removes public concerns as a trigger for a Land Division Committee meeting. A disputed application as a result of concerns from the local municipality, other public agency, or conformity with a planning document would still trigger a Land Division Committee decision. The removal of public concerns/objections will reduce application processing times, reduce County costs (staff and Committee), and reduce costs to the applicant from having to attend a Committee Hearing.

COUNTY OF RENFREW

BY-LAW NUMBER

**A BY-LAW TO DELEGATE TO THE LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE AND TO APPOINTED OFFICERS
PART OF THE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE GRANTING OF CONSENTS**

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 Corporation of the County of Renfrew has authority to give consents to convey, mortgage or charge, grant, assign or exercise a power of appointment in respect to land, or enter into an agreement in respect to land, where the land is situated within the County of Renfrew;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Sections 54(4) and 54(7) of the Act, the authority of County Council may be delegated by by-law to an appointed officer identified in the by-law by name or position or to a Land Division Committee, subject to such conditions as County Council by by-law provides;

AND WHEREAS County Council considers it advisable to delegate some of the powers vested in it pursuant to Sections 50 and 53 of the Act, to the Land Division Committee, and to certain appointed officers;

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

1. THAT the delegation of authority and procedures relating to consents be as set out in Schedule “I” to this By-law.
2. THAT this By-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.
3. THAT By-law 25-20 is hereby repealed.

READ a first time this 29th day of March 2023.

READ a second time this 29th day of March 2023.

READ a third time and finally passed this 29th day of March 2023.

PETER EMON, WARDEN

CRAIG KELLEY, CLERK

SCHEDULE I

DELEGATION OF POWERS

1. Delegation by County Council to the Manager of Planning Services and the Director of Development and Property

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew delegates to the Manager of Planning Services and in their absence the Director of Development and Property, the authority to:

- (1) decide upon, in accordance with the Act and regulations thereunder, any consent application which is straight forward;
- (2) for straight forward consent, change the conditions of a provisional consent at any time before a consent is given, and to determine if a change to conditions is minor or not, for the purposes of giving notice;
- (3) deem abandoned and closed consents which have remained inactive for more than three years, but only after the applicant has been notified in writing and given 30 days to respond. The County's letter will specify that, if there is no response from the applicant within 30 days, it will be taken as acknowledgement of abandonment and the file will be closed. The letter will also indicate that if an applicant wants to keep a file open, new information may be required and new requirements met to ensure the application is up to current planning standards before the granting of consent can be considered. Finally, the letter will advise the applicant that a timetable must be established in consultation with the County for moving the file forward, failing which the County will deem the file abandoned and closed.

In all cases involving the closing of files, the County will send a final letter to the applicant advising that the file has been closed but indicate that closing the file does not preclude the making of a future application.

If the land that is the subject of the consent has changed ownership, the current owner, based on Municipal Property Assessment Corporation records, will be sent the 30-day letter.

An inactive file is one in which there has been no action and/or contact by the applicant with the County for three years or more, based on the last known point of contact noted in the file.

2. Delegation by County Council to Land Division Committee

Subject to the delegation contained in Section 1 herein, the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew hereby delegates to the Land Division Committee the authority to hold hearings and decide whether to grant any disputed applications for consent made to the County of Renfrew, in accordance with the Act, and any regulations thereunder.

3. For the purposes of this By-law, straight forward consent and disputed consent shall mean as follows:

Straight Forward Consent - means a consent which conforms to a municipality's planning documents (official plan or zoning by-law), is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, and has not raised concerns or objections from a public body or the municipality.

Disputed Consent - means a consent application which includes one or more of the following:

- (1) does not conform with a municipality's planning documents (official plan or zoning by-law);
- (2) is not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement;
- (3) does not satisfy the requirements of a public body;
- (4) does not satisfy the requirements of the municipality.

Applications not conforming to a zoning by-law may be approved by the Manager of Planning Services as a straight forward consent application conditional upon rezoning, if the applicable municipality has indicated that a rezoning is required.

The Manager of Planning Services and in their absence the Director of Development and Property has the authority to make, at their discretion, minor changes to conditions for consents granted by the Land Division Committee.



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
 "Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"



For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, 3:00 p.m., March 6, 2023)

Renfrew County and District Health Unit Announces Service Hub Relocation

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) and the Town of Renfrew are pleased to announce negotiations are underway to secure the future location of the RCDHU Service Hub. RCDHU services will be relocating to 127 Raglan Street South in Renfrew at the end of June, 2023.

RCDHU is committed to ensuring public health service delivery in Renfrew County and District. In-person client services will be readily accessible at the new location including, but not limited to, clinics for routine immunization, parent child wellness and Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program.

"The Town of Renfrew is excited to work with Renfrew County and District Health Unit as a tenant within the former police detachment space at Town Hall. The health unit is an important partner given the importance and impact of their programs and services on Renfrew and surrounding area residents. We look forward to exploring other potential synergies and partnerships to support health and well-being," states Mayor Tom Sidney, Town of Renfrew.

Ann Aikens, Chair, Board of Health for RCDHU, states, "On behalf of the board and our dedicated team at RCDHU, I am delighted about our new partnership with the Town of Renfrew. Our municipal partners provided so much support to us during the pandemic. This is an excellent example of how we can continue to work together collaboratively to meet the public health needs of the community."

RCDHU will vacate its current location at 450 O'Brien Road at the end of June, 2023. RCDHU aims to ensure there will be no disruption of services during the relocation period.

RCDHU staff look forward to working with the residents of Renfrew County and District from this new location. To stay connected, visit www.rcdhu.com and continue to monitor RCDHU and Town of Renfrew social media accounts.

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